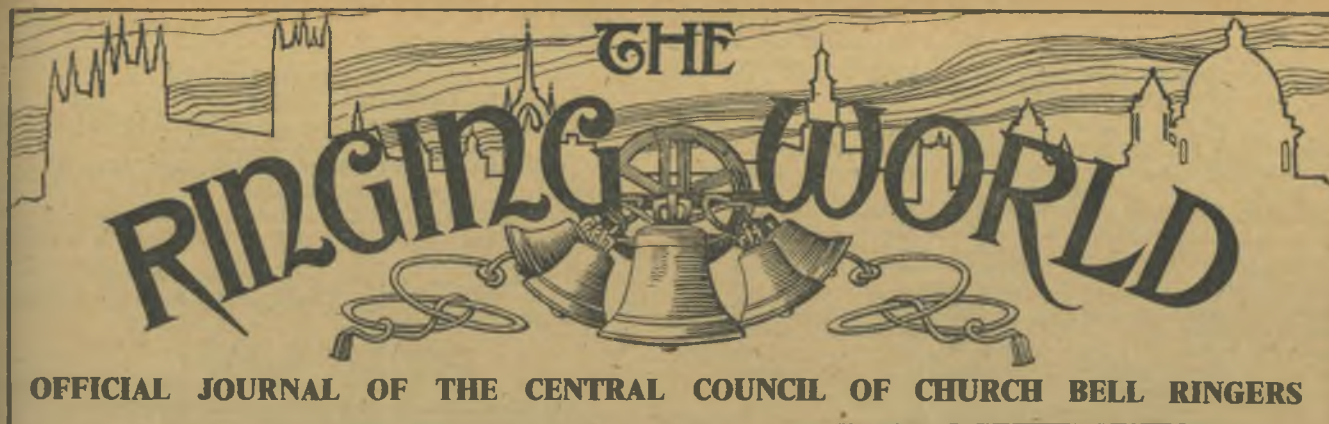




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REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD STAGER

[Contributed]

IT often struck me as remarkable in my experiences some fifty years ago how many of the prominent conductors of those days were non-smokers. There spring to mind the names of such eminent men in this class as James Pettit, James W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Challis F. Winney, George Williams and William Pye, who none of them were smokers, and one wonders if this can have been a coincidence, for it hardly seems that it can be. I personally only came across two outstanding conductors who were in the habit of smoking, and they were neither of them cigarette addicts. Pettit held very strong views on this subject, and I remember his remarking how often he had seen a ringer turn up for a peal smoking, and he was generally the first to make a mistake in the ringing that followed. He used, I believe, occasionally to smoke a cigar, but was certainly not an habitual smoker.

Here is another peculiar thing about ringers: although it is strenuous exercise those who follow it are not what you would call men of outstanding strength. The late John Murray Hayes was undoubtedly an exception in this respect, for he was a very powerful man, as were the late William T. Cockerill and Arthur Pegler, but the others that I have come across were most of them of the wiry class. Washbrook, one of the most highly skilled of heavy bell ringers, was by no means a physically strong man, yet I have heard his performance in turning in Wells Cathedral tenor to a peal of Treble Ten as a very great heavy bell record by those who were qualified to judge, for the reason of there being such a great difference between the weights of the 9th and the tenor (30 cwt. and 57 cwt.). Incidentally, I was told by Washbrook that he had a hand in training J. M. Hayes in heavy bell ringing. His pupil certainly did him justice.

As one of the older school I feel sure that others of my time must be with me in regretting the fact that the umpiring of handbell peals has been allowed to fall into abeyance, so that it is seldom now that you see an umpire's name mentioned in the record of a peal. It was found necessary to have handbell peals umpired years ago, and as I heard remarked once when this subject was being discussed, human nature has not changed so much since those days. When you come to think of it, other forms of sport or contest are umpired or refereed, and why should a handbell peal be exempt? The difficulty of providing an

umpire could easily be overcome by paying a small fee, in which the band could share, although in my day we never found this necessary. I knew a very talented ringer years ago who used to say he would as soon umpire a handbell peal as ring one, it was such an interesting experience. He was true to his word, for he umpired several of the peals in which I took part, and would always come when asked.

In the case of a tower-bell peal the case is different, for there may be several unofficial umpires listening outside. This, however, is not the case with a handbell peal. A ringer who has changed his bells over should not be subject to the temptation of putting them right. We are none of us infallible.

I do not wish to appear too critical, for I am lost in wonder at the things that are being done in the Exercise from day to day, as published in your columns, but I cannot understand the idea of ringing peals of Doubles on rings of six bells. It would be so easy with a little practice to turn the tenor in and ring Minor. I wonder that the Central Council has not made a ruling on this point, for it must sound sacrilegious outside the tower to hear the tenor being drummed in behind hour after hour when there is such an easy remedy, and the interest of the performance would be so much greater for all concerned.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of February 28th, 1913

LONDON

The Ancient Society of College Youths

On Saturday, February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours and 51 minutes

At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5,002 CHANGES

Tenor 41 cwt.

Henry Springall ... Treble	John N. Oxborrow ... 7
Challis F. Winney ... 2	Frederick Dench ... 8
Harry R. Pasmore ... 3	Alfred B. Peck ... 9
Herbert Langdon ... 4	John W. Golding ... 10
Henry R. Newton ... 5	William T. Cockerill 11
Thomas Faulkner ... 6	William H. Pasmore Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Non-conducted.

Umpires: Henry Dains (Royal Cumberland Youths) and George W. Wild (College Youths)

This peal was rung upon strictly non-conducted principles, and was the first peal on twelve tower bells rung under these conditions.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30½ Minutes,
In St. Hugh's Tower in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed

VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

PETER N. BOND	..Treble	*GEORGE W. MOODY	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	*PHILLIP BARNES	8
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	JACK BRAY	9
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
GEOFFREY M. MAYER	6	JOHN WALDEN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	..Treble	FRANK A. PENN	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	*FRANK HANSFORD	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	ROGER O. FRY	10
GILBERT H. HARDING	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	11
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG	..Treble	*PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
ERNEST J. GOWER	2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON	6
*JEAN DAWSON	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	Tenor

Composed by A. HUBBARD.

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

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

Ernest J. Bower has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for New Zealand Day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Vincent.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.			
PETER N. BOND	..Treble	HARRY SQUIRES	5
CALEB L. SIMCOCK	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
LESLIE SQUIRES	4	GEORGE W. KING	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung for the anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on February 11th, 1903.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

HERBERT LASKEY	..Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	BERT GOGLE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	WALTER FORD	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method (?). Composition, C.C. Collection of Triples Methods, page 49, no. 2, adapted for P group method.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	..Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH	3	*HAROLD J. POOLE	7
*ALFRED BALLARD	4	PETER J. STANFORTH	Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 300th peal together.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5152 EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

ROBERT H. BEGRIE	..Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
ANNE B. SPEED	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 50th Surprise method for a peal. The first peal in the method by all and for the Association.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*SHIRLEY GOLDING	..Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	2	JOHN WORTH	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Sperring, for many years a ringer at this church.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 of Bristol, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

In this composition all the bells do all the work of each method. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5120 ST. VALENTINE'S IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	..Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
R. GORDON CORBY	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 248).

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	ALBERT W. DYER .. 5
EDMOND C. ATYEO .. 2	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 6
*TREVOR E. MARKS .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE .. 4	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Triples.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 5
JOHN H. SITCH .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*PERCY GREEN .. 4	*PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of Mr. George Green's first peal, which was rung on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1890.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

R. J. HOUSDEN (Sel.) .. Treble	R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 6
R. B. MORRIS (Clare) .. 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) .. 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. 5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 6
CUTHBERT W. R. POWELL .. 3	ROGER KEELEY .. 7
*†CANON C. CAREW COX .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CANON C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † 125th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 25th year as Vicar of Lyme Regis. Last peal on these bells before their removal to the foundry for recasting.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.
*MICHAEL LAKIN (14) .. Treble	WALTER GLASSPOOL .. 5
†BETTY FAITHFULL .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. 6
*BERYL PITTAWAY (13) .. 3	REGINALD A. REED .. 7
†CHARLES TAYLOR .. 4	JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Betty Denby once a ringer at this church, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reeves' Five-part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
HENRY HURST .. Treble	RONALD BIRCH .. 5
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 2	GEORGE R. HINER .. 6
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. 7
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 4th.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN WARDLE .. Treble	FRED TERRY .. 5
CHAS. WM. KING .. 2	*A. H. HAWCROFT .. 6
S. H. STEEL .. 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR .. 7
*WILLIAM GRAVES .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOWLETT.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on augmented ring of eight bells.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

ROYSTON PURCHASE .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 2	JAMES BROOKS .. 6
FREDERICK SCOTT .. 3	A. JAMES GLASS .. 7
WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 4	BRIAN TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-part. Tenor 23½ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. 5
ARTHUR MASON .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER J. MORTON .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
JOHN McDONALD .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

A 21st birthday compliment to Eileen Burton, of Aylestone, Leicester.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb. in G.

JACK BRAY .. Treble	*HARRY HALL .. 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	PHILLIP BARNES .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. 7
GEORGE W. MOODY .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
EDWARD BARKER .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Dungay, on completing 50 years as ringer and vergier at this church. Also to the ringer of the 3rd, who has completed 50 years as a ringer and conductor and is still going strong.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.
ROY HALL Treble | DENNIS ALLSOP 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2 | *ALLAN CHAPMAN 5
PETER J. THOMAS 3 | FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal in two Doubles methods.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 48, 50, 51, 29, 34, 28 (version of) and 28.
Tenor 16 cwt.
*ROBERT T. SMITH .. Treble | FRED C. GIFFORD 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2 | ARTHUR YARROW 5
HENRY SHARP 3 | P. JOHN WILKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
MICHAEL J. DYER .. Treble | *JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 4
H. BENJAMIN BULL .. 2 | *HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD .. 3 | STANLEY GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of seven years as Rector of this church. - Also to mark his Induction to the Vicarage of Great Stukeley (in plurality with All Saints). Rung by the Sunday service band.

PRESHUTE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
BRIAN BLADON .. Treble | *T. ARTHUR PALMER .. 4
*PAULINE MANNING .. 2 | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5
*CYRIL SAVAGE 3 | PETER ANGER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the 5th.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.
STANLEY H. WALLIS .. Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING .. 2 | BRYAN F. SIMS 5
ALLAN S. SMITH 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

A birthday compliment to C. H. Harding.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two blocks of 2,160 and one of 720. Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILLIAM E. GREEN .. Treble | BERTIE BEE 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 2 | LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3 | MOSES BILLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

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

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of: 1, Double Bob; 2, Cambridge Surprise; 3, Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob; 4, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; 5, St. Clement's and Childwall; 6, Single Oxford Bob; 7, Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble | BRIAN TAYLOR 4
JEFFERY C. BIRT 2 | MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
JOHN M. ELLWOOD 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in ten methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the birthday of the Rector of Clewer, the Rev. C. Dymoke-Marr.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of three extents each of All Saints, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.
ALAN C. COZENS .. Treble | KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3
*JOHN HARROLD 2 | IVOR J. DICKIN .. 4

ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in fourteen methods.

Rung with clappers half-muffled in memoriam the late Mr. F. W. Dunkley, churchwarden.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Single Court, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

JOHN R. WORSDELL .. Treble | CHARLES E. BROWN .. 4
GEOFFREY PAUL 2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
HERBERT LOWMAN 3 | PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire, 4 each of Northrepps, April Day, Canterbury and Southrepps. Tenor 13 cwt.
*MARY TAYLOR .. Treble | THOMAS H. EARBLY .. 4
†ROBERT D. FLOWERS .. 2 | †CYRIL W. WALTON .. 5
†GEORGE A. JAMES .. 3 | *T. ALAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. JAMES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods by all the band. This is the first band of ringers from Barkby to ring a peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mary Taylor.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK SCOTT .. Treble | *WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER .. 2 | *JAMES BROOKS .. 5
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in six Minor methods. 50th peal as conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID NICHOLLS .. Treble | RONALD E. BURT .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2 | T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
FRANK PEARSON 3 | CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in more than one method.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	BASIL JONES 4
MRS. C. K. LEWIS 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 3	*STEPHEN W. J. PENNY .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4
LOUIS WILLIERS 2	*WILLIAM MEASURES .. 5
AMOS INGALL 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in four methods.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*VALERIE WICKS Treble	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE .. 4
JANET R. WELLS 2	PETER J. RYE 5
*THOMAS A. WICKENS .. 3	GEORGE E. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal of Minor. Rung on St. Valentine's Day, and on the birthday of Miss Valerie Wicks.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOREEN DUTTON Treble	RONNIE KENRICK 4
ROBERT CRITCHLEY 2	WILLIAM FARRIMOND .. 5
JACK POUNDS 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. W. Farrimond.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's Arrangement.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*MARGARET SMITH Treble	DORIS SHEPPARD 4
†LESLIE BARRY 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD 5
†JOAN BUSSEY 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

HAVERHILL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. Treble	FELIX BENSLEY 4
*JOHN COOTE 2	SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. 5
*MALCOLM WEBB 3	*HARRY CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one 720 each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
*ROY L. SHUTTER 2	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD 5
WALTER AYRE 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than one method.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Dominey, wife of the Vicar.



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BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods: (i) London and Wells, (ii) Beverley, Berwick, York, Hexham, Surfleet and Durham, (iii) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (iv) Lightfoot and Rossendale, (v) Beverley and Surfleet, (vi) York and Durham, (vii) Cambridge and Primrose.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ARTHUR WADE Treble	CECIL WADE 4
*ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 16 methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Rowlands, of Woodford, Essex, and grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Rowlands, of Bourne.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	DENIS J. WOODHAMS .. 4
MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
*MARIE K. ROBERTS .. 3	CYRIL A. HURST Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Parsons 1, R. Harbour (first quarter) 2, Joyce Fishlock 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8. First in the method for 1 and 3.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Phillips 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, Miss R. M. Cooper 4, J. A. Toile (cond.) 5, P. C. Taylor 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. C. Taylor.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Hitchcock 1, T. J. V. Search 2, Miss E. M. Bridges 3, F. W. Soden 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, M. J. Collett 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. A birthday compliment to the foreman, Mr. W. J. Dixon.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hill-Baldwin 1, F. Smewing 2, J. N. Money (first as cond.) 3, G. Garlick 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Eccott 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Garlick and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fletcher.

CLEVER, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. Crook (first quarter) 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Bird 3, W. Buller 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5, R. Purchase 6. Rung on the 12th birthday of the treble ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Pipe 1, J. Bennett (cond.) 2, R. E. Lester (first quarter in method) 3, H. D. Lister 4, W. J. Button 5, C. W. Pipe 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, R. W. Steward 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roberts 1, A. W. Bond 2, Rev. A. L. Minns 3, A. Rogers 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. Rothery 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Hinchcliffe 8. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, A. Rothery 2, A. Rogers 3, F. Linfoot 4, S. A. Jaine 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. V. Whelp' on (first of Grandsire away from tenor) 1, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 2, K. H. Trewick 3, R. E. Woods 4, R. C. Turner 5, T. Page 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marshall 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, Miss Y. E. Eloic 3, Miss Ann Cox (first with a bob bell) 4, S. Breeze 5, C. Hazelden (cond.) 6, R. Kenward 7, L. B. Luimg 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Margaret's, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, E. J. Parish (first quarter in method) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. D. Whitehead (first quarter of Surprise) 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	GEORGE CASE 4
HENRY O. BAKER 2	*JACK TILSTONE .. 5
JACK HUGHES 3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal in the method.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two extents of Single Oxford, three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN FISHER Treble	*J. MALCOLM FRANKLIN .. 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	ROBERT J. TOYNTON .. 5
JOSEPH W. BAILY 3	RONALD PADLEY Tenor

Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Rigg.

HANDBELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1953, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, five different.

JEANNETTE A. ROSE .. 1—2	ALAN E. PEDLER .. 3—4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

QUARTER PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. King 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss J. Smith 3, J. King 4, B. Calcombe 5, J. Brent 6, F. J. Dodson (cond.) 7, W. Massey 8. Rang half-muffled in memory of the late W. Guy, verger at the church, who was cremated earlier the same day.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Blondell 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, D. Howells (first quarter in method) 4, G. W. Morris 5, W. Winter 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Cobb, for many years a Heston ringer.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Leaning 1, R. Newman 2, E. F. Pryor 3, Miss D. A. Deverell 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, G. C. Briggs 7, M. W. Barnard 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Feb. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. D. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, H. B. Bull 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Albanian Surprise Royal: Miss E. Farrell 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, F. D. Bishop 7, J. Mayne 8, F. J. Matthews 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in the method by all.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of the Emmanuel, Everton, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Davies 1, T. Riley 2, Mrs. W. Henshaw 3, T. Larkey 4, C. Henshaw (cond.) 5, T. E. Radcliffe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. An 80th birthday compliment to W. Larkey, father of No. 4.

LONDON.—At St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Parry 1, H. Howson 2, I. M. Parry 3, W. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 5. First quarter since the rehanging of these bells. Rung by the Stamford Hill band.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Mann 1, A. Day 2, Vera Look 3, W. Bottrill 4, A. Rushton 5, J. Scott 6, A. Smith 7, H. Wood 8, H. Burton (first as cond.) 9, R. Kendall 10. First of Royal by 2 and 6. Rung as farewell to Miss Vera Look, who is going back to Somerset.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Miss B. Poole 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, M. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, P. C. W. Wayman (first of Triples) 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, C. E. Jefferies 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Townsend (14, first of Triples) 1, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 2, W. Ashby 3, F. Burgess 4, J. A. Townsend 5, T. Deacon 6, G. Rooome 7, E. Baldwin 8. Arranged for J. A. and B. J. Townsend, of Armitage. Staffs.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lippiatte (13) 1, E. Connock 2, R. O. Fry 3, Miss E. Bond 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Butt 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Feb. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, Miss M. A. Swann 2, Miss N. E. Swann 3, Miss A. B. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, E. W. Colley 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 6 and 7.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Page 1, J. R. Faithfull 2, D. Brown 3, D. C. Williams 4, Miss N. Leahy 5, Miss K. Knight (first on 10) 6, W. G. Glasspool 7, J. W. Faithfull 8, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 9, M. J. Butler 10. Rung as a farewell to Dennis Brown on joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. A. Prockson, 2 Miss E. M. Fadden 3, A. W. Coles 4, W. D. Prockson 5, S. G. Peck 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, J. W. Euston 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, R. H. Begrie 10. A birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Fadden.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 10th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Anger 1, Miss P. Manning 2, C. Savage (first of Stedman) 3, G. W. Townsend 4, E. J. Berry 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, R. G. Townsend 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Hales 1, J. Hales (first 'inside') 2, Miss G. L. Friwell 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. First in method for 1 and 2.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): C. Cousins 1, W. Cousins 2, S. G. Elsey 3, H. Follen 4, W. R. Wiskin 5, E. H. Maslin (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pam Peel, a member of the local band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (720 York and 552 Norwich): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. Cannell 6. First extent of York for all except conductor.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Insp. J. W. Adhead 1, P. C. W. Wayman 2, P. S. N. J. Gibson 3, Ex-P.S. C. R. Harding 4, S. C. G. Mizen 5, P. C. W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a tribute to the late Mr. W. E. Wakefield, Chief Superintendent of Police, Gloucester City.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Reeves 1, F. Atkinson 2, H. Walker 3, D. Forth 4, J. E. Dewes 5, H. Forder 6, S. H. Steel (cond.) 7, J. Bower (first quarter) 8. Rung to welcome H.M. Judges of Assize to the city. Miss Reeves is the first lady to ring a quarter peal at the Minster.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**New Secretary for Western Division**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene on February 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 at Heene and the neighbouring tower of West Tarring. Canon Wilkinson conducted the service, at which he taught those present a new bell-ringers' hymn from the latest edition of 'Ancient and Modern,' which was very much appreciated.

An excellent tea was provided by the Canon, who was thanked in conjunction with the organist when he had to leave to take evensong.

At the meeting which followed, the Master of the County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) presided. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for William Avann and Sidney Ansell, after which six new members were elected.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a steady increase in reserves.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood; secretary, Mr. W. L. Weller; committee, Mr. E. Treagus and Mr. R. P. Wood; auditor, Miss S. Richardson.

Mr. R. P. Wood voiced the opinion of the division when he said that they were sorry that Mr. Treagus was giving up the secretaryship. He thanked Mr. Treagus for his very efficient work, which he said had been of a very high standard. The meeting was shown a toilet set in a leather case by Mr. R. G. Blackman, who proposed that it should be sent to Mr. Treagus when the latter's initials had been engraved upon it.

The meeting approved of a grant being made to Itchingfield for the renovation of their bells, and the business closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. White for arranging the tea, and to Mr. Armstrong for presiding.

RINGING RHYMES**No. 14a. 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' (Concluded)**

Analysis of D.N. will reveal

A most amazing fact. And you may feel

You've been misled; since you were told its kind

Is 'plain hunt'; when, in fact, we now shall find

All bells (save Treble) work on T-B plan.

(Let's try to put this simply, if we can!)

Arriving at the 'lie' or at the 'lead'—

(It helps to draw the blue line as you read)

Unless the Treble's there, you dodge twice. Then A whole pull make and then dodge twice again.

But if the Treble's there, this you can't do.

So, whole pull first, then double dodge, for you!

But now suppose you'd dodged twice, (then whole pull)

And try to finish off this work, (called 'Full')

But Treble comes, last dodges to prevent,—

You'll have to leave them out, and be content!

From dodging, (whether on the front or back)

On T-B path proceed along your track.

But if the Treble's met, (save in four/five)

You'll change this T-B path; so look alive!

If, just as you've left 'Full work,' Treble's met,

Omit next dodge and to 'Far Places' get!

But if she's turned you 'off'—'Near Places' make,

(With dodge at end). Then off, to 'Full Work' take.

The Bob is sixth's place. Back bells dodge thrice more!

The Single—sixth's and seventh's. Eighth as before.

A. Y-B.

(Next: 'Cambridge Surprise'.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY**ASSOCIATION****Twenty-one New Members Elected at Edmonton**

A mixed company attended the North and East District meeting held at All Saints', Edmonton, on February 14th, as whilst there were members from seven affiliated towers present, the company welcomed ringing friends who included A. G. Cooke (Bampton, Devon), R. Currie (Winchester Cathedral) and J. Hartless (Ringwood). A very warm welcome was extended by the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. Knight, once an active ringer, who conducted a shortened evensong service during which he surveyed with thankfulness the amount of restoration work to the church fabric and now nearing satisfactory completion.

At the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, 21 new members were elected to the Association, they being Mr. and Mrs. W. George (Edmonton), J. M. Anthony, B. J. Graves, B. W. Huntley, J. G. Pitcher, D. J. Priest, C. W. Simpson, C. E. Slade, J. Waters, Miss M. C. Howe and Miss B. L. Huntley (Harrow), A. Fudge, N. Fudge, M. King, T. Ryman, D. T. C. Smith (Kingsbury), W. Riddleston, A. Robson, E. J. Rowe and Miss P. Lentz (Stamford Hill). An amount of 11s. 6d. was collected for the Bells Restoration Fund.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. S. W. Knight, to Mr. P. J. Coward and to his mother and other lady helpers at tea time for their parts in ensuring a successful meeting. Ringing in the tower comprised a good variety of methods and included a 'surprise' touch of Erin Triples, ably brought round by D. Beard, a promising young conductor.

T. J.

John Taylor & Co.

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Our readers will extend their congratulations
to Mr. Albert Walker on ringing his 500th peal
on 12 bells. It is without parallel in the annals
of the Exercise.

A Scotsman, sitting in his
own home in Edinburgh,
overheard Newport (Salop)
Parish Church bells being pealed and was so
taken aback that he asked what they were. He
was holding a telephone conversation with a
Newport business man who lives close to the
Parish Church, and the bells were being pealed
at the time. What made it all the more sig-
nificant was that it was Hogmanay which the
Scot thought Salopians did not celebrate.

In ringing her first peal at Barkby, Leics, on
February 14th, Miss M. Taylor became the first
lady to ring a peal in the tower.

The use of initials instead of full names can
lead to confusion. The 'G. P.' referred to in
the tour of South Lincolnshire is Geoffrey Paul
and not Geoffrey Parker.

The peal at Cottenham, Cambs, reported this
week, was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss
Christine Dunnington, of St. Ives, Hunts. Her
father is a regular Sunday service ringer at St.
Ives.

In connection with the fourth centenary of the
Royal Grammar School, Guildford, on May
20th, there will be special ringing for the
thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. Any old boys
who are interested are asked to communicate
with the Editor.

A big surprise came to Michael Lakin, a 14-
year-old ringer at Winchester Cathedral, on
February 14th. At 11 a.m. he was asked to
stand in his first peal at North Stonham that
day and, according to the conductor, Mr. R.
A. Reed, he and Beryl Pittaway (13), who was
also having her first introduction to peal ring-
ing, rang extremely well. They travelled down
with Mr. W. Parrott, who, during the peal, sat
in the church and checked every call and part-
end and also timed each part. Steady ringing
was required on the fourth where there was no
stay.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal on the aug-
mented eight bells at Snaith
Priory Church took place on
February 14th. The band included Mr. Wil-
liam King, who rang in the first peal on the
six bells on October 14th, 1911. In addition,
Mr. King, along with Messrs. W. Graves, J. J.
Taylor and Leslie M. Woodhead, took part in
the last peal on the six bells on May 12th,
1950.

On Candlemas Day (February 2nd) the York
Minster Society commenced its centenary year.

Memorial peals appear in our columns this
week to Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and Mr. S. J.
Hector.

The Standing Committee of the Central
Council's recommendations on Coronation Day
ringing will appear in our next issue.

We have an interesting list of 200 peals in
the office without the identity of the sender at-
tached to the sheet. Any claimants?

The oldest former member of the Central
Council living is probably Mr. Joseph Ashmole,
of Northwich, who celebrated his 90th birthday
on February 5th. He has been a ringer for
75 years.

Congratulations to Mr. John Cragg, of Cay-
thorpe, Lincs, who rang the seventh to a peal of
Grandsire Triples in his own tower on February
11th, as he did for his first peal 50 years before
in the same method. The only other survivor is
Mr. John Paley, of Timberland.

Unnecessary delay occurs when communica-
tions intended for publication are sent to the
convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee.
These should be addressed to the Editor. Will
those sending in peals please write on one side
of a sheet of paper and if a quarter peal is en-
closed write it on a separate sheet. There is
no saving of paper as the peals and quarter
peals have to be copied out.

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DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH CENTENARY

Fire of February 28th, 1853, Recalled

IT would be hard to imagine Doncaster without its Parish Church. The traveller by rail, journeying north from King's Cross, looks out from his carriage window to see its great tower dominating the town, and from the Great North Road the view is of a building magnificent and commanding. It was so in centuries past and still is to-day.

But anyone who got up late on Monday morning, February 28th, 1853, would have been greeted with the shocking news that the church had been burned down in the night. It is unlikely, however, that many people at Doncaster were up late that morning. Thousands were in the nearby streets in the small hours, where the blaze of light from the burning church was so intense that you might have seen to pick up a pin from the pavement.

It was at ten minutes past one that the cry, 'Fire!' was first raised. By four o'clock it had spent its fury and the church was in ruins. 'An immense multitude had assembled. They were awed into perfect silence. Not a voice was heard. Tears fell from many an eye. They stood with amazement, and half-frenzied with sorrow. The temple of their forefathers was gone.'

The bells had crashed into the ruins and melted in the blaze below. Four tons of melted bell metal was found in the tangled mass of masonry. The organ was totally destroyed—that noble instrument of which Dr. Edward Miller, a pupil of Dr. Burney, who was friend of the great Dr. Johnson, had been organist for 52 years. Miller was not only an organist and a composer, but a literary figure and historian of Doncaster. But he is most famous as composer of the tune 'Rockingham,' to which is sung the hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous cross.'

DECISION TO REBUILD

The sorrow at the destruction soon turned to resolution. A public meeting was held in the Guildhall on March 7th, presided over by the Mayor. The following is one resolution which was passed: 'That this meeting, deeply deploring the loss which the town has sustained by the almost total destruction of the Parish Church by fire, deem it necessary that measures be adopted for the immediate rebuilding of a Parish Church.'

At a first meeting of collectors on March 11th, it was announced that the subscriptions already promised totalled £8,050. By March 24th the total was £14,000. Gifts had been received from near and far, from the Archbishop of York and from Her Majesty the Queen. The total cost of rebuilding was £45,128 4s. 5d.

The services of the most notable church architect in the country, Sir George Gilbert Scott, were obtained, and on the first anniversary of the fire the foundation stone of the new building was laid by the



DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH TO-DAY

Archbishop of York. Just over four and a half years later, on October 14th, 1858, he was back again to consecrate the new church.

FACELESS CLOCK

The new ring of eight bells, tenor 30½ cwt., had been recast by Warner and Sons, reconstituted in part from the recovered bell metal found in the ruins. A powerful clock was placed in the tower, which, together with its unusual chimes, had been designed by Mr. Beckett Dennison (later Lord Grimthorpe), who also designed Big Ben. The Doncaster clock started striking on October 23rd, 1858, and Big Ben in November of the same year, so for a very few weeks Doncaster could claim the greatest clock in the country. But unlike Big Ben, this clock has no face.

The successor to Dr. Miller as organist, Jeremiah Rogers, was determined that the new Doncaster organ should be the best possible. So Edmund Schultze (whose work was known in England through his exhibit at the Great Exhibition of 1851) came over from Weimar to build the great five manual organ, which was for many years the largest in the country. While it was being constructed many organ builders came to Doncaster to see the work which was being done; and its influence on the development of organ building in this country has been considerable. It was first played in September, 1862.

ON THE AIR

The bells which were placed in the tower of 1858 were recast by John Taylor and Co. in 1939, and rededicated in March, 1940. All who have heard them agree that they are a magnificent ring, with a tenor of 30 cwt. 17 lb., almost exactly the same weight as the previous bells. During the past year they have been heard on the occasion of a broadcast service from Doncaster and, more recently still, for a very short space of time at the beginning of a televised service. Anyone who did not hear them on either of these occasions will have yet another opportunity in May of this year, when the service from Doncaster is again to be broadcast.

HALF PEAL

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 7th, in 1 hour 55 mins., 2,583 Stedman Caters: Edward J. Chivers 1. Percy W. Hall 2. Albert M. Tyler (cond.) 3. David J. King 4. George W. Massey 5. George Prescott 6. Victor Savage 7. Harry J. Sanger 8. Roger O. Fry 9. Leonard Derrick 10.



THE RUINED CHURCH AFTER THE FIRE OF FEBRUARY 28th, 1853

ABBEY RINGERS' PART IN CORONATION CEREMONY

Bells To Be Fired As Queen Is Crowned

By JOHN SHAND

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BELL-RINGERS will be busy on Coronation Day. The day would not seem complete without the cheerful noise of church bells ringing. It is a traditional English noise and will sound in belfries large and small from St. Paul's Cathedral to the remotest village church.

A proud band of ringers will be those London members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who serve Westminster Abbey. High up in the belfry tower, unseen, unseeing, they will patiently pass the hours from early morning awaiting the signal which will come about mid-day to tell them Queen Elizabeth II. has been crowned. For at the moment of crowning, the climax of the service, they must 'fire' the bells, a joyous clanging of all the bells by pulling the ropes simultaneously. After a few minutes of this exuberant noise another signal will silence the bells again until all ceremony is ended and the crowned Queen prepares to show herself to her loyal subjects in the streets. Then the Abbey bells will sound once more, roaring over the roof-tops, shouting the news to the people below: The crowned Queen is come!

That will be the moment the bell-ringers have waited for, then they will really let themselves go: nor will they stop ringing until the evening. For they will ring the bells as becomes those who belong to the oldest society of English bell-ringers. The Abbey band of eight ringers will certainly attempt to ring a complete peal, probably a peal of Stedman Triples which, if its 5,040 changes are well and truly rung, without slip or error, will be proudly recorded on a wall tablet, as are other complete peals previously rung in honour of a royal day. The tablet of April 26th, 1923, for example, records that in honour of the marriage of Prince Albert Fredk. Anthony George, Duke of York, and the Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, 'there was rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, consisting of five thousand and fifty-six changes in three hours and twenty-four minutes.'

INTO THE BELFRY

It is a long climb to the Abbey ringing chamber up a narrow, winding staircase, rather like mounting a high castle tower. If you want to see how high, without the fatigue of climbing, stand in Victoria Street and look up at the north-west tower; the ringing chamber is behind the clockface. If you then walk into the Abbey by the west door and look left as you enter the little, secretive, arched opening in the wall behind the Marquis of Salisbury's tomb and facing the huge monument to Lord Howe erected in 1759 by 'the Province of Massachusetts in New England' is the entrance to the staircase. There are 164 steps to mount.

If the eight bells of the Abbey are in motion by the time you reach the belfry the noise, of course, is deafening. But what may make you giddy is the swaying of the whole tower in obedience to the swinging tons of metal, a motion marked enough to make the stranger momentarily cling to the walls and, if he peeps through the open parapet, to give him a vertiginous sensation that the ground so far below is moving too. After being thus rocked by the bells for a few minutes, it seems altogether more comfortable in the ringing chamber.

Even more gingerly than you climbed up the dark swaying staircase, you descend, gratefully, into the lighted ringing chamber, where the noise of the bells is muted, and the tower does not seem to sway so much, to watch the friendly gentlemen at the ropes calmly ringing the bells in that fascinating ordered sequence which makes English bell-music unique in sound and composition.

The conductor of the Abbey band of ringers is Mr. H. N. Pitstow, a cashier; his seven companions are Mr. H. Belcher, draughtsman, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, printer, Mr. J. Philips, painter, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. W. S. Langdon and Mr. W. H. Pasmore, who are all three retired from business, and Mr. H. Langdon, shipping agent, who also conducts the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, and who once conducted the longest peal ever recorded, a peal of Stedman Caters, 21,363 changes, in just over twelve hours.

These bell-ringers at the Abbey have a long lineage. A Patent Roll of 1255 records the King's grant of one hundred shillings a year to the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster 'who are appointed to ring the great bells,' and the grant lays down that the Brethren are 'to enjoy all privileges and free customs they have enjoyed from the time of Edward the Confessor,' a statement that implies a respectable ancestry indeed. The descent has not been quite perfectly uninterrupted; but that is a misfortune which can happen in the best families.

While the Abbey ringers were standing recently by the bell-ropes, waiting to ring a few 'touches' after a special service, those who were present in 1937 to ring at the Coronation of King George VI. recalled the pleasures and fatigues of that memorable day, doubly memorable because 1937 was also the tercentenary year of their ancient society. For the ringers, as for the nobility and gentry, Coronation Day began at dawn when, loaded with sandwiches and flasks of hot tea, they set out from their homes to meet at St. James' underground

station. From that point they pushed their way in a body to the annexe built (as it will be built again next year) against the West door of the Abbey.

GOOD CHEER

Safe upstairs in their ringing chamber the ringers made themselves as comfortable as they could, resigned to their long wait. They were cheered by the presence of a large hamper of food from Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, Sacrist of the Abbey, Superintendent of the Belfry, and its learned historian. He had not forgotten that his ringers would be hungry between seven o'clock in the morning and early evening, the period during which they could not leave the tower; a substantial meal was also provided for them at the end of the day by the Dean and Chapter. Food and conversation and visits to the tower roof to enjoy the magnificent view of the waiting crowds helped to pass the slow hours away.

About midday they got the proper signal and 'fired' the bells. Then, about three o'clock, the last signal told them that the service was over, and they set out with a will to ring a full peal. Mr. Pitstow called the peal, as he will in June, and they completed their 5,040 changes in a little over three hours. Some of them were not content with this triumph, but, tired as they were, went along to the Imperial Institute. Here, having climbed to the highest ring of bells in London, they celebrated the day with another hour at the ropes, honouring thus the request of the Australian donor that these bells should be rung only for some royal occasion.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting at Merthyr

Those who braved the cold and snow to attend the quarterly meeting at Merthyr on February 14th were rewarded with a very enjoyable gathering, about 45 visitors and friends attending. It was hoped that by holding this meeting at Merthyr, local interest would be revived as the bells had not been rung regularly for about three years. Whether this object has been achieved remains to be seen.

The ringing arrangements were ably conducted by Miss Jacqueline Evans, the popular Master of the Association, who saw that the less advanced got their fair share of the ringing. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector through sickness the curate, the Rev. Bernard Spurry, met early arrivals and extended to them a hearty welcome.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the curate, the singing being led by the choir. A bountiful tea was provided in St. David's Hall by the local Ladies' Guild and was much appreciated. On a proposition by Mr. Arthur Hoare the ladies were duly thanked.

At the business meeting Mr. Don Clarke reported that a new band had been formed at Bassaleg and was very keen. The secretary reported that Llandaff Cathedral bells had arrived back but he had no information about when they were likely to be dedicated. New members included the newly-formed Radyr band, who, under the tuition of Mr. W. Dare, are making very good progress. Those elected numbered twelve. One familiar face was missing, and the meeting regretted that, owing to the state of his health, Mr. J. W. Jones was unable to be present. Mr. T. Roderick proposed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to him.

The bells were again available after the meeting and were made good use of. If the meeting achieves its object it can be said to have been very successful.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Meeting of N.W. Branch at Pyworthy

The annual meeting of the North-West Branch took place at Pyworthy on February 14th, when over 30 ringers from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bude, Okehampton, Plymouth (St. Andrew's & Emmanuel), Petrockstowe, Poughill, Pyworthy, Stratton and Sutcombe were present.

Many touches were rung during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. P. James), who gave the address and a hearty welcome. The Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (Rector of Sutcombe) read the lesson. Everybody was delighted to see the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) looking so well. He had come from Carbis Bay and left rather early for Ottery.

The tea, provided by local ladies, took place in the Rectory barn, after which the business of the branch was carried through with Mr. Ravenhill in the chair. The report and balance sheet were passed. The accounts showed a credit of £5 13s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected: Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (treasurer and secretary), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), with Messrs. R. Collocat, F. Sangwin and Rev. E. P. James (representatives to the General Committee). Messrs. H. Heard and D. Prouse were elected as members of the Guild.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting be held at Bradworthy on February 11th, 1954.

Mr. F. C. Smale proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. James and the local ringers, the organist and the ladies who provided such an excellent tea. Some discussion followed concerning what may be done by the branch at the time of the Coronation, and it was agreed that Messrs. J. W. and Fred Sangwin should arrange for a peal at Holsworthy within the period.

All the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and at 6.30 p.m. many ringers went to Holsworthy, where touches of Triples were brought round.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORDINGS OF EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The note of appreciation from Mr. C. A. Bassett in 'The Ringing World' and mention of our recordings by Mr. E. J. Taylor recently prompt me to write you; firstly on the principle of 'credit where credit is due' and secondly to give some indication of what may be expected.

Therefore firstly would I say that the local band did not make the recordings. Why, I will briefly explain. Our bells had been used previously by the B.B.C. and it was found that they recorded very well; in addition to this I think any of your readers who have rung on them will agree that they are a very fine ring, and the Rev. Martin Willson, of the British Broadcasting Company, also holds this view. So it was that I was approached by this gentleman regarding the making of a series of records for use on the Light and West Programmes. At the same time it was suggested by him that they should be made at a fairly slow pace so that the general public could the more easily appreciate the changing of the bells in their order as the various touches proceeded. (We finally made all the records in this way with the exception on ringing on the front six.) A series of touches on the ten, the back eight, the back six and the front six was arranged, each to be complete in itself on one side of a record. Further, the touches included Caters, Major, Triples, Minor and Doubles.

It must be fairly obvious that to complete such a programme would be no mean task and a keen, versatile band of ringers would be required. I am very proud of my own band of ringers, they are, in the main, young, and are learning—may I repeat **LEARNING**—to ring very well, as any who have rung with them will, I think, agree. To expect them, however, to cope with such a programme as I have outlined was quite out of the question. I therefore gathered together a band of ringing friends who had experience in ringing the methods required and could be expected to strike their bells well at the slow beat.

In the first instance I enlisted the help of Mr. J. T. Dyke who conducted all the touches: other ringers taking part were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Kimber, Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, J. Topp, G. W. Massey, E. Chivers and P. Hull, with A. J. White and myself of the local band. Two practices were made of the proposed list of recordings and finally the records were made. Unfortunately the elements did their utmost to spoil the show but we did eventually make a quite pleasing set of records. Recording was started on the higher numbers and proceeded down the scale, the light six coming last.

We all found this heavy session to be very tiring; the concentration and care that an effort of this sort involves has to be experienced to be appreciated, and I'm afraid tiredness did affect to some extent one or two of the last efforts made. The complete list of the final records made is as follows: Stedman Caters, Grandfire Caters, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandfire Triples, Double Court Minor and Grandfire Doubles, these last two rung on both the front and back six, making nine records in all. It is probable that only the six-bell ringing will be heard on the Light Programme at 7.57 on Sunday mornings but, at the moment, I am not sure of this. Any of the records may be heard on the West Regional as interval signals or for other purposes in the future.

In conclusion I would like to say a word about the B.B.C. We in the West enjoy very much the co-operation of the Rev. Martin Willson, the West Regional Director of Religious Broadcasting, in all matters relating to the B.B.C. and bellringing, a situation which we owe in the main to the considerable amount of pioneer work put in in this direction by

Mr. J. T. Dyke in building up a good relationship with the B.B.C.

We often read in 'The Ringing World' strong criticism of the B.B.C. May I say that I feel it is perhaps too easy to lay blame on their shoulders. We might do well to remember that this body is made up of individuals, each of whom has a job to do in a proper manner; moreover in many cases split-second timing is essential to perfect results and whilst the B.B.C. personnel are near perfect in this respect, we, as ringers, in many cases just haven't a clue. I'm quite sure that if we all co-operated to the full we should have little cause for grumbling. I would like to know that the excellent conditions which prevail in the West applied to the whole of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

LISCARD IMPERIAL BOB

Dear Sir,—With regard to the note at the foot of the first column of page 105 of 'The Ringing World' of February 13th, regarding the composition for the peal at Liscard, the composition, No. 13, is ascribed to Sir A. P. Heywood in the Central Council Collection of Peals of 1904, for Double Oxford, but in the new collection of Plain Major methods this composition is ascribed to H. W. Wilde. It would, however, appear that the former is correct, but perhaps the compilers of the latter book will verify this.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

PEALS OF MINOR AT HORSELL

Dear Sir,—I noticed in 'The Ringing World' of February 13th a footnote to a peal rung at Horsell on January 27th: 'Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.' A peal in seven methods was rung on June 12th, 1920, conducted by H. Chaffey, also a peal in three methods (three extents Oxford, three extents Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob) on September 3rd, 1924, conducted by G. Gilbert. I would not even claim that the seven method peal was the first. Probably S. Petter, of Worplesdon, would know of others.—Yours truly,

H. J. CHAFFEY.

Windlesham.

CALL CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When writing the notes on this subject—'The Ringing World,' November 21st last—I was fully conscious of the strictly limited confines of interest to be found in this method of change ringing.

There must have been many amongst call change ringers who have a rudimentary knowledge of method ringing and what it means, yet seem to hold back when it comes to the point of 'having a shot at it.' There is scarcely any limit of interest when the first elementary principles are mastered.

The letter of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott shows clearly the state of affairs that exist in Devon, and I offer thanks to him and Mr. Taylor for the particulars they have given. The rally was indeed a memorable occasion; the large congregation in the Cathedral and the crowd outside, after the service, were wonderful.

I find that my one and only peal in Devon, Bob Major, was rung on Saturday, December 27th, 1902, at Heavitree. Your correspondent, W. Shepherd, rang the tenor. A footnote to the peal states: 'Rung half-muffled on occasion of interment of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, formerly Bishop of Exeter.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middx.

KENT MAXIMUS AT ASHTON

Dear Sir,—It is with uneasiness that these lines are penned, for apparently I have been misunderstood yet again in my last letter.

The peal of Kent Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was rung for the local Society, as originally recorded. Under 20 peals from Minor to Maximus have been rung by the same band as rang this peal, but only the latter was for the Ashton official body.

I trust that this will clear up the matter, and, in view of the probability of being regarded as a general nuisance, would not have written again but for two reasons, namely:—

(1) Our wish to return the hospitality of the Ashton ringers by ringing the peal concerned for their Society. (The statement in last week's 'Belfry Gossip' may have caused some consternation.)

(2) After replying to the inquiry which you took the trouble to make, confirming that the peal in question was rung for the Ashton Society and no other besides, I should not like you, yourself, sir, to think I had gone back on this.

If I have failed again to give a clear account 'There shall be much weeping and gnashing of teeth'!!—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

W. Bridgford, Notts.

CHERWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—On perusing through last year's 'Ringing Worlds' I came across a method—Cherwell Surprise Major—in the issue of January 11th, 1952, also a composition to the method, both being the product of E. W. Tipler. I recognise the figures as being a composition of the late Henry Dains, running true to Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, New Cambridge and Painswick, and published as such in the C.C.C.'s publication of 'Popular Major Methods,' peal number eleven, page 26.

As Cherwell wasn't in existence in H. Dains' day, he couldn't possibly add it to the above list, but I very much doubt if Mr. Tipler can claim it as his original composition. Figures as under.

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Can this be clarified, please, with apologies to Mr. E. W. Tipler?—Yours faithfully,

J. CLEGG.

West Didsbury, Lancs.

'THE BRIDES OF ENDERBY'

Dear Sir,—Could any reader tell me the origin of 'The Brides of Enderby'? In Jean Ingelow's ballad 'The High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire, 1571,' this tune was played by the ringers on the bells of Boston Church to warn the countryside of impending disaster.

Is there, or was there ever, such a tune, and, if so, was the ringing of it on church bells a warning peculiar to Lincolnshire, or one used throughout the country in times of peril—or merely a Victorian 'poet's licence'?

Incidentally, was it ever recorded how many people were drowned in that other Saturday night flood, over 350 years ago?—Yours, etc.,

URSULA M. PILKINGTON.

Guildford.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: C. Watson (aged 12, first quarter) 1, R. Franklin 2, A. Cross 3, W. Welling 4, A. H. Bates 5, D. W. Stone (first as cond.) 6, F. R. H. Scott 7, G. Coussins 8.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY REUNION

Facts and Fancies at Annual Dinner

The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society was held on Saturday, January 31st.

The day's ringing commenced at Keynsham (8), where we were joined by our visitors from Swindon, followed by St. Luke's, Brislington (6). Ringing was continued after lunch at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's (10), where we were pleased to welcome more visitors, and at St. Mary Redcliffe (13), where the secretary of the Redcliffe Guild (Mr. E. F. Hancock) voiced a welcome to the Society. St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without (6), the U.B.S.C.R.'s home tower, was the last of the day, and it was only with great difficulty that everyone squeezed into the rather small belfry, as also at Brislington in the morning.

The Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones conducted a short service, at which he extended a warm welcome to all present, and said how pleased he was that the Society had returned to St. Michael's. He envisaged their church becoming a 'chapel of the University' as the latter spread its 'tentacles' over the parish. Mr. Ken Pinney was at the organ and Mr. Mark Edwards read the lesson.

The venue for the dinner was the spacious Senior Common Room of the University Refectory. Unfortunately, for the second year in succession illness prevented Professor Piper, president of the Society, from attending. The chair was taken, in his place, by Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst. Forty-six visitors, members and guests were present.

After proposing the two toasts, 'The Queen' and 'The Church,' Prof. Brocklehurst welcomed the company and explained why he was in the chair again this year.

The toast of 'The Exercise' was proposed by the Rector of St. Michael's, the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones. He said his first experience of ringing and ringers was at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, when he was appointed curate there. He started to learn under the able tuition of Mr. F. Skidmore, but he never got very far. Perhaps it was the sight of someone proceeding heavenwards as the result of a broken stay that put him off. He spoke of heaving the bells at Bruges and then went on to relate a tale of a ringer looking for Chewton Mendip. Having only learnt a little, change ringing seemed very complicated to him, and people seemed to look at each other 'daggers drawn' while ringing.

THE AGONY COLUMN

His point that ringing seemed to him good for slimming was taken up by Mr. Jack R. Worrall (Master of the Society 1949-50, 1951-52), who replied to the toast. Mr. Worrall pointed out to the proposer that they had with them in the room a past master of the Society upon whose waistline ringing has had little effect! In reply to a suggestion that this might be an opportunity for him to give vent to pent up feelings over his mention in the 'agony' column of 'The Ringing World' recently, Mr. Worrall gave, for the benefit of his 'well-wishers,' an account of how he spent his time and his ringing activities. He regretted he had no schoolboy howlers this year—they did not seem to make any at his present school. He concluded by wishing that the Society would continue to flourish.

Miss Heather J. Tesson (hon. secretary) proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' She opened by thanking Prof. Brocklehurst for taking the chair again at such short notice and mentioned that the president (Prof. Piper) seemed fated as regards the dinner. To him the Society owed a great deal in one way and another, and she knew they would want her to send a letter wishing him a quick recovery. She welcomed the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan Jones and thanked him

for making them so welcome back at St. Michael's. She extended a welcome to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association present—those from Bristol and that large number from Swindon. It was rather a curious thing that so many had come that distance—and it left one wondering why! It was good to see so many old faces back again if only to show the newcomers what they had missed.

Mr. Richard J. Bowden replied to the toast. He said he was mistaken at one stage in thinking this dinner was strictly limited to members only, but was pleased to see in the notices 'All ringers welcome.' He was sure that was the reason for such a large attendance.

RETURN TO ST. MICHAEL'S

It was three years ago when he first met the Society—at Christ Church, Bristol—and he rang his first touch of Stedman Caters. Then and ever since he had found the Society very friendly. He hoped the Society would forge ahead—ring peals and teach learners, and perhaps the Rector would start to learn again, because the more ringing clergymen the Exercise had the better. He wished the Society good luck in the inevitable peal attempt at St. Michael's, where, he was glad to see, the Society had returned. But he hoped they would not entirely vanish from the other towers in the city, as their presence had a mutual benefit.

Mr. F. G. Leaker (chairman of the Bristol City Branch) proposed the toast of 'The Society.' He brought greetings from the City Branch and was glad to see so many old members present. The Society, he said, was having a very hard year. They had lost a lot of members last summer and it was impossible to bring learners up to peal standard in three years. He also was glad to see them once more back to St. Michael's. He renewed his offer of any help they ever wanted and offered St. Thomas', Bristol, any Sunday they wanted to ring there.

Mr. W. H. Trueman at this point stated that some of the Swindon party would now have to leave to catch the train. Before they left he said how proud they were in Swindon of their numerous connections with the Society and congratulated its present Master.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Hold Their First Dinner

The Society held its first annual dinner on January 31st in the Market Cross Hotel, Beverley. Ringers who arrived early took advantage of the offer to ring on the bells in St. Mary's Church during the afternoon. Standard methods were rung on six to ten.

A few guests were held up by gale damage, but managed to get to Beverley in time for dinner. Sixty-two guests and members sat down to dine.

The dinner was followed by speeches and entertainment. Mr. D. Fewster opened the speeches with a toast to 'The Church and State.' His experiences with the Church were many, going back to boyhood days in the choir, but his only experience with the State was when he had to convince two police officers that his presence in the belfry, with two young learners, was not a lead stealing operation!

Canon T. H. Tardrew, Vicar of St. Mary's, spoke of the fine chance that was offered by the Corporation for the Church and State to work in harmony in the country's greatest ceremony.

Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master, welcomed visitors and other ringing societies. Responding for the visitors, the Mayor, Alderman H. R.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

The reply to the toast by the Master (Miss B. Enid L. Roberts) was heralded by a firework display (arranged by the chairman of the Newport (Salop) Bonfire and Fireworks Committee!) Unfortunately, my pen is unable to do justice to this speech.

She had consulted, she said, various text books on the subject of speech-making and consequently knew what to do and what not to do, but that did not write her speech. She had, however, turned to see what past masters had said on similar occasions.

She thanked Bristol ringers—mentioning in particular Mr. Leaker, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Cleaver—for their help and encouragement, also the Rector of St. Michael's 'for putting St. Michael's at our disposal. I hope we shall not dispose of it too soon.'

Her list of achievements contains some rather unusual features. They had not lost a peal but hoped to go for one in the near future! But here she was comforted by a past master's words that peal ringing was not the full measure of a Society's success. They had taught some learners and she thanked them for their support and eagerness.

At their Christmas party there was an unbelievable amount of food left over for a ringers' function. A Press article convinced the Master, she said, that she was not cut out for journalism or to be a photographer's model. There had been more cream buns eaten and less handbell ringing done at the practices than ever before. Bristol City Ringing School presented certificates of proficiency to learners, so Miss Roberts concluded by presenting a stay 'well and truly broken' to its breaker.

So the formality of the evening was over and everyone trooped back into the ante-room for the more social side—so good for ringing as a whole and the area in particular.

Within a Society like ours, where people come and are gone again in three years, friendships develop and dinners like this are an opportunity to meet our friends again. This dinner was a great success—old friends turned up and memories came pouring back. Our thanks are due to the committee (80 per cent. the 'weaker sex'!) for all the organisation and all who assisted in many ways. 'Ex-K.F.'

Godbold, told the local ringers that their services would be required for the town's Coronation festivities to help with the rest of the community to make a loud and joyful noise.

Mr. J. Procter, Liverpool, responding for the ringing societies, spoke of his war-time activities with the Beverley and District ringers and read a humorous poem he had composed about various characters in the local towers.

A country without bells to call people to worship was a terrible thought to the Minister Vicar, the Rev. R. C. C. Hargreaves. He hoped the day was not far away when every tower in the country would be fully manned and ring out simultaneously on Sunday mornings and evenings. Handbells were always a pleasure to him, especially when rung in church for service.

The Rev. G. Storer, Hutton Cranswick, thanked the chairman, Mr. A. E. Sellers, and quoted passages from a letter written some years ago, when Mr. Sellers first started the Society's interest in the ring that now hangs in Hutton Cranswick Church.

Grandsire Caters on handbells, musical items by Mr. J. Procter and selections on a mandolin harp by Mr. F. Scholey provided the entertainment.

Community singing and dancing by the younger members while the older members were reminiscent about past peals and bells ended a very pleasant first event.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bishop's Appreciation of Ringers' Difficulties

On Wednesday, February 4th, a hot pot supper with social evening was held in the Co-operative Hall, Hazel Grove, when 103 members and friends were present. The guests included the Lord Bishop of Stockport, the Rev. E. Taylor (Vicar of Norbury), the Rev. T. Lever, M.C. (Vicar of St. Mary's, Newton, formerly of St. Peter's, Macclesfield) and the Rev. J. Kingdon (general secretary of the Guild).

Speeches were limited to two, one from the chairman, who welcomed the guests, members from other branches and the general secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Dunckerley, and a reply from the Lord Bishop, who referred to the work of the ringers in the Church and said how he in his visits in the diocese noted the serious manner in which the ringers approached their task, an attitude which might well be emulated by others.

As regards the attendance at service after ringing, the Bishop rather surprised the gathering by saying that he usually replied in the following terms to people who complained of the non-attendance of ringers at service: 'Would you after a strenuous half-hour at the rope-end be in a fit condition to sit in church through an hour or more of a service?' This appreciation of one of the ringers' difficulties in attending service after ringing from a high dignity of the Church must surely evoke a response in his hearers to an appreciation of the difficulties of the parish priest.

The evening proceeded in an informal manner with tune ringing by the Norbury handbell ringers, party games, dancing, change ringing on handbells, etc. A course of Bob Major on a set of handbells, tenor size 29, caused some amusement and not a little hard work on the part of the four performers.

The organisation was jointly undertaken by members of the Bowdon, Mottram and Stockport, and Macclesfield branches of the Guild and was aimed at providing the younger members with an opportunity for a social evening such as their elders enjoy on such occasions as the annual dinner. Since the age of members ranged from the eighties down to the very early teens and all professed to have enjoyed the evening and no youth seemed to have prematurely aged, it seems reasonable to suppose that the older members have solved the problem of perennial youth. In essence it is: be a ringer and associate with young people and then you can never grow old. To see one member of the Guild with a long and distinguished ringing career behind him strenuously 'flapping a kupper' one could believe it.

A function of this nature could not succeed without the unstinted help of the staff of the hall, the local ringers, the entertainers (the Norbury handbell ringers) and other friends who attended to one or two needs, and before the National Anthem was sung the secretary of the Stockport Branch expressed thanks to them all.

Some Thoughts on Coronation Day Ringing

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, on January 31st, when more than sixty members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed from early in the afternoon until service in church conducted by the Bishop of Stockport, who also gave a very inspiring address. Tea followed at a nearby cafe and then followed the usual business meeting.

Pressure of engagements prevented the Bishop from being present at the meeting, so before he left he was thanked for his assistance and interest in the work of the branch. At the

business meeting the officers of the branch were re-elected, with the Bishop of Stockport as branch president in place of the Rev. W. Garlick.

In his report the secretary made reference to the passing of King George VI. and to the forthcoming Coronation and suggested that as many rings of bells as possible should be rung on that occasion, but care should be taken to fit in with the local celebrations, and in particular he recommended that no ringing take place during the time the Abbey service was being televised and broadcast. To distract attention from this solemn service would do a grave disservice to the art and bring discredit upon the band. Local peals might be attempted where the band was capable of doing so, but methods well within the capability of the band should be chosen.

The report showed a decrease in the membership despite the election of a large number of new members, but as the figure did not include those whose subscriptions were in arrears it was expected that the figure would be better when these delayed subscriptions were received. In the 28 peals rung in the branch area 48 branch members and 24 members resident outside the branch took part.

There were ten conductors, one ringing his first peal as conductor and eight members rang their first peal. Youth continued to be to the fore in the branch, and the report applauded this and urged members to hand on the tradition they inherited from the founders of the branch enhanced to the young members on whom depended its future. One of the members of the branch, Councillor P. Walton, of Stalybridge, had been honoured by his town by being elected Mayor, and a meeting of the branch was held at his church during the year.

Six new members were elected: Mrs. Hawksford, Robert Brown, Kenneth Barker, Graham Rogers, Fred McDowell and Colin Jones, and the election of David A. Edwards prior to a peal attempt was confirmed. The members stood for a moment in memory of Mr. Charles Edwards, who had been a member of the branch for the last 14 years, and whose work in Hereford would always be remembered.

The meeting congratulated Mr. S. Hough, sen., on the recent family peal at Knutsford, and commiserated with Mr. John Wheardon, who had lost a peal for his 81st birthday through no fault of his own when within a hundred changes of the end.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop, wardens, organist and the local band for all their efforts to make the meeting a success. Ringing was enjoyed until a late hour, ranging from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hunts District was held at Great Staughton on February 14th, and members were present from Blunham, Brampton, Eynesbury, Godmanster, Holywell, Huntingdon, Leighton Bromswold, Little Staughton, Little Stukeley, St. Ives and Turvey.

Ringing was fairly good, London, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Annable's, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and in a lesser degree Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grand sire Doubles being rung.

The visitors were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lack for tea, which was much appreciated. The business meeting followed, Mr. F. Warrington (District Ringing Master) being in the chair. Mr. R. F. Baker read the minutes of the previous Warboys and St. Ives meetings, which were duly confirmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lack were thanked for their kindness in seeing to the bodily needs of the company. The next meeting is at Gamlingay in April.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS

Rehung On Ball Bearings

Hereford Cathedral bells, which have had little or nothing done to them for 60 years, are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it is expected that the work will be completed well before Easter.

A ring of ten since 1698, it still contains three pre-Reformation bells, the sixth, ninth and tenor, and four by Rudhall of 1697/8.

On taking the headstock off the eighth (a Mears of 1810), the bell was found to be cracked in the crown and has been recast at Whitechapel. The new bell, the gift of a friend who desires to remain anonymous, was dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford at choral evensong on February 16th and later was lifted to its position in the tower.

The opportunity has been taken to verify the legendary weight of 41 cwt. of the tenor. Those whose business or interest it is to take note of such details may like to know that the stripped weight is a few pounds under 34 cwt.

The work has been made possible by the response made to the Dean's appeal for subscriptions, and in particular by a generous donation from the Friends of the Cathedral.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District's Annual Social

The Southern District of the Coventry Guild held their annual social at Harbury on February 7th, with Southam and Ladbroke bells available in the afternoon. The service was held at Harbury and taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Haitchenson, his address being very appropriate for such a meeting. About 30 ringers and friends sat down to a grand tea provided by ladies of the village.

Further ringing took place after tea in a variety of methods. Apologies were read from Mr. Burt, of Leamington, and also from the Tysoe tower for non-attendance.

The young band who rang their first peal at Hatton were congratulated and thanks extended to the Vicar and all who helped to make the tea and social such a glorious success.

With the aid of Mr. Holder at the piano, games and dancing went with a swing. Community hymn singing was also enjoyed with Mr. Holden (organist and ringer at Ladbroke) at the piano.

Great pleasure was accorded by the presence of some members of the Banbury District and also the old band of Harbury ringers. A collection was made to defray expenses and after these were deducted it was found that a little over £1 would be available for the Flood Distress Fund.

R. J. E.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Secretary for 20 Years Resigns

The annual meeting of the Rutland Branch was held at Uppingham on February 14th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Woodward, and this was followed by tea in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. Scott (Market Overton); secretary, Mr. E. E. Gibson (Market Overton); Guild committee, Messrs. Stevens, Green and Tibbutt; Branch committee, Messrs. E. A. Stevens, H. Ward and R. Scott.

The accounts showed a balance of £6 15s. Although there is a revival of interest in the Branch, an all-out effort is going to be made to get all ringers from every tower in the Branch to become members.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. S. Towell, who resigned from the position of secretary after 20 years.

E. E. G.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT SPERRING

It was with great regret that his many friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild heard of the death of Mr. Robert Sperring, which took place on February 6th. For many years he was one of the foremost conductors in the Exercise and had rung 592 peals, most of which he had conducted.

Mr. Sperring was a native of Farndon, Cheshire, and it was here that he learned to ring. About 60 years ago he moved to Chester and attached himself to the band at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, where the bells had just been rehung with the addition of two trebles. Here Archdeacon Barber, founder and first Master of the Chester Guild, was rector, and Mr. Sperring could tell many stories of this forceful gentleman who so effectively directed its affairs. But it was to his native heath that 'Bob' went to ring and call his first peal, one of Grandsire Doubles, at Holt, which is separated from Farndon only by the River Dee. This was in 1902.

It was soon apparent that his skill as a ringer and conductor was very much beyond the ordinary and later he took part in many notable performances. He conducted the first peal of Holt's Original in the district in 1904 and called the first peal of Stedman Triples in Chester in 1906. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal for the North Wales Association at St. Giles', Wrexham, in 1909. His greatest achievement, however, was 17,280 Kent Major at St. Chad's Over, on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours. This he conducted from the treble. In 1938 he rang his 500th peal for the Chester Guild at Farndon, and became the first to reach that total.

Mr. Sperring's ringing career virtually came to an end in 1939. After the war the doctor advised him to give it up and very reluctantly he followed this advice and resigned his position as captain at St. Mary's. But he continued to attend meetings, where he was warmly welcomed, and occasionally rang in short touches. He was a life member of the Chester Guild and for 12 years held office as secretary of the Chester Branch. He also represented the Guild at the Central Council meetings on several occasions.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church and many who had known and admired his outstanding skill were present to pay their last respects. The Rev. J. Kingdon, secretary of the Guild, took the service, which was choral, and the bells with which he had been so long associated were rung half-muffled. Peals were rung to his memory at Farndon and at St. Mary's. 'Bob' Sperring will long be remembered by all those who knew him, and especially by the older members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. J. W. C.

EX-SERVICEMAN'S APPRECIATION

It was with profound regret that I heard of the passing of Robert Sperring, of Chester. Especially do I remember the welcome he gave to me as a young soldier stationed at Chester during the late war.

I know I always looked forward to service ringing and practice night at Old St. Mary's so that I could see the quick movements and hear the good advice from this marvellous little man. I am sure that I speak for many ex-Servicemen when I say that the memory of Bob Sperring will always be in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

JOSEPH THORNLEY.

Farnworth.

MR. FREDERICK RICHARDSON

Mr. Frederick Richardson died on Thursday, February 19th, at Milton Hospital, after a long illness. Fred learned to ring in Oxfordshire with his old friend, Mr. Joe Hawkins, a past Master of the College Youths. Later, on coming to London, he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and London County Association. He came to Chatham about 1914 and started ringing after the 1914-18 war until 1925.

I first met him about 1938, when I came here to reside in this district. The last time we met was in 1943, when the ban was lifted. Through some of his ringing pals he became a member of Rochester Cathedral and Chatham bands. Fred's peals totalled over 100. He never kept any account of them but they ranged from Minor to Royal, including Superlative Surprise Major. He also was one of the few to conduct Double Norwich in this district. His last 22 peals for the Kent County were mostly conducted by myself.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on Saturday, and a wreath sent on behalf of the Chatham ringers.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members attended the January meeting at St. Mary's Church, Beverley. This fine ring of ten was kept going in standard methods during the afternoon, learners getting a pull on the front six.

The Rev. G. Storer, R.D., conducted the service and gave a short address. The Rev. A. E. Keyes was at the organ, with the Vicar (Canon Tardrew) acting as prompter to ensure continuation of the 150th Psalm after the course on the handbells.

The tea and business meeting were held in the King's Head Hotel, presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers. Votes of thanks were accorded the three clergymen for their combined efforts with the local ringers to make the meeting successful and enjoyable. Canon Tardrew replied with some witty remarks on wandering clergy and wandering ringers and an honest appreciation of the ringing he had heard during the afternoon.

Further ringing took place in the evening but this was brought to a sudden close when fog blanketed the town and stopped the bus services. Most of the members managed to get home that night but a few had to wait till Sunday.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Henley-in-Arden, Saturday, March 7th. 3 p.m. Wootton Wawen in the evening. Names for tea to Miss H. Purkiss, 61, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby. 2213

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, Saturday, March 7th. 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; ringers please bring own food. Notify, by Thursday, March 5th, Dennis R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 2207

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By meeting, Barham (St. Laurence not available), Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Numbers for tea, together with cash, please, to me not later than Monday, March 2nd. Elham bells available after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20 Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, 2153

LADIES' GUILD (North West District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, March 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 4th, to Mrs. M. White, 48, Cliffe Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Frances M. Laffin, H. E. Taylor. 2144

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Guildford, March 7th. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 p.m., and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea. Y.W.C.A. Club. 5. Names by March 4th to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 2168

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Bedworth on March 7th. Bells (8) at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd.—Audrey A. Timms, 32, Redesdale Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 2189

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lancaster Priory (8) on March 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to me.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 28, Cromwell Road, Lancaster. 2192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2212

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Aylestone (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston. 2187

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names, by March 5th, to Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose.—J. H. Cook. 2206

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Wolstanton, Saturday, March 7th. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. G. E. Kettle, 1, Albert Terrace, Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting after tea.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. 2174

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2209

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, March 7th. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday previous.—E. Orland, 11, High Street, Buckby, Rugby. 2179

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Hilperton, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slaford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 2191

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Martin March 7th. Bells (6) 2.15, also Damerham (6) in evening. Tea at Martin for those who send names, by March 4th, to C. J. Kimber, Tidpit, Martin, Fordingbridge. 2180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell (8), Saturday, March 7th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas 5 p.m., light or substantial, at cafe close by. Come and enjoy these rehung bells. 2146

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual Henry Johnson Dinner, March 7th. Ringing arrangements: Friday, March 6th, Erdington Abbey (8) 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m.; Saturday, March 7th. St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 2.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.15 p.m.; Aston (12) 3.30 p.m. 2204

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), Saturday, March 7th. 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by March 4th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2198

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2145

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow, March 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Vicar's Clubroom 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2210

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—Dedication of rehung ring of five (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided. North Notts meeting afterwards.

Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1.3.15 and 4.45 p.m. Lincolnshire bus at 3 p.m. from East Retford Church.—H. Denman. 2193

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Small Parish Hall. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 2194

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting, Feering (8), March 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to J. C. Newman, London Road, Feering, Colchester. 2188

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me by March 10th.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 2184

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Cottage Pantry. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, before March 10th. All welcome.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Tel. 3244. 2202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Tenterden, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2199

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 2205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting, Reading, March 14th, 3 p.m., meeting place later. Also preliminary notice of Canon Coleridge Memorial Service, Christ Church, Oxford, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 2203

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea, by Saturday, March 7th, to Mr. D. Gibbons, Lyndene, Upper High Street, Harpole.—F. W. Hancock. 2196

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, near Wolverhampton, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than March 11th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 2185

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea, by March 7th, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 2197

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 14th, at Walton-on-Thames. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 5 p.m. Oatlands Park (8) also available after meeting. Names for tea, by March 13th, to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2197

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held on Easter Monday at Gloucester. Details later.—Frank Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 2190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Canterbury, Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 2214

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner will be held at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Further arrangements will be announced later.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2208

QUARTER PEALS

MARGATE, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. L. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Dalby Reeve, hon. member of the K.C.A., on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

NEWINGTON, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Miss J. A. Chennour (first quarter) 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, E. J. Walker 3, G. F. Gray 4, M. J. Martin 5, Miss R. A. Longhurst 6. First quarter in more than five methods for 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to the finger of the 5th.

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, A. Mary Carpenter 2, Glenys R. Bodycote (first of Grandsire) 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, Winifred M. Burton 5, T. Bolingbroke 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. Norman 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Jelley 1, A. Mary Carpenter 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, E. J. Jelley 4, S. Cox 5, H. Kilby 6, Winifred M. Burton (cond.) 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. Rung for the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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