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ONE-MAN-BANDS

EVER seen a One-man-band? How often have we heard that question put forward whenever a few men are gathered together in a festive mood, then someone expresses the opinion there is no such thing, whereupon another falls for it and proceeds to demonstrate to the amusement of the onlookers? Yet, has the One-man-band disappeared? Perhaps it has as far as the drums, pipes and cymbals are concerned, yet as regards ringing it is a bogey that is still with us.

Yes, most of us know of one or more of these One-man-band towers where the Leader, Captain of Ringers, Bell Major or whatever you care to call him, knows a little bit, can call one touch and will not let anyone else have a say. As far as his own vicar and locals are concerned, he is the 'cat's whisker.' What he does not know about bells and ringing is not worth knowing. He will not visit other towers nor does he encourage his ringers to visit them—they might find out he is not so good as he makes out, and woe betide the visitor who wants to take over the calling. Occasionally he may be lucky and allowed to call, so off he goes full of vim, makes a call and ere he knows what has happened the O.M.B. has called 'Stand' and informed him, 'There is no bob there.' Of course it is a good job he called 'Stand' because the chances are that neither he nor the rest of his company would have made the 'bob' anyway, so instead of showing his incapability he has let his own people see he knows his stuff. Yes, we know he is a regular attender and in his own way conscientious, but these qualities do not make a leader.

Occasionally members of his company discover his weakness and go elsewhere to ring, so in course of time O.M.B. is truly a One-man-band, his pupils do not stick it and his vicar bemoans the fact that they cannot get ringers. It's no use putting the blame on O.M.B. He is a grand chap. Perhaps he is, but if he is not capable of instructing and will not sink his pride sufficiently to allow his youngsters a bit of rope, he is a drag on the wheel. It is a pity there are these types of men and there is not much you can do about it, or is there?

J. P. F.

AMATEURS AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

By F. C. CHAMPION

WHEN I read 'The Ringing World' week by week I am greatly impressed by the high tone of its articles and letters, and especially by its leading article. No one has done more, I am sure, to emphasise the fact that the bell-ringer of to-day is essentially a church worker and, may I add, to stress the spiritual significance of bell-ringing. Bell-ringing to-day is a wonderful fellowship. There is a welcome to all and sundry who ascend a tower on practice night or at service ringing. The same cannot, of course, be said of church cleaners and such like who switch off electric lights in the midst of a peal!

There is, however, a wonder in my mind about a band of ringers in an isolated and remote village. I have in mind a band of ringers at, say, Slocome-on-the-Moor. It is one of those places that lies off the beaten track and is the dickens to find. You ask the road man to direct you, and ten to one he is stone deaf and answers all your enquiries with 'Oh' and 'Ah.' True, eventually you find it by seeing its heavenward-pointing spire amid the trees, and a rectory like a bishop's palace with six acres of garden, not so heavenward for the rector and his wife, but, nevertheless, we invariably find a good and faithful band of ringers who Sunday by Sunday and on New Year's Eve and Christmas, etc., send out across the countryside their strains of bell music.

I sometimes wonder whether these extra-rural bands get the welcome they deserve at our association gatherings. I wonder whether the more efficient bands, who indulge in touches of more elaborate methods, welcome our ringers from Slocome, whose greatest attainments are Queen's, call changes or at most a bit of Grandsire. I may be wrong. I hope I am. But I should like to feel that they get a chance of a bit of a pull on these occasions. It would, I feel sure, give them a sense of belonging to something outside their village and create a real sense of fellowship with other ringers. In any case, I should hate to hear them remark to one another as they journey home in the local bus, after such a meeting, 'I don't reckon they wants the like o' we.'

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. Treble	*PATRICK PAGE 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	*RONALD N. MARLOW 7
REGINALD W. REX 3	RICHARD M. CURRIE 8
JOHN H. GILBERT 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER 9
NELIA M. LEAHY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 24.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
*JEAN M. HARRIS 3	GEORGE W. PIPE 8
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE 4	FRANK L. HARRIS 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

A 78th birthday compliment to George E. Symonds.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 6
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	JOHN HILL 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 3	JOHN S. MASON 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
†RAYMOND G. BURTON 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 48 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Treble	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 6
*JANET S. BAILEY 2	*JOHN D. ROCK 7
*ROBERT G. LAY 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE 9
THOMAS J. LOCK 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT 2	JOHN LLOYD 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KENT.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. W. A. Cook and Miss M. K. Hunt, daughter of the Ringing Master of this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. Treble	*GEOFFREY HARPER 5
*GLYN F. JENKINS 2	R. JAMES COOK 6
PETER NEWING 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
*JOHN H. SMART 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 13, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY BARNES .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE 5
FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 6
SAM SCATTERGOOD 3	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 2	RONALD D. EDGE 6
*JOHN R. G. SPICER 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt. in C.

S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	BARRY CORBISHLEY 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
JOHN HILL 4	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

*DIANA M. MATTHEW .. Treble	CHARLES W. BEECROFT 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	LLEWELLYN ALLUM 6
WALTER W. MILLER 3	ALBERT E. WHITING 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Francis Laflin, of Stockport.



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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,536 changes of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX .. 5
*BRYAN F. SIMS .. 2	†BRYAN PATTISON .. 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 7
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Treble Bob.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. 6
DILLYS I. HULBERT .. 3	L. JOHN EVANS .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* 100th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh to Rhyll in the course of the Coronation tour of Wales.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. Treble	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER .. 2	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 6
*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 7
BRIAN BUSWELL .. 4	†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

MRS. C. A. EELE .. Treble	CHARLES A. EELE .. 5
CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. 2	LAURIE HALL .. 6
RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 4	FREDERICK HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	*NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of spliced in four methods.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	GEORGE W. CECIL .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	*GEORGE JENNINGS .. 7
*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal of Surprise.

DARESBUY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

BETTY GRIFFITHS .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
HAROLD WORRALL .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
*FRED JACKSON .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GERALD D. BOWEN .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
*JOHN N. DISERENS .. 4	DAVID BEACHAM .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.

* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

Birthday compliments to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
DENIS MADDOCK .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
FRED JACKSON .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 4	CECIL RADDON .. Tenor

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN FREEMAN .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 6
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 3	H. LESLIE PASK .. 7
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method for the Guild and by all except the conductor.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Philip Michael Freeman to Sheila Mary Bellamy, which took place at Lincoln earlier in the day.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH .. Treble	HERBERT COLCOMBE .. 5
JAMES F. DODSON .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
ROLAND W. MORANT .. 3	*MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 7
E. JOHN WELLS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' The conductor's 25th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in that capacity.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In twelve methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
BASIL JONES .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3	ALAN A. POTTS .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed).

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. Treble	JEAN POWELL 5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE 6
GEORGE FRANCIS 3	ROBERT E. COLES 7
J. ARTHUR HOARE 4	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Bert Weaver, 60 years a ringer and 40 years steeple keeper at St. Augustine's. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	PERCY MASSAM 6
JOSHUA WORMALD 3	HAROLD L. JONES 7
GEORGE WARD 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

Rung in honour of G. W. Steel, completing 60 years as a ringer at the above church.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

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

LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 6
C. RONALD SMITH .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
*DAVID H. KINGSTON .. 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung, with the best wishes of the band, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler, of Colchester, and Mr. G. W. Moss, of Mistley.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., July 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 WICKEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble	KENNETH A. ROE 5
GEORGE E. GREEN 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal to be rung in this method.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN MARTIN .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN R. SMITH 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	RICHARD A. GRANT 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th on the birth of a grand-daughter.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	DAVID M. LEES 5
*HAROLD WHITE 2	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
RODERICK J. LEES 4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Major. Mr. R. J. Lees has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SHALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
T. MARK WHITE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. 7
JACK R. WORRALL 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

The first peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
DEREK J. TRANTER 2	ARTHUR H. HINGLEY .. 6
KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 7
SAMUEL BIRCH 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Anne Worthington, of Bloxwich, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Also as a compliment to Timothy Holden, son of the treble ringer, on his third birthday.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY .. Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 3	*DENNIS COOPER 7
DOUGLAS ROOKE 4	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Sunday School Festival.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
JOHN WALDEN .. Treble	JOHN CRAGG 5
ARCHIE T. LOWMAN .. 2	*LESLIE SQUIRES 6
*GEOFFREY PAUL 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 4	HARRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Philip Michael Freeman to Miss Sheila Mary Bellamy, which took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Lincoln, on July 11th.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.	
HORACE BENNETT .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 5
JOHN G. AMES 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7
*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 4	GEORGE COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to welcome home Maurice Bennett from H.M. Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Kent and Oxford Double Bob, two 720's of St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL COUSINS Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
EDWARD GREENACRE 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
TOM GREENACRE 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In nine methods, being three different extents each of: (1) Grandshire and Chase, (2) Grandshire and Union, (3) Plain Bob and St. Martin's, (4) Plain Bob and St. Simon's, (5) Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, (6) Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, (7) St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury, (8) Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, (9) Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, (10) St. Martin's and St. Simon's, (11) Plain Bob and Winchendon Place, (12) Plain Bob, St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, (13) Plain Bob, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas, (14) Plain Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas and St. Simon's. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MONICA HOWARD Treble	BRIAN L. TAYLOR 3
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	MICHAEL HATCHET 4

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First of Spiced Doubles for all, on the bells and for the Guild.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four different extents and one 2,160. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Iris Rowley.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

E. THOMAS Treble	C. H. HAWKINS 4
L. HURREN 2	E. PARMENTER 5
S. V. REES 3	D. BALLANTINE Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS. H. HAWKINS.

Rung for the occasion of H.R.H. the Queen's visit to Llanelly.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

REG RIPPINGALE .. Treble	SAM J. TWITCHETT .. 4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	TOM BIRD .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

COBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

ROLAND W. MORANT .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS .. 4
*W. ERNEST MATTHEWS .. 2	ROY COLLINS .. 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor.



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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 720's of London, and five 720's of Cambridge.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK HARPER Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 3	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
ALBERT SAUNDERS Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 4
ALAN SYDER 2	TERRY EARLE 5
JOHN WARNER 3	STANLEY BONES Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

First peal of Oxford Minor by all except ringer of treble.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Turben (25 years secretary of P.C.C.).

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
WILLIAM S. MAY Treble	*PETER J. CAME 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST 5
HERMON J. OLIVER 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* 25th peal together.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).	Tenor 9 cwt.
*DEREK G. CLARKE Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE 4
LESLIE D. YOUNG 2	WILLIAM A. KITSON 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3	VICTOR G. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

* First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	C. WILLIAM NUTT 4
*JAMES WARD 2	FREDERICK MERRICK 5
†ROLAND E. LEWIS 3	†CLIVE M. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob. ‡ 25th peal this year. First peal in the method on the bells since being rehung.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.
WALTER G. SOAR Treble	WM. GEOFFREY HAIR 4
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
AUDREY S. NOBLE 3	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. F. Woodward, of Nether-sdale.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 12 lb.
*DAVID M. LEES Treble	WILLIAM DAVIS 4
*W. GEORGE PAGE 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER 5
SAMUEL BIRCH 3	†HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. † 200th peal together.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*DONALD V. ROBINSON .. Treble	PETER J. CAME 4
RICHARD I. GARDINER .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	HARRY STEBBINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
ERIC N. HARRISON Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
KENNETH ARTHUR 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
*EDMUND P. CROWDY 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a compliment to mother of the ringer of the 4th for her 90th birthday.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.
*BARRY HENDREY Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS 4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 3	BRYAN S. COPE Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	JOHN BAGNALL 4
JAMES E. BURLS 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	*F. T. F. POSTLETHWAITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods. 25th peal for tenor ringer.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.
*BARRY W. BARTON Treble	PERCY AMOS 4
MALCOLM R. TOMALIN .. 2	*JUNE HILL 5
*GEORGE F. ROOME 3	VICTOR A. PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JUNE HILL (age 13 years).

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Mr. Marchant, to the parish.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Withburga,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.
 TOM GREENACRE Treble | TONY OWEN 4
 EDWARD GREENACRE 2 | WILLIAM ROSE 5
 VINCENT R. OVENS 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Lady Anne Coke, a train-bearer to Queen Elizabeth II. at her Coronation.

HANDBELL PEALS**WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.****THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., May 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At 53, LEYS ROAD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6
 JOHN KING 3—4 | *BRYAN PATTISON 7—8

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

*First handbell peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At TRENTWOOD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1—2 | JACK BRAY 5—6
 FRANK LORD 3—4 | PHILIP BARNES 7—8

*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal of Royal.

Rung for the christening of Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., July 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
At 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double, Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor size 17 in A.

*HOWARD SCOTT 1—2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4
 *W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5—6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

*First handbell peal in seven methods.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., July 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
In the Tower of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one six-scores of Stedman, 37 of Grandsire (10 different callings) and four of Plain Bob (4 different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART 1—2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY 3—4
 *WILLIAM HALL 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

*First peal in three methods 'in hand.'

Rung in memoriam R. W. Adamson.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,*

A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9—10

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Sheila M. Bellamy and the Rev. Michael Freeman.

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Mr. John R. Ketteringham, of Alford, Lincs., who has spent nine months in St. Albans, writes expressing his appreciation to the ringers of St. Peter's, St. Albans, for helping him on eight and ten bells, and also to the ringers of the St. Albans District for their friendliness and encouragement.

The peal on the bells of St. Thomas's, Rhyl, rung on July 10th, on the occasion of the Queen's Coronation tour of Wales, is understood to be the first peal on the bells for over 20 years. It was completed just before Her Majesty reached the church and the bells were 'fired' and rung in Queens as she passed. Several members of the band were afterwards kindly entertained to lunch by Mr. L. J. Evans.

Mr. George E. Symonds celebrated his 78th birthday by standing in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh.

Miss June Hill has conducted her first peal at Cold Higham, Northants, at the age of 13. It was her first peal of Minor.

Mr. F. Warrington, who, during the Coronation festivities, visited 12 towers and rang over 29,000 changes, has been forbidden to ring for the next few weeks by his doctor. He is attending hospital.

There are two vacancies in the week's tour in Devonshire commencing August 15th when some 30 towers will be visited by Mid-Essex ringers. Ringing will be confined to touches. Application should be made at once to Mr. A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham.

East Anglian peal ringers have noted that Mr. Garnham G. A. Blaxcell has now a new bicycle. Hopes are entertained that this 62-year-old veteran will now be able to cover a wider radius than the 30 miles from home limit imposed by the mechanical imperfections of his previous 'iron steed.'

Mr. Bryan Pattison, who had not previously rung a peal of Treble Bob, gave a fine performance at Maulden, Beds, by ringing the sixth to a peal of three spliced Surprise methods. The peal is believed to be the first of three spliced by a resident band of the Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Queen's School, Chester, can muster a band of eight ringers. When the 75th commemoration service of the school was held in Chester Cathedral on July 18th, the band rang rounds, queens and call changes on the front six bells of the Cathedral ten. We look forward to hearing more of their progress from Queen's School.

A similar story of school ringing comes from Hitchin, where five scholars of the Grammar Schools, assisted by three members of the local band, rang for the Schools' Founder's Day service at St. Mary's Church on July 20th. The bells have not been rung for this service for several years, and it is believed this is the first occasion on which members of the schools have taken part in the ringing. It is hoped it may become a recognised feature of future Founder's Day services.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who was responsible for the augmentation of St. Michael's, Southampton, bells into ten, is the first ringer to 'circle the tower' to a peal.

It is hoped to hear the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough, over the air when the service is broadcast at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd.

The excellent ten at Stratford-on-Avon was used for some good music when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on July 18th. This was in honour of the marriage of Mr. 'Jack' Hunt's daughter and was rung immediately after the ceremony. 'Jack' is the genial and popular Ringing Master of Holy Trinity, which possesses a competent local band. The peal band (all Worcestershire Association members) together with the local ringers and friends, were hospitably entertained at the conclusion of the peal.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Legacy of £500 from Former Master

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival at Christ Church, Oxford on July 18th was an outstanding success. Over 140 members and friends attended the service in the Cathedral which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). The address was given by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester. As in recent years the Deputy Master organised a choir for the service.

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair. He was supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

The Master, in his report, regretted that the Bradfield Deanery Branch had lapsed, perhaps temporarily, and he trusted that the fine work of Mr. F. Haines would not be forgotten. This branch was one of the five first branches of the Guild to be formed, in the early 1880's, the other four being the Newbury, Reading, Sonning Deanery and East Berks and Souths Bucks Branches.

The secretary's report mentioned that the Guild was still in a very healthy position with the Branch secretaries taking the real hard work of the Guild, but they must also be very thankful for the excellent enthusiasm shown by the Master, Deputy Master, treasurer and librarian. The Guild was once again reminded of one of their late Masters by the death of Mrs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and was indeed grateful for a wonderful legacy of £500. 'Members may be sure that our treasurer will use this money in the most advantageous way possible and the Guild generally will ever be proud of the names of the Rev. C. W. O. and Mrs. Jenkyn.'

The treasurer's report stated that the General Funds of the Guild amounted to £598 0s. 6d., of which £408 8s. 6d. was in the Restoration Fund and £73 5s. 10d. in the Coleridge Memorial Fund. Grants were paid in 1951 to Fulmer and Lewknor and in 1952 to Hughenden, Radley and Stoke Goldington.

The reports and accounts were accepted by the meeting as printed.

The following officers were elected:—Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; librarian, Miss M. R. Cross; general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert. To fill vacancies on the 12 elected members of the committee, Mr. Brian Hall and Mr. Philip Walker were elected.

Upon the recommendation of the General Committee, Oxford was selected as the place for the 1954 Festival. Grants from the Restoration Fund were £21 to Duns Tew and £5 to Cassington.

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

There was a very useful discussion on suggestions put forward as to ways and means of attracting more members to attend the annual meeting. It was proposed by the Rev. C. Sherwood that the Cathedral Authorities be approached in good time to hold the meeting on the second Saturday in July and to hold the meeting in the dining hall after the luncheon.

Five names were nominated for the Guild's representatives on the Central Council and the following were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock and Mr. F. W. Boreham, after very close voting.

Mr. T. J. Fowler made a very moving and eloquent appeal for the restoration of Boyne Hill bells to be carried out shortly in memory of the late Mr. George Martin, who was a good conductor and ringer on eight bells and a man of very sterling character. The Master and Secretary also spoke with affection of Mr. George Martin.

The meeting confirmed the election of 226 new members.

THE LUNCHEON

Some 120 members and friends sat down to luncheon in the beautiful dining hall of Christ Church. Visitors were present from Cornwall, Derbyshire, Cheshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and London.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and organist of Christ Church (Dr. Armstrong), who year after year helped the Guild to have such a happy day.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed the health of the visitors and this was very sincerely and aptly replied to by Mr. A. Hibbert, of Cheshire.

Ringing was plentiful and varied in the afternoon and evening, eleven colleges and towers being available with from six to twelve bells.

STOCKTON BELLS RECAST

A Ten with 21-cwt. Tenor

It may be of interest to note that the restoration of the tower and bells at Stockton completes the restoration of the Parish Church commenced some ten years ago. The total cost has been £33,000 approximately, of which about £1,000 remains to be raised.

The original ring of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt.) had fallen into a very poor state of repair and, similarly, the tower had become unsafe.

Prior to the beginning of this century there was a light ring of six at Stockton to which four tenors were added, during the 1890's, in a somewhat flimsy wooden frame in a separate tier. Subsequently the whole structure had caused serious cracking within the tower and drastic measures were called for.

Expert advice was sought on the matter and it was agreed to recast the ten bells (which were badly out of tune—the four tenors being a poor splice with the old six) with a tenor approximately 21 cwt. and rehung in a cast iron frame considerably lower down in the tower and on one level.

Most of the old band of ringers have passed on and of the one or two left none are active ringers now, so we are faced with the task of raising a new band from scratch. If any enthusiasts are considering coming to live or work on Tees-side we shall be only too pleased to hear from them, writes Mr. E. Peter Rock, of 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Long Ashton

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on July 18th. Some good ringing on this fine octave (tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.) preceded the Association form of service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knapman). Miss Ruth Knight was the organist.

After tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting. It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the October quarterly meeting would be held at Yatton (on the second Saturday instead of the usual third), with practice meetings for August and September at Clapton-in-Gordano and Nempnett Thrubwell respectively. The bi-annual Corporate Communion was provisionally fixed for Nailsea on October 25th, with Wrington as an alternative.

Ringers from Abbots Leigh, Bath, Bristol, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wrington and Yatton 'signed the book' and others arrived afterwards, including some from Bristol and Swindon who had come along after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandire and Stedman Triples to Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Congratulations to Sir Theodore Pritchett

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at King's Norton on July 11th.

The Parish Church of St. Nicolas stands on a high eminence, and its very graceful Perpendicular tower with crocketed spire is a landmark for miles around. The church and village green stand away from the main road, and retain, to a large extent, their old-world appearance, so that it is difficult to realise that one is only 3½ miles from the centre of a great city.

The bells are a very pleasant ring of ten, the two trebles being installed in 1927, the gift of Mr. Frank B. Yates, who was a churchwarden for several years and an enthusiastic ringer at King's Norton.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Ashford, who also gave an inspiring address, in the course of which he urged those present not to neglect their duty to attend some of the services to which they called others.

An excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed at the Saracen's Head, a famous 14th century half-timbered hostelry, which, some years ago, was completely restored and given to the Parish Church by the brewery company, to be used as a parish room and verger's house.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, commenced the business meeting by giving a word of welcome to Mr. Frank Stenson and his wife, who had made a special journey from Crewe to attend that meeting, and also to Mr. Harry Parkes, of Kent.

The following full members were elected: Miss M. Fellows (Erdington), Miss M. Wastell (Handsworth) and Mr. P. Willis (Coleshill), and the tower elections of the following life-members were duly ratified: Mr. G. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), Mr. Dennis Beresford (Lichfield), Mr. A. R. Ling and Mr. F. J. Matthews (London). The two last-named ringers were proposed as members prior to the commencement of a peal at Shoreditch by a band composed of six College Youths and six Cumberlands.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton Coldfield on October 3rd.

Congratulations were extended by the chairman to a very esteemed member of the Guild, Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., upon the honour recently conferred upon him by the granting of a knighthood by the Queen. The Pritchett family had been resident in King's Norton for many years, one John Suckling Pritchett was bailiff of the ancient Manor Court from 1845 until 1876, and his namesake was for many years Presiding Ringing Master of this Guild.

The Master was pleased to announce that an order had been placed with the Whitechapel foundry for a flat sixth bell to make a light eight at St. Martin's. It is hoped that this may serve as an inducement to young ringers from the eight-bell towers in the diocese to attend the practices on Tuesday evenings, where there is invariably a band of good ringers ready to help them.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to Mr. and Mrs. Blake for arranging a very nice meal.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. W. CARTMEL

By the death of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, on July 17th, the Hertford County Association lost not only one of its oldest members, but one who had given very faithful service for a great many years. He underwent a major operation early in June, from which he recovered, but his heart was unable to bear the strain at his age of 87 years.

He joined the Association as a member of St. Alban's Cathedral Society in 1884, and in 1890 became assistant secretary, taking over from Mr. E. P. Debenham the office of hon. secretary in 1904. He held this office until his retirement in 1946. He was also elected president in 1928-29 and retained his interest in the Association until the end of his days.

Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal at St. Alban's Abbey in August, 1885, and his first on handbells in April, 1886. His first peal as conductor was also on handbells at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard. This was Holt's Original from 1-2. He afterwards called this composition from every pair of bells and was the first to do so.

Mr. Cartmel joined the College Youths in 1885, and in 1889 he was appointed conductor of St. Alban's Cathedral Society, an office he held for five years, resigning after a prolonged illness. Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for a few years, during which he took up church work in other directions and was for a long period a Sunday School teacher and afterwards the leader of a Bible Class for men. He was a lay reader in the diocese and a prominent temperance worker.

The association will always remember him for his annual reports, which never failed to contain a Christian message.

MR. HARRY MILLER

The sudden passing of Mr. Harry Miller in the belfry of Christ Church, Southgate, on Thursday, July 16th, from heart failure, was briefly recorded with regret in our last issue.

Mr. Miller, who was 70 years of age, was the last of three brothers who learnt to ring at the latter end of the last century. He rang his first peal (Bob Major) in January, 1900, and his last peal (Stedman Caters) in July, 1950. Mr. Miller had a long list of peals to his credit, ranging from Grandire to London Surprise, and took part in the first peal of Southgate Surprise in 1907, then known as the Rochester Variation of Superlative.

He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations. Our sympathy goes to his widow, two sons and two daughters. S. W.

MR. JACK RANCE

The passing of Mr. Jack Rance in St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, on July 17th, is deeply regretted in the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

He began his ringing well over 40 years ago, but, despite a busy business life, he always found time to attend his own tower at Binfield for practice and service ringing, and was regular at meetings of his Guild. When illness overtook him he was greatly missed in his tower, but his interest never flagged. He leaves a widow, also a son and daughter-in-law who are both ringers, to mourn their loss.

Six of his oldest friends met on the day of the funeral at Binfield and rang a quarter-peal of Doubles (half-muffled), consisting of 420 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob and 480 Grandire. They were J. White 1, W. J. Paice (conductor) 2, W. J. Brooks 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. H. J. Parker 5, F. Tomlinson 6. Before the ringing the Rector came and spoke a few words of appreciation of an old friend.—W. J. B.

MR. HERBERT A. HOLDEN

The death took place at Bexley, Kent, on July 18th of Mr. Herbert A. Holden, at the age of 69 years. He was a native of Chiddingfold, Surrey, where he learned to ring. An excellent striker and a safe ringer, he rang his first peal there under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling.

About 40 years ago he became Parish Clerk and Sexton at Meopham, Kent, and did much ringing at various towers in that neighbourhood. Removing to Erith during the 1914-18 war, he joined the band at the Parish Church and later was in charge of the band at Christ Church, Erith.

He left Erith on his appointment as Parish Clerk at Bexley in 1932. Here there was an old ring of six by Thomas Jannaway, which had been derelict for more than 50 years, and through his efforts these were restored and augmented to eight in 1938. Starting from scratch, he raised a very proficient and enthusiastic band of young ringers.

Some five years ago a serious illness, from which he never fully recovered, caused him to give up active ringing, but his interest remained until the end.

The funeral took place at Bexley on July 22nd. The total number of peals he rang are not known, but they were approximately 200 in all the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled to 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. The ringers were Miss M. Andrews (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Ward (first quarter on a working bell) 2, A. Williams 3, J. Eden 4, J. Bailey 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Twickenham a Popular Meeting

The meeting of the South and West District on July 18th was held at Twickenham amid the cracking and booming of thunder, frequent vivid flashes of lightning and showers of torrential rain. But this deterred not the visitors, who altogether numbered over 45. Local towers represented were Acton, Ealing, Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon and Twickenham, and visiting ringers came from Stoke Poges, Kilburn, East Relford, Hurst, Mitcham, Epsom, Darby Dale, Harrow Weald, together with the vice-president, Mr. Albert W. Coles, of North Mimms. Apologies for absence were received from several officers who were engaged at a prior engagement elsewhere.

The melodious ring of ten at All Hallows' was rung in the afternoon to Grandire and Stedman Caters and Kent and Cambridge Royal. Many of the visitors found time also to inspect the modern church, which contains much in the way of wood carving brought from the old church which stood in Lombard Street in the City of London. The tower was re-erected at Twickenham before the war, the bells following a year or two ago.

The evening ringing at St. Mary's catered for all tastes, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major. The local youngsters attended their first meeting and were given plenty of opportunity to improve their skill.

Tea was very kindly provided by the St. Mary's ringers led by Mr. Jim Lovell, and in view of the very small charge made, the meeting was invited to subscribe towards deficits incurred on teas elsewhere earlier in the year. Thanks to the generosity of those present the secretary can now square his accounts!

The members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Central Council librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and Mr. J. Miller, of Southgate, who had died during the week.

The next meeting was announced to take place at Harlington and Cranford on August 15th.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. G. H. Cross Resigning the Mastership

Attendance was very poor at the summer meeting of the Society at St. Alban's on July 4th, but those who made the effort were amply compensated by the friendly welcome of the local tower captains and the good ringing.

The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided at the business meeting held after tea at the Abbey Institute. An apology for absence was received from Mr. W. Bottrill, of Luton.

The following new members were elected: Miss Anne E. Salter (Denmark Hill), Miss G. R. Lamont (Hanwell), Douglas C. Bartholomew (Rickmansworth), Mrs. S. M. Dobbie (Tonbridge), Mrs. H. M. Massey (Frome), Miss Margaret Winter (Sydney, N.S.W.).

The next meeting will be held at Bromley on September 19th.

The Master mentioned that he had attended the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Radley, of Broxborne, who had been a member of the Cumberlands for many years and had done much good work for the Society. At the College Youths' dinner in November the Master had suggested that a Coronation peal be rung by six members from each society. He was happy to say that this had been successfully accomplished at Shore-ditch, conducted by Mr. F. E. Collins, on the previous Saturday.

Mr. Cross then intimated that he would not seek re-election as Master of the Society at the annual general meeting. He had been Master since 1935, with the exception of one year, and felt that he should now retire.

After expressing his regret at Mr. Cross's decision, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke in appreciation of the Master's work for the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells at St. Peter's, St. Michael's and the Cathedral.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Members and friends of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch were pleased to welcome the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, a former chairman of the Branch, at their monthly meeting which was held at Cromhall. Members were present from Cromhall, Slimbridge, Wotton-under-Edge, Tortworth, Chipping Sodbury, Yate, Wickwar, Dursley, Westerleigh, Thornbury, Pucklechurch, Weston-super-Mare and Mangotsfield.

A service was held in church conducted by the Rev. W. F. Burlton (Vicar) and tea followed in the school. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. A. Peel, and the secretary, Miss D. M. Drew, announced details of the annual outing.

During the evening ringing ranged from Grandire to Spliced Kent and Oxford Minor and Cambridge Minor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, South Wales District, was most successfully held on July 18th at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl. Some 36 ringers, including visitors from Feltham, Evesham and Weston-under-Edge enjoyed the bells, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Roach), who heartily welcomed the Ladies' Guild to Porthcawl. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Roderick and her helpers. These ladies were thanked by Mr. Ryan Price, who felt, however, that the figures of the young ladies from Sketty would surely suffer on account of all the cream cakes they had eaten!

At the business meeting three new members were elected from Sketty and also Miss Mary Drew, from Cromhall, Glos. Bedwely was chosen for the October meeting. J.S.E.

LETTERS

VOTIVE BELLS

Dear Sir, — In reference to the letter on 'Votive Bells' by the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, I suppose the original ring of our bells at Hinton are, in a sense, votive bells. These five bells were cast by Clark and Bushell, of Evesham, in 1705, and the inscription on three of them reads: 'William Clark recast me on the orders of David Warren and in fulfilment of vows.' The inscription is in the form of the following chronogram: 'ME RENOVA VIT G V CLARK I VSS Vb Vs DAVI WARREN ET PRO VOTIS.'—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (REV.)

Hinton-on-the-Green,
Evesham.

A CORDIAL WELCOME AT LLANDUDNO

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from Llandudno, and now reading the letter from A. Burton in 'The Ringing World' dated July 18th, I would like to say that—On Sunday, July 19th, my wife and I (both ringers), together with five other visitors from various places, visited Holy Trinity Church and received a most cordial welcome. We joined in ringing Grandsire and Bob Major, as well as call changes with the learners, before morning service, and returned again in the evening when we rang more call changes with them; so I would like to suggest that perhaps there was some good reason, not disclosed, which caused the 'walk-out' he experienced on Coronation Day.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. CROCKER.

HANDBELL MUSIC WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to obtain copies of handbell music published by the late W. G. Gordon, of Stockport, for tunes using up to 50 bells (three chromatic octaves).

If any readers have copies they might be prepared to sell or loan, I should be grateful if they would kindly communicate with me.

These are required for use with my school handbell team and tunes suitable for 15 or more bells would be very welcome.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

33, Brecklands,
Broom, Rotherham.

TO MR. FRANK BENNETT

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my congratulations to my old friend, Mr. Frank Bennett, on accomplishing his 1,600th peal, also to his band. I have great pleasure in saying that I have had the good fortune to have taken part in a few of them.—Yours truly,

ALBERT J. HUGHES.

Bangor.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
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ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 26th, 1913, in 3 hours and 2 minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,

5,040 CHANGES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

Tenor 24½ cwt.

Ex-Sgt. J. Williams	..	..	Treble
William Poston	..	..	2
Campbell Kings	..	..	3
Harry Kemp	..	..	4
Charles L. Sadler	..	..	5
Arthur S. Boar	..	..	6
Joseph T. Dyke	..	..	7
Arthur Bushnell	..	..	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke

Rung . . . to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law (first in the method) 1. Mary W. Brown 2. Valerie Mepham (first in the method) 3. S. W. Brown 4. H. W. Brown (cond.) 5. E. E. Trusler 6. Also on July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside') 3, Maureen Fellows (first in the method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, J. Sexton 6. Rung for the 27th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A.).

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Mills 1, E. H. Knapp 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, R. Squire 4, D. J. Laker 5, I. Butcher 6, J. H. G. Gardner 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Posnett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. McHugh 2, E. H. Bowley 3, A. Spradbury (first quarter) 4, P. Smith 5, A. Bradshaw (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the 9th anniversary of the Rev. F. W. Pratt's ministry at Birstall.

BLOOMSBURY, W.C.—At St. Giles in the Fields, on July 5th, 1,264 Bob Maor: G. Parsons 1, Miss J. Freer 2, F. Barker 3, D. Woodham 4, S. Howard 5, M. Sindén 6, B. Sullivan 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, Mrs. L. G. Coburn 2, J. Salway 3, P. Davis 4, E. Rowe 5, J. Arbury 6, G. E. Reiter (cond.) 7, C. R. Sandford 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BUCKERELL, NEAR HONITON, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Sparks (first quarter) 1, F. H. Parr 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb 5, R. Broadhurst 6. Rung for morning service and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Parr, a member of the tower.

CHEPSTOW, MONS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. Jones (first 'inside' in method) 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. J. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. Bryant 8.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hovard 1, R. Jarvis 2, I. Harris (cond.) 3, A. Leach 4, W. Clarke 5, R. Hovard 6. First quarter for 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.—At the Church of St. Stephens, on July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tonkin 1, Miss S. Marrington 2, Miss D. Maidment 3, Miss E. Kiernan 4, Mr. Taffender 5, Miss M. Jackson 6, G. Lucas (cond.) 7, J. Rea 8. For the 21st birthday of the ringer of 4.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sidaway (first quarter) 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, J. Griffiths 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, H. Wyre 6, R. Dunn 7, A. Wyre 8. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 10th, at St. Alkmund's Church, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 540 Grandsire, including 1 Morris' 240): Rev. G. W. Hatch (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Foulke (first of Doubles) 2, M. F. Hatch (first in three methods and as cond.) 3, D. Gebbett (first in three methods) 4, G. Barratt (first of Doubles) 5, Miss R. Carr (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six by the Duffield Society.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. M. Page 1, R. Mackerell 2, H. Belcher 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, W. Rawlins 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles.—C. Mason 1, S. Hollis 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Callaway 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to C. Morris and G. H. Denness (conductor's father).

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Miss R. Foreman 2, A. Fudge (first quarter 'inside') 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Smith, father of the ringer of the 4th.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman and 780 Grandsire): Roy Marshall 1, J. Brown 2, Ronald Marshall 3, E. Wilson 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung on the occasion of the engagement of Mr. John Worsley, son of Sir William and Lady Worsley, of Hovingham Hall, to the Hon. Carolyn Hardinge, South Park, Penshurst, Kent. First quarter on the bells since being rehung on ball bearings, the work being carried out by the ringers with the assistance of a local engineer.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Stapleton 1, G. Seth 2, C. Clarke 3, B. F. Sims 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5. Rung for Keysoe Feast.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Steele 1, W. S. Richards 2, P. A. Clifton 3, Marion L. Lidgley 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. Richards 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells since their restoration in 1952. Rung for evening service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. H. Crampton 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. R. Smith 3, R. C. Heazel 4, J. Grove 5, C. A. Hughes 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 8. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampton 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. Bead 3, C. R. Smith 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampton 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. A. Hughes 8. Also on July 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. H. Crampton 1, C. R. Smith 2, C. A. Hughes 3, D. W. Beard 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. H. Crampton (cond.) 6.

LUTTON, Lincs.—On July 17th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. G. Butler 1, J. V. Temple 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, Miss R. M. Barwell 4, P. G. Butler (cond.) 5, P. W. Campling 6. To commemorate the dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Grantham the previous evening.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Old 1, Mrs. G. F. Rooome 2, J. Harrold 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Rooome (cond.) 5, A. E. Sibley 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester to morning service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pamela Willes (16) 1, Angela Willes (16) 2, R. M. Dixon (13) 3, W. J. Hitch 4, M. A. Collings 5, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Price 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis (cond.) 3, D. A. Davis 4, G. Hancock 5, A. Turner 6.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Shire 1, G. W. Walford 2, A. H. Reed 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 5, W. G. Gigg 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): R. Thatcher (first quarter) 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, E. Brown 3, C. Marshall 4, F. Carter 5, A. Jones 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,440 Doubles (360 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and Plain): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5. Rung for the baptism of Nicholas, the son and heir of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, A. A. Livings 5, J. Terry 6. Rung in honour of the patron saint.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. West 1, Miss Y. Drewe (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Warren 3, Miss M. Dowsett 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, P. J. Cane 6.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—At St. Paul's Church, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Meredith 1, J. T. Williams 2, J. Solly 3, J. Edney 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, W. G. Rees 6, Miss T. Burns 7, F. Buttery 8. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to Swansea.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): F. Warrington (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss J. Harding 3, F. W. Lack 4, E. C. Jefferies 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker (first away from tenor) 1, H. J. Wilde 2, H. Meads 3, C. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rt. Rev. A. B. Karney for the 58th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Haynes 1, A. Whittle (cond.) 2, Freda Robinson 3, Joan Smith 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss N. Hales (first of Grandsire 'inside') 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also on July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales (first of Stedman) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, M. Sindén 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, J. Hales 8. Both rung as compliments to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings on their first wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, whose wedding anniversary fell in the previous week.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 600 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, J. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Denrocke 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, J. Chapman 4, P. N. Devenish 5, E. Corfield 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. A 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Major and Mrs. K. E. Hart.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON EXTENSION

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PIVOT BELLS

Application of the foregoing formula and rules will ensure that the treble lead is a correct extension of the parent. It now remains to join the leads of the course together to ensure that the order in which a bell occupies the different positions at the successive lead-heads of the parent is maintained in the extension; e.g. Cambridge Minor—2.6.3.4.5; Major—2.6.7.3.4.8.5; etc. The reasons for this and examples of pivot sequences were given in the 1952 report and need not be repeated here, but further investigation has revealed that satisfactory results are obtained by some additional sequences from Minor to Royal, omitting Major and Maximus; from Minor to Maximus, omitting Major and Royal; and from Major to Maximus, omitting Minor and Royal. The full table of these sequences is given below.

	Extensions from Minor		Extensions from Major			
	Pivot 2nd	Ult	Pivot 2nd	Ult	Pivot 2nd	Ult
Minor	6	3	6	3	6	3
Major	8	3	—	—	—	—
Royal	0	3	6	7	—	—
Maximus	T	3	—	—	7	6
Minor	5	2	5	2	5	2
Major	7	2	—	—	—	—
Royal	9	2	5	6	—	—
Maximus	E	2	—	—	8	7

	Pivot		Pivot		Pivot		Pivot	
	2nd	Ult	2nd	Ult	2nd	Ult	2nd	Ult
Minor	3	4	—	—	3	4	—	—
Major	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maximus	3	0	—	—	9	4	—	—
Minor	4	5	—	—	4	5	—	—
Major	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maximus	4	E	—	—	0	5	—	—

The Committee is aware that the insistence on correct lead-head sequence may cause apparent anomalies. On the other hand, there is evidence that the waiving of these requirements will cause further anomalies. The matter will be kept under review and any adjustments found to be necessary will be reported to the Council.

GENERAL

The adoption of these recommendations will result in so-called border-line extensions being excluded, as indeed would be the case whatever criteria were adopted. It is considered that such a position is preferable to the spate of worthless extensions which would result from a broadening of these recommendations.

In view of the impossibility of regularising the position of incorrect extensions which have been rung in the past, except by wholesale renaming, the Committee proposes that these recommendations become operative in respect of any new method extension rung after the date of the adoption of this report and that those previously rung to peals may continue to hold the names under which they were originally rung.

THE DISCUSSION

The president said this matter might be very contentious. He asked members to speak briefly and to the point.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he would divide the report into three parts, one of which was not mentioned. The first was extension, consisting of ten pages. It stated the rejection by the committee of any kind of version and the acceptance only of mathematical true extension based on extension obtained from standard methods over which there was no question.

The committee organised a meeting in London at which anyone interested could attend. They had a full and frank discussion.

He would like to say on behalf of the members of the Methods Committee that there had been certain things said about their work on extension for the past two or three years—sometimes critical. He thought it was only fair to say that it was the Council who asked the committee to do it, and, secondly, they did not want the job, but having been given it, they had done their best with the results before them. He moved the adoption of the report on extension.

Mr. K. Lewis, seconding, said to a lot of people the report would be difficult to understand. Explaining terms, he said the portion in front of the treble was the front sub-section, and that behind the back sub-section; the whole made a section.

Mr. Harold Poole said last year he challenged the report on behalf of two people who had made a study of the subject. They had seen the report and they came away quite happy and thought some good would come out of it.

Mr. A. B. Peck: I should like to be assured that the five members of the committee absolutely understood the report. Frankly, I don't.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: I do (laughter).

Mr. A. D. Barker: Mr. Felstead mentioned the meeting in London. I went along and was bundled out before they started the business.

Mr. Kippin replied that Mr. Barker turned up an hour too soon. The committee had arranged to meet first.

The Hon. Secretary: I arrived a little earlier than expected and I just escaped with my life.

Mr. W. Wilson said he was prepared to provide 300 or 400 roneo copies of the report.

The meeting then voted on the method extension section of the report, which was carried.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said the second subject was irregular methods and this applied to Minor methods alone. They had made an investigation and had found no reason for altering the decision of the Council made some 50 years ago. Suffice it to say, they had found there was nothing in the irregular methods that was not in the regular ones and that in many cases there were definite advantages in the regular methods in the scope of composition. Although they could not point to any particular reason for disallowing them, it was the accumulation of small points. The committee recommended that the present decision be adhered to.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded, for, as a Minor ringer, he said, all his early ringing was on six bells and even now he was still at heart a Minor ringer though he did sometimes venture on higher numbers.

An investigation was made into the question of Minor methods both regular and irregular and it was found that the Plain Bob lead heads and ends were the only set which were common to both seconds place and sixths place methods. For example, most Minor ringers knew that Cambridge and Primrose were identical, row for row, until the handstroke of the treble's full lead and that if one rang a plain course of each one would have rung the same changes but in a different order.

The irregular methods had not this feature and two methods in which the first lead was row for row identical until the treble's handstroke lead would have quite different plain courses—one for the seconds place method and one for the sixths place method. This, he considered, was the most serious defect.

'Now as to types of work. For example, if we divide the work of Treble Bob minor methods into work below and work above the treble we get 36 different works below and 14 different works above, which, when combined together, give a possible 504 methods. Of these, 147 methods have a five lead 'regular' course and 146 methods a five lead 'irregular' course. The remainder are one, two or three lead courses only. No work which is contained in any irregular method is omitted from the regular methods. For instance, you cannot ring Cambridge below and Oxford Treble Bob above and get a regular method, but you can ring Cambridge below and Kent above and get Oswald. In this connection I am willing privately to help any band who want to progress and do not know how to set about it, if

they will let me have a list of the methods they know.

'As to the question of 6-5's we find that a greater proportion of the irregular methods produce 6-5's in the standard calling than do the regular methods. Eighty-one out of 146 against 53 out of 147. Finally, a scrutiny of a collection of irregular methods made by a former and honoured member of this Council, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, discloses that only about 30 irregular methods were practised and most of those in the county of broad acres.

'In my investigation I started with an open mind and endeavoured to make a case for the irregular methods if it were possible, but I feel that there is no good case for them, and unwilling as I am to prevent anyone from ringing what he pleases, I cannot help being driven to the conclusion that it would not be right for the Council to recognise lead ends other than those of Plain Bob.'

Mr. C. Roberts said he thought Mr. Lewis had made an able exposition for retaining these lead ends which they knew so well. Mr. Lewis had left out the question of music. It came back to enthusiasm for good Minor methods as against reversing the bells in 5-6. He had never tried to ring any of the irregular methods because it was one of the things which was not done.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Methods Committee appeared to have gone only on the scientific side. The Oxford Guild at its last meeting asked for the whole position to be investigated.

The Rev. K. Felstead: We were asked to go into it and this is our finding.

The resolution was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. K. Felstead said last year they did not come to a definite decision about three lead courses of Royal methods, but they did put an announcement in 'The Ringing World' that it was their opinion that such methods should not be allowed in Spliced ringing because they did not get the full course of the method. He asked the Council to accept the resolution published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The president said there were certain Royal methods with only three leads and they could not set a full course. The Methods Committee said these should not be allowed.

Mr. C. K. Lewis reminded the meeting of a saying of Mr. Driver, that it was up to the

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people who did splice to keep the game clean. They were going backwards if they allowed it. The resolution was carried.

Upon the adoption of the report Mr. A. B. Peck asked for a ruling on the peal of London Surprise Royal he had rung. According to his peal book he was credited with it, according to the Council he was not.

Mr. Felstead: You are referring to the very first peal of London Surprise Royal.

Mr. Peck: Yes.

Mr. Felstead replied that the peal rung was London Surprise Royal No. 1 Version. He rang in a peal the previous day which was London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version. There were a lot of versions and the first was Stepney.

Mr. Peck: It is entered in our peal book as London and as London it will always remain.

Mr. Felstead: The decision was that they retain their own names.

Mr. C. Roberts said London Surprise Royal had a very chequered history. Suffice it to say, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff produced some methods which came very near to the extension of the Major. The peal was rung by ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The title of Stepney was suggested after a long debate for the peal, but the Ancient Society were not consulted. He thought any decision to call the peal 'Stepney' could be discounted. He thought the best thing was to call it London Surprise Royal No. 1 Version.

The report was then carried.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

	Present	Absent
Life Members ..	4	3
Honorary Members ..	11	8
Representative Members	106	42
	121	53

Amendment to figures published on page 435.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and Six-Bell Contest was held at Heptonstall on July 18th. The contest was judged by Mr. George Perrin, of Saddleworth, and resulted as follows: Lindley, 44 faults, penalties nil, total 44; Liversedge, 40 faults, penalties nil, total 40; Shelley, 55 faults, penalties nil, total 55; Meltham, 46 faults, penalties nil, total 46; Friezland, 21 faults, penalties 10, total 31.

Friezland were therefore declared the winners of the Association's Silver Cup and a pair of chrome candlesticks each.

The balance sheet was approved by the members and revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. The officers were re-elected en bloc.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Heptonstall, the churchwardens and the local company for the use of the bells, and to the local ladies for their services in producing and serving a very good tea.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Ringers of Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers met at Wellington on July 11th, when visitors were welcomed from Bristol, London, Coombe Martin, Whimple and Sowton, Devon.

At a short business meeting it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Halse on September 19th and the August, October and November practice meetings at Norton Fitzwarren, Cheldon Fitzpaine and Bradford respectively, subject to local incumbents' permission.

Ringing was enjoyed on the bells in a variety of methods from Stedman Doubles to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S WHITSUN TOUR

The University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual Whitsun tour in the Watford district of Hertfordshire and in South Bucks. In spite of a grim forecast, weather was excellent for the whole week-end; in fact it proved a trifle too hot for the six cyclists in the party who had to ride several miles between each tower.

Ringing began on Friday night at St. Matthew's, Oxhey, but since most members had travelled a long way and wanted their suppers, the ringing was not of the best. The Society accordingly adjourned to one of the more sinister cafes in Watford for the rest of the evening.

On Saturday six towers in the Hemel Hempstead area were visited. Valuable assistance was given (and a set of handbells lent) by Mr. Walter Ayre, who met the party at Apsley End and toured with them for the rest of the day. In the evening the handbells were taken into a hostelry at Abbots Langley, but the landlord said that he wasn't licensed for music. Not to be discouraged by this rather mixed compliment the members rang in the nearby churchyard, much to the amusement of passers-by, one of whom chimed in on a bicycle bell.

On Sunday the Society joined local bands in service ringing at Watford and at St. Albans in the morning and evening, and rang at Aldenham in the afternoon.

Monday was the hottest day of the week-end and members took refuge from the sun in the belfries of Rickmansworth and five South Buckinghamshire towers (Chalfont St. Giles, Amersham, Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal and Stoke Poges), leaving the raising of the bells to the more energetic of those present.

During the week-end a selection of methods was rung which was varied, if not very advanced. Touches of Erin Triples, Double Oxford and St. Clement's were attempted and, in a few instances, brought round: while, much to the disgust of a Central Councillor (who, nevertheless participated), a course of the irregular, not to say illicit, Double Stedman Slow Course Minor was rung at Chalfont as a salute to the august gathering in session at Bourne-mouth on that day. The president's suggestion of splicing it with something more respectable to make an honest method of it was not realised in practice on this occasion.

A thoroughly enjoyable week-end of ringing ended at Stoke Poges with an excellent course of Cambridge and, most appropriately, one of London Scholars' Pleasure, a method which shows signs of becoming the Society's signature tune. The party finally broke up after an hour 'among the pots' at the Good Companions, when Miss Pamela Martin, who organised the tour, was enthusiastically thanked for arranging a most enjoyable week-end. D. R.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS

Situated some six miles from Basingstoke, Preston Candover possesses an unusually fine ring of five bells, unique in the fact that the treble is impossible to hear from inside the ringing chamber whilst the bells are ringing. This is due to the fact that its position is ten feet above the others owing to the narrowness of the tower.

The Vicar, who is in touch with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., intends to have recast; and rehung the present five bells with the addition of a new tenor of four cwt., dating back to 1624, which was presented by the Rector and churchwardens of Overton on the demolition of the old church at Laverstoke.

The estimated cost, including the recasting of the new tenor, will be in the region of £800 which it is hoped will be raised by next year.

The Vicar intends issuing an appeal when well-wishers of Hamshire will have the opportunity of helping this small village of 500 to raise such a large sum.

A WEEK-END WITH PETER

A 'Tower-Snatching' Orgy

At the invitation of Mr. Peter N. Bond, five ringers—two from Nailsea and one each from Long Ashton, St. Albans and Horsell—assembled at Hildenborough, Kent, on the night of June 12th. After a short night and a session in the kitchen with the ladies in charge, began the serious business of the day. Ringers from Folkestone, Hornsey and Chislehurst augmented the party to nine.

Twelve towers were in the programme, starting with the joyful little six at Leigh. At Penshurst (8) was set the fashion of the day by ringing the back six down in peal, catching in Queens at the end.

The National Trust village of Chiddingstone, after our half-hour on the good-toned eight, provided interest in the form of souvenir hunting before we continued along the twisting lanes to Hever. Here, before use was made of the six (the opinion being expressed that the back five didn't live up to the treble), the Vicar proudly showed the visitors the 15th century solid log staircase to the ringing chamber and told of the village's association with the Boleyn family.

After a much-needed lunch came Cowden, where an added enjoyment was by being able, from outside, to watch the wooden tower swaying with the movement of the six bells and, from up aloft, to watch the landscape swinging as if past a ship.

Edenbridge (where the clock is one-handed) was a popular favourite, with its fine-toned, easy-going eight.

At Limsfield (Chart) the only touch of London of the day was rung and was followed by three quick and extremely well-struck touches. The squat tower at Oxted had one drawback; the ringers would have been glad to hear less of the bells and more of the calls! When Limsfield was reached the showers of early afternoon became a downpour but the party cared little and the four touches on the six were followed by the best ring down of the day.

At Westerham (back in Kent) we gladly paid the sixpence per rope fee for a chance on this nice, stately eight, rung from the ground floor with the 15th century spiral staircase in the corner.

Sundridge caused much amusement with its seven (six bells and the frame) and the Reverse St. Bartholomew, long awaited by the Doubles lovers, was voted by them the best and most enjoyable ring of the day.

The perfect end to a perfect day was reached at Brasted, where the left-handed six know all the methods by heart and ring them well with but little help. Time alone persuaded the party to leave them and, tired and happy, they adjourned to the local for a short session on handbells before wending their way bedwards.

Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, New Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Stedman. Cambridge, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Norwich, London and Spiced Kent and Oxford.

All the bells went well, some better than others but none badly, and thanks are accorded to those who made the outing possible by arranging to have the towers and bells ready and by giving us so kind a welcome. We cannot forget our thanks to Mr. P. N. Bond for his hospitality and masterly organisation. Thank you, Peter.

On Sunday the 'original six' joined the local ringers at Tonbridge (8) for morning service ringing and were treated to a free snowstorm when the white splice of the tenor sally narted.

In the early afternoon Shipbourne (6) was visited for three quick touches (joined in one by two local ringers) and then on to Seal (St. Lawrence's) where, in the tiny ringing chamber, the long host rang the tenor on his knees.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

BOLSOVER

The Bolsover Parish Church ringers, accompanied by wives and friends from Bawtry, Heath, Warsop and Worksop, fully enjoyed a long excursion to towers in Yorkshire on June 27th. A slight delay at the start and at Worksop caused a thirty minutes' late arrival at Otley, but Mr. Manning was waiting and the bells were soon set going to various methods. Several of the party had their first experience of the queer Yorkshire rope ends, and some difficulty was experienced in disposing of the spare rope when ringing down.

A slight delay owing to an unfortunate accident with two young cyclists resulted in a further late arrival at Ilkley. Unfortunately, it was impossible for anyone from the local band to meet the visitors, but everything was left ready and several good touches were rung at this famous birthplace of the Yorkshire Association. The numerous references to Jasper W. Snowdon were of much interest to older members of the party.

An excellent and substantial lunch at Ripon seemed to affect the performance of several members when ringing was recommenced on the fine ten at the Cathedral. Touches of Bob Royal and Kent Royal were reasonably good, but attempts at Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight were not so successful.

When the tour was arranged early in the year Mr. Jackson Ewbank said he looked forward to some good striking at Birstwith (near Harrogate), and he was certainly not disappointed. Touches of Little Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise were exceedingly well rung, and it was unfortunate that the morning delays did not permit a longer stay. All the visitors were full of praise for the fine ring at Birstwith.

Tea was taken in Harrogate, where several of the non-ringers met the party after spending the afternoon in the beautiful inland health resort.

The last call of the day was at Tadcaster, where members of the local band joined the visitors. Having been warned that the back end needed 'ringing,' the party was agreeably surprised at the excellent 'go' of the bells. A touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major and an excellent fall completed a very enjoyable day in the Yorkshire Dales. The outing was arranged by Mr. A. B. Cooper.

EASTBOURNE

Favoured with a fine day, the Eastbourne ringers, with friends from Hailsham, Hellingly, Mayfield and East Grinstead, held their annual outing on July 11th. Canon Meredith and Mrs. Meredith were able to accompany them this year.

Withyham, a good ring of eight, was the first tower visited, and some very good ringing was achieved, while non-ringers admired the pleasant countryside. On to Reigate, where the ten bells of the Old Church were rung for an hour, viz.: Rounds for the learners, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal for the more experienced ringers. An excellent lunch followed.

During the afternoon the rather noisy but good ring at Dorking were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Oxford Treble Bob. The handbells were put to good account on the journey to Horsham, and one young lady was very surprised when 5-6 landed on her lap whilst the coach took a sharp turn. Arriving at Horsham, tea was waiting and it was first class.

The bells of Horsham Parish Church were rung to methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich, and, of course, plenty of rounds.

The last tower, although not in the original programme, was Turners Hill, permission being obtained on the spot for half an hour, and no doubt several of the ringers will remember the last touch at this tower, a perfectly struck touch of Double Norwich. R. W. P.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

On June 20th a strong party of ringers, their wives and friends of the Maulden area, left their 'Beds' early for the annual ringers' outing, organised by Mr. R. J. Sharp. A start was made a 7 a.m. in spite of the fact that many of the party live several miles from the point of assembly. The area of operations was the Guildford district, so we sat back and admired the beauties of the countryside as we travelled south-west via Berkhamstead, Amersham and Windsor to Bagshot, where a short halt was made for refreshments.

At Worplesdon we were met by Mr. Petter, and these very pleasant eight bells were soon set going to a variety of methods. Another short run brought us to Guildford, where, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, we were met by Mr. F. A. Munday and several of his fellow ringers in the impressive atmosphere of this belfry, with its rich array of peal boards, reminding us of performances of giants of the past (and present). We enjoyed several touches on a fine eight. Mr. Munday had, at short notice, arranged for us to visit St. Nicolas, and, after an excellent lunch, we ascended to the belfry and sampled this very 'manageable' ten. And so to the open road again, through glorious country to Haslemere, where Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, who had very kindly helped in arranging tea, shared with us what was perhaps the best ten-bell ringing of the day, Cambridge Royal and Stedman and Grandsire Caters being tapped off in grand style on this delightful ten.

The homeward route was via Warfield, where several of the party renewed acquaintance with Mr. Fleet, and, among other methods, a truly 'Superlative' course of Major was rung, and to Hughenden, where we were met by Mr. R. Biggs. This splendid eight, recently recast and rehung, made a most suitable finish to a very enjoyable day's ringing.

Thank you, Ron Sharp, and all who contributed to our enjoyment!—A.E.R.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

Bedfordshire was the objective of the ringers of St. Mary's, Putney, and their friends for their annual outing this year, and a punctual start was made at 8.45 a.m.

The recently rehung bells of Hemel Hempstead were first visited, and Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire rung. An interesting feature at Leighton Buzzard were the heavy beams overhead and joists above floor level. This, however, did not affect the ringing, as a good course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters proved. Lunch followed at the Cross Keys Hotel.

Then came Luton Parish Church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the 10 as wedding bells for a happy couple. Owing to the driver being sent on an erratic course, ringing at Hatfield had to be restricted. At Watford, the last call, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung.

It was a pleasure to visit such beautiful and well kept churches and ringing chambers, and we are indeed grateful to the clergy and tower representatives who made us so welcome and to Mr. Elson for his successful arrangements. S. H.

STONY STRATFORD

Ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, had a full day on July 4th on the occasion of their annual outing. The programme included the bells of St. Benet's of Stedman fame, the massive Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds, a welcome by Mr. S. H. Symonds and an hour on Lavenham bells, a brief stay at Thaxted's wonderful Parish Church, and a ring on the fine bells at Saffron Walden, which Mr. Mumford had in readiness. Home was reached at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

HUTTON, ESSEX

Outings that combine a suitable collection of towers and a continual source of interest to non-ringing friends need skilful arranging. Hutton ringers regard their visit to Hertfordshire as combining these two considerations.

Ringing took place at Radbourn (a Coronation ring of six), Flamstead, Sandridge, Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon, all fine towers.

Places of interest visited were St. Alban's Cathedral, Whipsnade Zoo (the two hours here just sufficing for lunch and a brief look at the animals), and Hatfield House (tea was served in the Old Palace and, while the ringers afterwards made a gladsome noise, the others enjoyed a conducted tour of the great house).

Thanks are accorded the Ringing Master of the day, the Vicar of Flamstead (for showing the party some of the treasures of his church), the secretary of the Hertfordshire County Association and ringers who met the party at various churches. To anyone considering such an outing we would say, 'Go to Hertfordshire—it has much to offer.'—E. M. B.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association, together with wives and friends, spent an enjoyable day in the Buckinghamshire area, on their annual outing, on July 4th.

The first tower visited, after a stop for coffee, was Rickmansworth; next came Denham. We were joined, after lunch at Burnham, by Mr. G. Gilbert. Unfortunately, owing to there being a wedding at Burnham and other visiting ringers at Bray, ringing was somewhat curtailed at both these towers. Tea and a short stroll by the river were both enjoyed before leaving Bray. The next tower was Wooburn, and last, but not least, Beaconsfield. A good variety of methods was rung during the day.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE

On June 27th Holy Cross, Morton, bell-ringers, together with ringers and friends from Ashover, Blackwell, Burbage, Chesterfield, Clay Cross and North Wingfield journeyed by coach into Cheshire.

The first stop was at Holmes Chapel where the six bells (tenor 11 cwt.) were rung to various methods: some of the local company joined in the ringing.

The next call was made at the eight-bell tower of St. James', Christleton, where, owing to late arrival, we missed meeting the local company but, on finding the vergers, who unlocked the tower, we ascended to the ringing chamber and kept the bells going until lunch time.

After a good lunch at a cafe in quaint old Eastgate Street, Chester, the party assembled by the west door of Chester Cathedral, where a very efficient guide gave us an extremely enjoyable tour of the Cathedral. We were, however, disappointed at not being able to ring on the bells, but the Dean and Chapter had previously furnished us with very good reasons.

At St. Mary-on-the-Hill the Vicar gave us a most hearty welcome and ushered us into the ringing chamber via two vertical-positioned ladders. The bells, however, proved well worth the climb and touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung along with rounds and call changes for the younger member of the party.

After tea and a brief period of time for individual sightseeing we travelled on to Tarvin. St. Andrew's ringers, together with the Rev. J. D. Pearson, gave us a very warm welcome and all joined in ringing on the fine six bells of this huge tower until we were ushered into the Parish Room and were given what has now become a coined phrase amongst the party, 'a Tarvin supper.' This consisted of as much as it is possible for 36 people to eat (and enough for another 36 left over) of finest quality sandwiches, cakes and tea. No ringing tour could have received a better welcome. 'Thank you, Tarvin.' Home was reached at 12.30 a.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C., during the month of August.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 2934

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MEETINGS

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton Road, E.5, on Saturday, August 1st, 4 to 5 p.m. Tea shops locally. Ringing at St. John-at-Hackney, E.9, from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. V. Gant and T. J. Lock, Secs. 2911

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, August 1st, Abbots Langley (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 2917

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Speldhurst (8), Aug. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 28th to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2904

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, August 1st, 3 p.m. No tea.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2921

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, August 3rd. Bells from 3 until 9. Service 4.30. Tea at near-by cafes 5.15 for those who notify by July 30th, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury. 2925

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

A letter on matters arising out of the Central Council meeting has been sent to Secretaries of all affiliated Societies. In view of changes which may have taken place, will any Secretary who has not received a copy please let me know.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 8th, 3 p.m. Tuesday practices as usual.—A. B. Peck. 2897

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, August 8th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, not later than August 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Look up Netherseale Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 2938

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, August 8th. Bells of St. Peter's from 2 p.m. Service in St. Peter's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Institute, 5 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—There will be a meeting at Weaverham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, August 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2949

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, August 8th, Alderminster (6). Please arrange own tea. Tredington (probably) in the evening. All welcome.—R.J.E. 2939

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), August 8th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lake, Glebe Farm, Balcombe, by August 6th.—C. A. Bassett. 2940

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (5). 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2944

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Petham, Saturday, Aug. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cash, please, to me, not later than Wednesday, August 5th. Details of bus service on tower notice. Further copies can be supplied if required.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, August 8th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. All names to Mr. W. H. Rawthorne, 35, Liddell Road, West Derby, Liverpool 12.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 2935

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, August 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2942

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—E. London Guild.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, August 8th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea from shops locally.—T. V. Lock, Sec. 2933

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby, August 8th. Names for tea must reach me by August 4th, please.—E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2936

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ellesmere, August 8th. Usual arrangements. Good attendance requested. Rehung eight. Midland Red. 2.5 from Shrewsbury. Advise for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 2929

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—The meeting arranged for Warsop on August 8th is cancelled.—H. Denman. 2943

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Saturday, August 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday, 28th, to Mr. R. P. Wood, 232, Dominion Road, Worthing. 2945

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Watgate Road, Newport. 2926

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting of the Lincoln, Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts. Also Ladies' Guild at Wolesby (8). August 15th. Picnic tea.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 2947

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Codsall, August 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, August 12th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 2937

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Caterington on August 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. W. Bessent, Victory Avenue, Horndean, by August 8th. 2952

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, Rochdale, August 29th. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion, Whitworth, 5s. each; names to Mr. Colin Taylor, 36, Halford, Whitworth, by August 26th. Bells available, Whitworth, afternoon (also in morning on application to Mr. Taylor); Christ Church, Healey, from 3 p.m. 2941

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH.—Preliminary announcement.—The dedication of the recast and rehung ring of ten (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham will take place on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. 2932

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Old Bells of Shifnal

The Shropshire Association continued their successful meetings at Shifnal on July 11th, when more than 40 ringers from Shrewsbury, Wallaston, Wellington, Chester, Albrighton, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Dawley, Malins Lee, Coalbrookdale, Birmingham and Lichfield attended.

The old bells now 'go like tons,' although new ropes, which were hung too low in some cases, did not improve the striking.

After the usual service and tea a brief spell of ringing ended when the clapper of the fourth broke and put an end to proceedings.

However, we had rung the standard methods, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, and everyone expressed pleasure at finding these bells, which had made so much local ringing history, in order again.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 5th, 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1. H. S. Peacock 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, N. Mallett 4. J. R. G. Spicer 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WEST HAM, E.—On July 12th, 1.257 Stedman Caters: L. E. Last 1, E. W. Furbanks 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Hughes 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. E. Williamson 7, I. W. Bullock 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, C. T. W. Coles 10.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON

The Ottery St. Mary ringers held their annual outing on June 27th, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price), the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, the people's warden (Mr. S. Morgan) and Mrs. Morgan, together with wives and friends. Starting from Broad Street at 7.30 a.m. the first stop was at Okehampton. Holsworthy was reached at 10.15 and this nice ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was soon going to Stedman Triples, some rounds for the learners and a touch of Grandsire Triples. Next came the glorious eight (tenor 22½ cwt.) at Stratton and here Stedman and Grandsire were rung.

A lovely drive brought the coach to Clovelly, the North Devon gem, where two hours were spent. At Bideford a good tea, the gift of the ringers, was waiting at the Rose of Torridge Cafe and this was followed by a visit to St. Mary's Church, where the bells were soon going to Stedman.

Everyone voted it a most enjoyable trip, with thanks to the captain, Mr. C. Turner, for making the arrangements.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Tunnicliff 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, D. Walklate 3, H. Letts 4, C. Walklate 5, S. Walklate 6, K. Scott 7. Rung as a farewell to K. Scott, who is leaving for Canada.

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