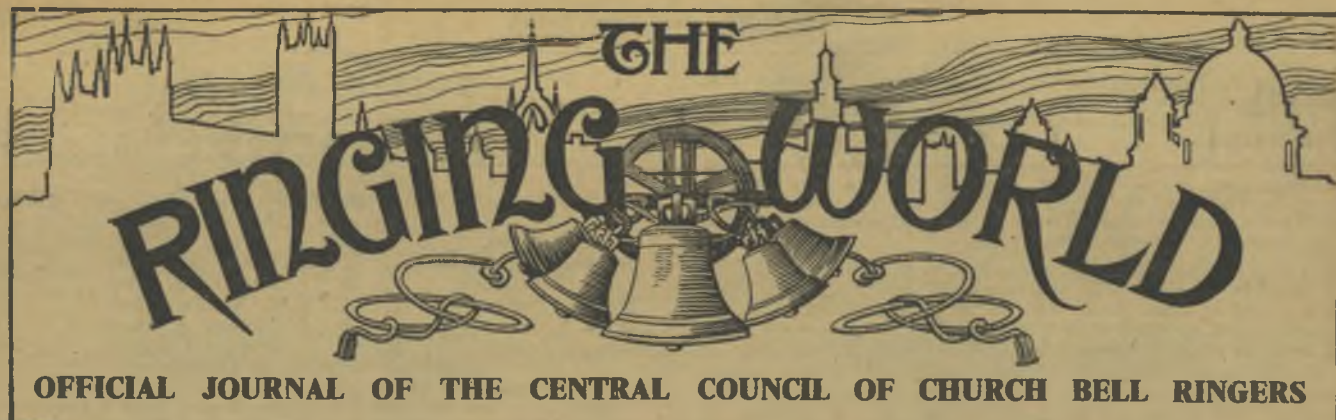




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RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE—II.

A Review of the County Association, 1884-1890

By H. V. FROST (the Hon. General Secretary)

THE Hertford County Association, having been formed at St. Albans on Wednesday, October 29th, 1884, the first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford on Thursday, January 22nd, 1885, when members attended from Baldock, Bengoe, Benington, Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Hunsdon, St. Albans and Sawbridgeworth, and rang at St. Andrew's and All Saints'. Rules which had been previously circulated and which had been drawn up by the committee as nearly as possible in accordance with the rules of the Essex Association (in order to facilitate an amalgamation at some future date to form a St. Albans Diocesan Association) were considered, agreed to and ordered to be printed. The names of the members and their subscriptions were handed in at this, the first meeting.

In February, the first peal for the new Association was rung at St. Andrew's, Hertford, by the local band; it was Holt's Original, conducted by Herbert Baker. The next peal was rung at Harlow (Essex), being the first peal on the bells.

Quarterly meetings were also held in the first year at Hitchin in April and at Sawbridgeworth in July. Monday apparently was the day for meetings at that period, also for the Annual Meeting, held at St. Albans on October 26th, 1885, when a special service took place at noon in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Wigram.

The Annual Report stated that the Association consisted of 92 Ringing Members and two Honorary Members, and that branches existed at Hertford, St. Albans (three bands), Baldock, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin, Bishop's Stortford, and Benington. Eight peals had been rung, viz. seven of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major. The conductors were H. Baker (2), H. J. Tucker (5) and F. E. Dawe (1). The peals had been rung at St. Albans Cathedral, Benington, Harlow (Essex), St. Andrew's and All Saints', Hertford. A handsome Peal Book had been purchased and the peals had been entered by a London firm.

The quarterly meetings had been well attended and the accounts were, on the whole, satisfactory; the expenses of starting the Association had all been met out of the first year's income.

It was agreed that the accounts and report be printed for distribution among the members, and that the offices of secretary and treasurer be combined, Canon Wigram being re-elected.

In November, 1885, a week's peal ringing at the towers around Hertford was arranged by Canon Wigram for his clerical ringing friends. Included in the party were the Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. Five peals were rung, all records for the Association—Kent Major (6,016), Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Early in 1886, a St. Albans band rang the first local peal in the city since 1810 and, later in the year, the Cathedral Society rang its first peal. Both peals were Holt's Original and conducted by N. N. Hills. The first peal on handbells in the county was rung at St. Albans in April by Henry Lewis, C. F. Winney (London), N. N. Hills and G. W. Cartmel. The conductor was C. F. Winney, who was a frequent visitor to St. Albans.

Quarterly meetings during 1886 were held at Bishop's Stortford, Braughing and Baldock. The meeting at Braughing was held on May 10th (the long peal anniversary) and, on this occasion, eight members of the Association rang Holt's Original peal and no business meeting was held. At the Baldock meeting, the attendance was exceptionally small and, in consequence, no business was attempted.

The Annual Meeting was held in October at Hertford on Monday, the 25th, but was not attended so numerously as it was hoped might have been the case. At the meeting, after dinner, there was considerable discussion as to various details in the working of the Association and as to the best means of extending its influence throughout the county and of promoting belfry reform where needed.

It was resolved that quarterly meetings be held alternately on Mondays and Saturdays, the next meeting to be held at Rickmansworth on Monday, January 10th, 1887, and that a sub-committee be appointed to organise district meetings.

The secretary reported that membership had continued almost unaltered, sixteen peals had been rung during the year, and that there was a balance in hand of £3 13s. 6d.

At Canon Wigram's invitation, a ringing week was again held in November, 1886. In addition to the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. W. Washbrook took part. Six peals were rung, including a peal of Minor in seven methods at Bengoe (which was the first peal of Minor in the county) and a peal of Superlative at Benington, being the first Surprise peal for the Association.

At Baldock, in December, the first peal on the bells was rung by a band composed of four St. Albans men and four from Baldock. (Holt's Original, conducted by N. N. Hills.)

The year 1887 saw several bell restorations commemorating the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, but it was not a successful year for the Association. Five peals were rung in January, including a 6,000 of Double Norwich and a 6,720 of Superlative by the Benington band, under the conductorship of Sam Page. The meeting resolved upon for Rickmansworth in January came to nothing. The weather, which was very severe, and the difficulties of the journey across the county deterred members from attending. The next quarterly meeting was held at Braughing on May 10th (the Great Ringing Day) with the Rev. F. E. Robinson (by request) in the chair. The suggestion to divide the county into four districts was read and explained to the meeting, but no resolution was made thereon, nor as to a meeting in August next.

Four of the seven bands had not paid their annual subscriptions, and the Peal Book contained only the peals rung in January, although four other peals had been rung, viz., at St. Albans in March, the first handbell peal in the county by a resident band; Bob Triples at St. Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday (the first for the Association); another handbell peal at St. Albans in April and the only other peal rung for the Association in 1887 was in November at St. Andrew's, Hertford. The St. Albans peals were recorded in 'Bell News' under the heading 'The Cathedral Society,' and the footnotes read that the band were also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Herts and Essex Associations (and in one case the Sussex Association, for whom it was the first handbell peal). Nine other peals were rung in the county in 1887 on tower- and handbells, mainly by the St. Albans men who rang them for the St. James' Society and the other Associations already mentioned (with the exception of the Hertfordshire Association).

Canon Wigram gave notice that the Annual Meeting would be held in St. Albans on Monday, November 7th, when motions would be submitted for the reorganisation of the Association and that he would tender his resignation. No account of this meeting appeared

in either of the ringing papers, nor were any minutes recorded as to whether it was held or what transpired at the meeting. According to letters in 'The Bell News,' some evidently thought that the Association had broken down!

A new light ring of eight had been opened at Oxhey in June by the St. Albans men, and in February, 1888, the first peal was rung on them by seven St. Albans ringers and C. F. Winney. This peal was booked by the A.S.C.Y. and the Essex Association, as were several peals at St. Peter's, St. Albans, at this period.

At Canon Wigram's invitation, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and party came down in February, 1888, and rang eight peals in six days, which was a record in those days. Two of the peals were rung for the Association, but all eight peals were entered in the peal book under their headings of St. James Society, Hertford College Youths, etc.

At the Annual Meeting of the Essex Association in May, Canon Wigram attempted (by letter) to get an amalgamation of Herts and Essex, but it was queried as to whether he was speaking on behalf of the Association, as he had tendered his resignation and nothing more had been heard. His proposition was considered and again turned down as undesirable; so the Herts Association was again left to find a solution to its affairs. Very shortly a notice appeared in 'The Bell News' that a meeting of the members of the Herts Association would be held at Hatfield on June 16th, 1888. The tower would be open for ringing at 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a business meeting would be held at the Coffee Tavern to elect an honorary secretary and transact general business. This notice was signed by E. P. Debenham, hon. sec. pro. tem., St. Albans.

The meeting was attended by members from Hertford, St. Albans, Hatfield, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin and London. Canon Wigram presided and proposed that 'Squire' Proctor be requested to act as president of the Association and E. P. Debenham was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. It was proposed that three District Meetings be held during the year on Saturdays, that the Annual Meeting be held in future on Easter Monday, when subscriptions would become due, and that new rules be submitted to the next meeting, which was to be held at Baldock in October.

The wisdom of the appointment of Mr. E. P. Debenham as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was apparent, for in a brief space of time the membership and peal ringing increased.

Peals once again were rung under the auspices of the Herts Association. On August 6th, 1888, peals were rung at Hertford and St. Albans, where at St. Peter's a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, and later in the day five of the band rang a similar peal on handbells.

In November, the fourth of 'Wigram's tours' was held. In addition to the five clerical ringers, the party included Mr. A. Percival Heywood (as he was then), J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Croydon), J. W. Washbrook and H. Baker. Peals were rung at All Saints', Hertford, Benington (the first of Cambridge for the Association), Baldock, Hitchin, Braughing and St. Peter's, St. Albans.

At the next Annual Meeting, which was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April, 1889, the secretary was able to report that there were 65 resident members (representing eight centres of ringing) and 16 non-resident members, including the Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge and H. A. Cockey, and Messrs. A. P. Heywood, J. W. Taylor, jun., J. W. Washbrook, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughlin. Twenty-eight peals had been rung in the county during the last ten months, and reference was made to the long peals rung at Appleton in 1888, in which H. Baker and E. Holifield (Hertford) took part. These were to be entered at the end of the Peal Book, together with the compositions.

The two handbell peals of Grandsire Triples rung non-conducted, also the peal of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell (St. Albans) with Messrs. Winney and McLaughlin (London) were also mentioned.

In June, 1889, at a meeting at Hitchin, Mr. J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans) proposed 'that this meeting is of opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Exercise if a Council consisting of one or more members selected from each Association could meet together from time to time to consider such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity.'

At the next meeting, in October, the letter from Mr. A. Percival Heywood as to the formation of a Central Council was laid before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the President (Mr. Leonard Proctor) be chosen to represent the Association on the Council. Later, at the Annual Meeting at Hertford in 1890, the Association extended its congratulations to Mr. Percival Heywood on the success of his efforts towards the establishment of a Central Council.

At the same meeting Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected assistant secretary to Mr. E. P. Debenham, and these two men continued in various offices together for almost fifty years, the Association going from strength to strength under their guidance and influence.

(To be concluded.)

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES Treble	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	HARRY G. WAYNE 8
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a welcome home to Shirley Burton from a business trip to the U.S.A., and to Terence A. Thorner from Germany on demobilisation from H.M. Forces.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

LEONARD RODMELL Treble	† JOHN A. BROUGHTON .. 6
* GWEN I. RUSBY 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 7
† BRIAN BUSWELL 3	\$ PHILIP H. SPECK 8
CLEMENT GLENN 4	JOHN G. HOBSON 9
JOAN M. HARROP 5	CHARLES BARKER Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § 50th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lbs. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	* VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	HENRY W. BARRETT .. 7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE W. PIPE 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. A birthday peal for Cecil W. Pipe.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JACK N. BROWN 6
* THOMAS LEE 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
JULIA M. PRESTON 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
† ALAN P. CAVE 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
GEORGE HESKETH 5	FREDERICK S. ALMOND .. Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung to celebrate the reconsecration of the newly-restored church of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill, the Mother Church of Liverpool.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. JOHN STIMPSON Treble	ERIC A. DENCH 5
LEONARD TREVOR 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
COLIN HARRISON 3	ALAN CATTELL 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) <i>Treble</i>	W. J. RIDGEMAN (Queens') .. 5
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) .. 2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 6
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) .. 3	A. W. T. CLEEVER (Downing) 7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE <i>Treble</i>	†MRS. G. RICHARDSON .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY 6
MRS. M. E. WHITE 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William A. Smith.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
S. ANTHONY JESSON <i>Treble</i>	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
*HORACE O. OVER 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.
*ENID SOFTLEY <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	*J. BRENDA SOFTLEY .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 7
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. 4	HAROLD WALKER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Brenda Softley.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE <i>Treble</i>	JESSE HARRISON 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	E. GEORGE SWIFT 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	ALBERT BRIDGES 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

J. MARTIN THORLEY <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
PATRICIA M. REEVES 2	DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 6
JOHN THORLEY 3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 7
SEDMAN M. STEEL 4	HAROLD WALKER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A 21st birthday compliment to Jean A. Kirkman.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*BERNARD JACKSON <i>Treble</i>	HARRY HARDACRE 5
JOHN JACKSON 2	*WALTER MANSLEY 6
*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 3	*SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4	FRANK STEAD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Mr. Herbert Scholes on his retirement from the local belfry, after 43 years' service as a regular Sunday service ringer; also to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mansley, both of the local band, on the birth of a daughter.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Macclesfield Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb.

*SHEILA MACHIN <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED STEVENSON .. 5
MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 2	JOHN WORTH 6
ALAN A. POTTS 3	FRANK YATES 7
CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILFRED MATTHEWS.

Conducted by FRANK YATES.

* First peal.

Rung fully muffled in the memory of the late Wilfred Matthews, who was buried at St. James' Church, Sutton, on Tuesday, September 1st.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HAROLD F. WHITE <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 5
*BERNARD MADELEY .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 7
RAYMOND HAZELDINE .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 4 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

FRANK L. HARRIS <i>Treble</i>	GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
JEAN M. HARRIS 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.



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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
ERNEST F. PAYNE 2	MARY C. PAYNE 6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3	ROYSTON WILMORE 7
JEAN A. KIRKMAN 4	*THOMAS H. EARLEY .. Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on eight bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean A. Kirkman.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JAMES MARSH Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON 2	THOMAS HESKETH 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
RONALD KENRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES COLES Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 2	GEORGE F. BURTON 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	†ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 500th peal.

Rung on the Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	BRIAN BUSWELL 4
LEONARD RODMELL 2	JOHN A. BROUGHTON .. 5
JOHN M. HARROP 3	PHILIP H. SPECK Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in six methods, viz., St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Candlesby Slow Course, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALAN COOKE Treble	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3
*MONICA HOWARD 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4

*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. Tenor
Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal in six Doubles methods.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 HUNTSPILL BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 12 callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

MONICA HOWARD Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 2	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
.. .. 3	ALAN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Presumably the first peal in the method.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, in six methods (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

*†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	*†JOHN M. JELLEY 5
†WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in six methods.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Warwick.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*DAVID BRAND Treble	JOHN WYBREW 4
†LEONARD SHARPE 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
†KENNETH BROWN 3	ALAN FEVER Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising a 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE Treble	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 4
HARRY P. FLOYD 2	ALAN R. PINK 5
†ERNEST J. HILL 3	*BERTRAM D. COSTAR .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Giles.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being five extents and 1,440.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*BARRY W. RICE Treble	HAROLD MOORE 4
JUNE STARLING 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
JOHN BROWN 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Hereward Bob; one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER WILSHER Treble	PETER J. CAME 4
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PETER J. EVES 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ELIZABETH M. HALE .. Treble	†ROBERT W. COLE 4
ALBERT H. SMITH 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 5
†JOY WORTHINGTON 3	*KENNETH MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts District.)

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, London Scholars Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Sandal Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

PHILLIP J. EASTLAND .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4
MARION BRADLEY .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9 cwt.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
*MARY DOWSETT .. 2	RICHARD I. GARDINER .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 3	PETER J. CAME .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Came and Ernest G. Roast.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C. No. 59), Oxford Treble Bob (150), Kent Treble Bob (151), Double Oxford Bob (102), Single Oxford Bob (59), and two extents of Plain Bob (28 and 29).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

R. GORDON CORBY .. Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4
*ROBERT W. HINDE .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in six methods.

HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*LESLIE PIERCE Treble	KENNETH BROWN .. 3
CHARLES FORDHAM .. 2	*JOHN WYBROW .. 4

ALAN FEVER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 29, 1953, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

AT 26, WILLIAM STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 8 in C.

JAMES TAYLOR 1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4
JOHN HUBER 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN HUBER.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3—4	ROGER SAVORY 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.



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DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
At 26, WILLIAM STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ROY HUBER 1—2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3—4
JAMES DOLAN 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Jim Taylor, Roy Huber and Jim Dolan.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Fourteen extents.

Tenor size 8 in C.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3—4
JOHN KING 5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The longest length rung by all the band and for the Guild.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD C. NOON 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5—6
JOHN KING 3—4 | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7—8

Arranged by ISAAC J. ATTWATER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
In the BELFERY OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 34 six-scores of Grandsire (Maximus callings).

Tenor size 11 in G.

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

Conducted jointly by JOHN T. DUNWOODY and WILLIAM HALL.

Each six-score a change of conductor.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 568)

ST. PETER'S SHAFTESBURY

The earlier 'Rules' are often prefaced by poetry or prose and a good example of this comes from St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (see Briscoe, 'Curiosities,' page 46):—

'What musick is there that compar'd may be,
To well-tuned bells' enchanting melody?
Breaking with their sweet sounds the willing
air,
They in the list'ning ear the soul ensnare.
When bells ring round, and in their order be,
They do denote how neighbours should agree;
But if they clam, the harsh sound spoils the
sport,
And 'tis like women keeping Dover Court.
Of all music that is play'd or sung,
There's none like bells, if they are well rung.
Then ring your bell—well if you can,
Silence is best for ev'ry man;
In your ringing make no demur,
Pull off your hat, your belt and spur;
And if your bell you overset,
The ringer's fee you must expect!
Fourpence you are to pay for that,
But if you do swear or curse,
Twelvepence is due, pooll out your purse,
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Both clerk and ringers claim their due.'

HARLESTON, NORTHANTS

In this tower the ringers are urged to maintain harmony by the following verse:—

'Ye youths so gay
To hail this day
Your cheerful music bring
No sound excels
The fine ton'd bells
Whn merrily they ring
The listening crowd around
Their joy reveal
To hear the peal
All All applaud
The enlivening sound.'

On another board:—

'You young men all who are (sic) you be
Pray meet and part in harmony
When bells ring round in their order be
They do denote how neighbours should agree
But if you meet and disagree
A ringer you will never be'

Jan. 23rd. 1829.'

BREWOD, STAFFS

Here is a large tablet, bearing the following warning to ringers:—

'Ye gentlemen ringers, both far and near,
That are disposed to ring here;
To mark this law and keep it well,
The man that overthrow his bell,
Sixpence he must pay
Before he goes hence away;
He that ring with glove, spur, or hat.
Sixpence he must pay for that;
If he either curse or swear,
Sixpence must pay while you are here,
'Tis not a place to quarrel in
To curse or swear it is a sin.'

J. Brewster, W. Icke, Churchwardens, 1845.

SALFORD, LANCs

These rules are cut in 'lower case' letters on a stone in the north wall of the ringing chamber at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancs (Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part II., page 102):—

'You that are Ringers or would learn to Ring
observe these orders well in every thing
He that for want or care o'er turns a Bell
shall 2d. pay in Money not in Ale.
and He that Rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay His 6d. certainly for that.
He that presumes to Ring and spoils a Peal
Shall 6d. pay in Money or in Ale.
these orders well observe and then you may
with Pleasure spend with us this joyful day.'

CHILDWALL, LANCs

On a board in the ringing chamber at Childwall, Lancs, are the following oddly punctuated rules (Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part I., page 20):—

'If for to ring a Man comes here;
Ringing sacred: its Laws revere:
These ringing Laws must be well us'd;
That ringers may, not be abus'd:
If ringer wears his spur or hat;
One quart of ale he pays for that:
If while he rings, his bell o'erthrow;
Sixpence he Pays before he go:
But if he's heard to swear or curse;
Demands One Shilling of his Purse:
If to these Laws he does conform;
The ringers part he may Perform.'

It will be noticed that both the above Lancashire examples mention the 'ale,' and as we have already shown this was a very usual cus-

tom, not only for ringers, but in all walks of life at that period. A typical example is at Hornchurch, Essex, where they had their own ringers' jugs or gouters:—

'If you ring in spur or hat
Three pints of beer you pay for that,
If you swear, or give the lye
A pot you pay immediately.
If a bell you overthrow
A pint you pay before you go. 1798.'

TWO CHESHIRE TOWERS

The following lines were formerly at St. Michael's Church, Middlewich, Cheshire, but are now illegible:—

'Anyone who does ring here
Must ring well with hand and ear;
And if he rings in spur or hat
A quart of beer must pay for that,
And if a bell he overthrow
'Twill cost him eightpence before he goes:
Our rules are old they are not new,
Therefore the ringers must have their due.'

A stone tablet in the tower of St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, bears this inscription:—

'Mind Gentlemen your Bell ring true
And here behave in Order due
He that profanes his Makers Name
Shall Sixpence forfeit for the same
Or here shall any Quarrell raise
Or Noise doth make that doth displease
If Bell overturns, shall 4 pence pay
And Sixpence if its rung back way
Or if his Hat or Spur does wear
Then 4 pence mores the Sextons share
These Eight Bells rung with Care and art
With joy will transport every heart.'

(To be continued)

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BANBURY, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Whiteman 1, J. Stretton 2, C. Pearson 3, E. Pearson 4, J. Bishop 5, H. Hyde 6, H. Impey (cond.) 7, H. Bishop 8. Rung to celebrate a diamond wedding anniversary, also a golden wedding anniversary of two regular service ringers of St. Mary's.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss W. Peake 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, Miss P. Casey 6. A compliment to Miss C. Smith on her approaching marriage.

BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Leonard Catlin 1, Miss M. Angela Carter 2, Kilby R. Holtom 3, Malcolm J. V. Chown (cond.) 4, Malcolm S. Cloke 5. First quarter on the bells.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Allum 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, E. W. C. Reeves 4, G. Keal 5, W. Holloway (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Clive Humphries, aged 20, whose sudden death is a great loss to the Bradfield band and the Guild.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): R. E. Lester 1, C. Taylor (first quarter) 2, K. Brown 3, A. G. Fever 4, J. S. Wybrew 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Thompson, of Southwold.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Steere 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, E. J. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. F. Newton 1, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, D. R. Airey 4, R. D. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

QUARTER PEALS

GLOUCESTER.—On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harrison 1, Doris Sheppard 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, H. Daniels 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. Rung as a 66th birthday compliment to S. Harrison.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Sercombe 1, B. Elvin (first 'inside') 2, R. Hickling 3, Miss E. Bracey 4, R. Loftly 5, D. Hall 6, J. Moor (first quarter Major) 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, P. Croft 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd (first of Cambridge Major 'inside') 4, G. Cherry 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

ILLSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Russell 1, H. Wykes 2, J. G. Geary 3, D. Allsop (first 720 Kent 'inside') 4, P. Baldock 5, G. A. Hollick (first 720 Kent as conductor) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Hatcliffe (first quarter) 1, Barbara Beeson 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, John Spenser 4, John Roper 5, Allan Bennett 6, Valerie Willard (first quarter as cond.) 7, Cyril Williams 8. A farewell to Diana Hatcliffe, shortly leaving for Hatfield, Herts.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Constant 1, T. E. Taylor 2, C. E. Jarrett 3, P. F. Borer (first in method as cond.) 4, R. Constant 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, T. A. Cross 7, R. Jenkins 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss D. Smith and Mr. V. Buck, two of the local band.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Capper 1, W. G. Lavers 2, W. Simmonds (first of Doubles) 3, W. H. J. Edworthy 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, K. Sims 6.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,320 St. Martin's Doubles: Miss M. Dowsett 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. E. S. Johnson 3, J. Roast (cond.) 4, P. J. Came 5.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wilson 1, G. Tembey 2, D. G. H. Martindale 3, J. A. Haile 4, J. Mossop (cond.) 5, S. Richardson 6. Rung after the institution and induction of the Rev. G. T. Berwick, M.A. (late Dean of Perth Cathedral, West Australia), to the Vicarage of St. Bees.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): Miss J. Jones 1, J. Honey 2, Miss L. R. Binnington (first 'inside' in five methods) 3, A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, F. Honey 6. Rung for the institution of the new Rector, Canon C. C. H. James.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Aug. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Janet Bailey 2, S. H. Dearden 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, J. Phillips 6, J. Hill 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, C. J. Watts 10.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Chapman 2, R. Sanders 3, R. Charge 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Euston 7, F. Gurney (first quarter, aged 67) 8.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John A. Howard (14) 1, I. A. C. Butcher 2, H. Meads (88) 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, E. Constable 6, H. J. Wilde 7, J. Walker 8. Rung with 7-6-8 covering. First quarter by treble ringer.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to announce that the well-known
Suffolk ringer, Mr. Garnham A. Blaxcell, of
Stowupland, was killed in a road accident on
September 12th, whilst cycling home after a
peal attempt at Debenham. He was involved
in a collision with a motor bus. Mr. Blaxcell
was 63 years of age.

Mr. A. D. Cullum, of
Reading, has resigned the
post of captain of St. Peter's
Church, Caversham, on account of a recent ill-
ness, from which he is slow in recovering, and
has been ordered rest by his doctor. His as-
sociation with St. Peter's dates from 1895, and
he has been in charge of the tower for the
past 18 years. 'This is a splendid record,'
writes the Rector in the parish magazine, in
expressing grateful appreciation of his long and
loyal service. Mr. Cullum is continuing his
membership of the tower, and his successor will
be Mr. T. Lanaghan. Mr. Cullum is a College
Youth of over 50 years' standing, and is a
regular attendant at the annual meetings and
dinners. He has given long service to the
Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he is one of
the trustees.

Who is the ringer who arrived home 24
hours after starting for a peal at Alderley,
Cheshire? His friends are anxious to know if
he now knows where to look for the engine of
his 20-year-old M.G.

Miss Julia Preston, secretary of the Liverpool
branch, has accepted a post in Switzerland, and
she expects to be away from this country for
at least a year. The peal of Stedman Caters at
Our Lady and St. Nicholas', on September 5th,
in which she participated, was a farewell to her
apart from the other purposes recorded in our
peal columns.

Mr. W. A. Smith, nephew of Mr. J. P.
Fidler, is temporarily employed by B.P.-Shell
Mex. Co., in Amsterdam, during his vacation
from Durham University. A 21st birthday
compliment was paid to him by friends at
Fairfield, Buxton, with a peal of Kent Treble
Bob Major on September 2nd.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Her friends in Bedfordshire
and Middlesex will con-
gratulate Miss Valerie Wil-
lard on conducting her first quarter peal, at
St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Valerie is
vice-captain of the company, and she organised
a farewell quarter peal to Miss Diana Hat-
cliffe, who is shortly sailing for England and
will live at Hatfield. 'We get a little bit home-
sick at times,' writes Miss Willard, 'when we
read of day outings visiting five or six towers.
Our annual outing comprises a visit to Bal-
larat, where there are two towers. Sometimes,
perhaps, we will go to Bendigo. but they are
still in the process of improving the "go" of
the bells.'

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray are spending a
short leave in Sydney. Peal attempts have been
arranged for their visit.

The Banbury, Oxon, tower had a double cele-
bration on September 5th with a quarter peal
to honour the diamond wedding of Mr. F.
Selwyn and the golden wedding of Mr. T.
Impey, two regular members of the band.
There was an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of
Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Banbury, on
the same day.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes: I was
very pleased to see something from Mr. Fred
Dench in last week's 'Ringing World' regard-
ing a peal of Superlative rung 60 years ago at
Crawley. According to the list of peals in
Davies' 'Surprise Methods,' the 50th peal of
Superlative Washbrook called at Appleton on
April 26th, 1889. Mr. Dench's peal at Crawley
on September 14th, 1893, was the 93rd. The
100th was at Kidderminster on December 6th
of that year and was conducted by R. E.
Grove.

(See also our correspondence page.)

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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THE LONDON 'STAR' IS TAKEN TO TASK

Editorial Wants Bells Rung on Rare Occasions

An Editorial that appeared in 'The Star' on August 31st has been challenged in strong terms by two of our readers who have addressed letters of protest to the Editor.

The Editorial, which is headed '2,500 Clangs,' is as follows:—

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a one-armed bellringer on holiday is reported to have tolled a 9 cwt. bell 2,500 times in four hours.

These marathon performances are doubtless great fun for campanologists. But what of the people around? How many of them enjoy the clamour, going on hour after hour?

As a summons to church bellringing is no longer necessary. Everyone knows the time. Moreover, many denominations never have used bells.

So let them be reserved for the rare occasions of national joy or consternation. And as for the devotees of Bob Major, can't they perform far away from towns and cities whose inhabitants are already bombarded with every kind of noise?

'Take Ringers Out of Cold Store'

Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has sent the following letter to the editor of 'The Star':—

Dear Sir,—Your writer of yesterday is patently so ignorant on the subject of bell ringing that except for the fact that he chooses at times to use the leader column of a widely circulated evening paper to air what is obviously something of a personal grievance his petty tirade would not be worth comment.

Unfortunately other people's pleasures often annoy some of the rest of us. The assembling, vocal appreciation and departure of football and racing crowds, the noise of speedways and motor racing, the nocturnal efforts of dance bands and departing dancers, the roar of week-end traffic through peaceful villages, the too powerful wireless set are a few of the things which give pleasure to some and shatter the nerves of others.

Happily the great majority of our people are tolerant and do not waste their time in trying to deprecate or suppress their neighbour's mode of enjoyment, and I am quite sure that only a comparatively few people (and they in quite a lot of cases more out of hostility to the Church than anything else) have any objection to the practice of the almost exclusively English art of change ringing—incidentally (although your writer's immediate cause of complaint arose in Ireland) the only difficult art in which the Englishman has no serious challengers.

I note with some relief that your writer would have bells for occasions of national rejoicing and sorrowing. For these events I assume he would draw the ringers from cold store.—Yours truly,

G. L. GROVER, Hon. Secretary.

Poor Fellow!

Miss W. Oliver, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, writes:

The member of your editorial staff who is continually deploring the fact that Englishmen are still free enough to be allowed to practise one of the oldest and most difficult arts known in this country is undoubtedly one of those unhappy people—and there are quite a number of them about—with some personal reason for objecting to bell music. It is a well known saying that the music of the bells reflects the thoughts of the listener, and no doubt anything so closely

connected with the Church or with Sunday strikes a discordant note in the unfortunate man's mind. Probably in the household where he spent his boyhood Sundays were unpleasant days where mother smacked the children and sent them to Sunday School to keep them out of father's irritated reach. Or perhaps his first love affair ended miserably one Sunday on the way to church and to the accompaniment of the bells. Whatever it was that spoiled bell music for him originally, he has not yet become mature enough to sort out his emotions and the sound is therefore still distasteful to him.

If he ever stopped to think he would realise of course that an art so ancient, so difficult, and so beautiful in the ears of normal people must of necessity be practised long and regularly, as diligently, in fact, as any of the other arts that help the celebration of any great occasion, private or national.

What would the choirs, the orchestras, the organists, say if they were told 'we shall want you to perform for all occasions of national rejoicing or national sorrow, but we cannot allow you to practise—that is unnecessary and noisy.' Soon there would be no singers, no orchestras, no organists, left. But perhaps your writer would prefer this. Doubtless he would like to have everything canned—recorded organ recitals, 'potted' choristers, synthetic bells. Poor fellow!

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Improved Standard of Ringing

On September 5th a meeting of the Guild was held at Holmfirth, when good use was made of the bells from early afternoon until time for service at 4.30.

The Chairman being on holiday, the Vicar of Holmfirth (the Rev. A. T. Dangerfield) conducted the pleasant service, and also presided at the business meeting. An excellent tea was provided by the keen young lady ringers.

At the business meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given to the local company for making the Guild so welcome and providing such a good tea. A word of appreciation to Mr. A. Haigh, the only remaining ringer of the old band, for his work was also endorsed.

In reply, the Vicar said although many years had elapsed since a meeting was held at this tower, the Guild was really welcome and could come again at any time. It was proposed to try to arrange the next meeting at Mytholmroyd on November 7th. One new member was elected.

About 30 members attended during the afternoon and evening. The fruits of the time and effort put in by members during the last few years can now be discerned. Methods rung included Plain, Little and Treble Bob, Grand sire and Stedman. Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and London. Never before have all these methods been rung at a local meeting in this area. The striking was up to the standard that one gets at most meetings. In fairness to residents a few yards away from the tower the bells were lowered at 8.15. A. W. B.

'REGINA'

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I be allowed to state that Mr. York Bramble's 'Regina' is *not* one method, but four distinct ones, and that he was informed of this in June last, when he submitted the figures to us. Each of the methods will, however, extend quite naturally if the rules passed by the Central Council are applied. —Yours sincerely, K. W. H. FELSTEAD. Southampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringling at St. Chad's, Over

Mention of ringing at St. Chad's, Over, usually conjures up memories of two record length peals, first of 17,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on July 21st, 1923, in 10 hours, which stood for 28 years, but was surpassed on November 4th, 1950, by the peal of Bristol Surprise Major of 21,600 changes in 12 hours 58 minutes; the longest peal 'by one set of men,' the words in inverted commas being added because of the performance at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, when relays of men rang the full extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes. That is, of course, outside the definition of a peal, as recognised by the Central Council, the governing body of ringing.

The meeting of the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at St. Chad's, Over, on September 5th, was a very happy and profitable event, not large by numbers, but great in spirit.

After an hour's ringing the 'Guild Office' was said the Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson, B.A.) who, after a very cordial welcome, saddened the gathering by announcing that he was leaving St. Chad's, where he had laboured for 11 years, to take up lighter duty at Wettenhall, which is only five miles away.

In the absence of the branch chairman, the meeting was taken by the genial secretary, Mr. David Smith, who, after welcoming the ringers, expressed regret at the Vicar leaving. In thanking the Vicar for his always kindly consideration and generous dealing with the ringers and services to ringing generally, and to the Northwich Branch and the Chester Guild in particular, Mr. Smith said the Vicar had never refused the smallest, or the largest, request of the ringers. Several ringers supported the remarks and expressed their good wishes.

The Vicar, in acknowledging, said he had certainly helped to put St. Chad's, Over, on the map; he had had letters from far and near.

The Northwich Branch is noted for something else besides its long length peals; it is noted for its long service ringers, among them being Alfred Johnson (life member), with 63 years' service; Albert Booth (life member), 56 years, both present at the meeting; Cecil Raddon, 50 years; W. Oakes, 45 years; A. Percival, 40 years. Also present was Albert Crawley, Crewe Branch, with 53 years' ringing to his credit.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN Summer Festival in Guilsborough Branch Area

The Guild Summer Festival was held on August 29th in the Guilsborough Branch, with Long Bucky as the focal tower.

A wet and stormy day did not damp enthusiasm, and 120 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the school, now used as a parochial centre. The service in church was well attended and enjoyed. The organist and choir, female as well as male voices, gave a lively lead to the singing, and the response from the congregation was good to hear. The Vicar, who conducted, also gave the address, which was both thoughtful and thought provoking.

After tea several items of business had to be disposed of, and the Master, Mr. E. Whitmore, presided at the meeting.

A vote of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the day was moved by Mr. E. Nobles, and seconded by Mr. H. Richardson.

The arrangements for the day's proceedings were in the hands of Mr. E. Orland, branch secretary, and the local committee, and the smooth running of everything testified to the care bestowed on the task.

The opportunity to visit the towers in this branch, which is on the western edge of the Diocese, was greatly enjoyed, ringing being available from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SOUTH DEVON

A Cordial Welcome

THIS was run, with his usual charm and efficiency, by E. M. Atkins, now living at East Teignmouth, where some of the party stayed, between August 30th and September 5th. Most, however, stayed at Elbury, 2, College Road, Newton Abbot. During our earthly sojourn we must admit that good meals do profoundly alter our outlook on life, and we must be grateful to Miss Sandoe for giving us such grand breakfasts and dinners. She would doubtless make future ringing parties equally welcome.

Those who had arrived in time took part in service ringing on August 30th at Wolborough, Dawlish, and East Teignmouth. Others were arriving on Monday, on which day visits were paid to Bishop's Teignton, West Teignmouth, King's Kerswell, Highweek, and King's Teignton. It was at the latter place that the undersigned joined the party, and therefore he relies on hearsay for the first part of this report. Thus he can only guess at what Mr. Lilley, the Chairman and Master of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, said, when he joined the Guild at supper that evening and welcomed them to Devon. Whatever Mr. Lilley said is sure to have been indicative of the most happy, kind and cordial way in which Devon ringers welcomed us everywhere, for which welcome we are most grateful.

On September 1st Cambridge was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes on the very pleasant eight at Wolborough. Others meanwhile were ringing at Babbacombe and St. Mary, Upton, Torquay. Then to Cockington for lunch, where the famous forge works hard nowadays selling souvenirs (the words 'forge' and 'souvenir' don't seem to go well together, however we must be careful in print). Being told we couldn't drive to the church but must park in the village park for 6d., we asked if we could qualify as a funeral; this didn't work, but a more matter-of-fact member got away with saying he was visiting the church on business. A nice six here, also a most interesting church, with, as in so many others in the district, a richly carved screen. Most of the screens hereabouts bear a very strong family likeness.

Then to the fine eight at Paignton, where the organist told one of our members the number and variety of ways in which ringers can get hung. Next, at Berry Pomeroy, a notice told us that the mats were for the ropes to fall on, not to stand on. A son of wicked Protector Somerset, who robbed Holy Church in the time of Edward VI., is buried here. Tea at Totnes, where we had to ring to rule, so that the Town Council could meet at 6.15. A splendid eight here. Then, after supper, to East Teignmouth, followed by a delightful hour over coffee with E. M. and Mrs. Atkins, at Rock Cottage.

PLYMOUTH AND BUCKFAST ABBEY

Wednesday began with Holy Communion, celebrated by our President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, at Wolborough. Then off in the Plymouth direction. Three fine eights here, at Plympton St. Maurice (formerly St. Thomas), Plympton St. Mary, and Emmanuel, Plymouth, where we lunched in the Parish Hall and were kindly given tea. Paul Williamson here demonstrated his skill by replacing his cylinder head gasket; but opening Gilbert's boot was beyond the combined skill of the Guild, and there the President's hat and coat had to stay for a night.

A drive round and round the newly-laid out centre of Plymouth followed; this was partly to see the Hoe, etc., partly because modern traffic arrangements often seem to make it

necessary to drive round and round a place before you can get into it. Eventually the car park at St. Andrew's was entered and the fine ten were going. It is thrilling to see this famous church gradually recovering its beauty after the war damage. Then to Buckfast Abbey, where Little Bob Royal, etc., were rung on the back ten of this famous ring. It is customary to swing the Bourdon during the ringing of the other bells, on great festivals—as is or was done at Beverley Minster also, producing a magnificent bass effect, if somewhat distracting to the ringers. We did this for a few strokes. Finally to Ashburton, and the evening finished with the business meeting, at which Brian Price agreed to run next year's Guild week in South Wales.

Next day London Surprise 'went west' about ten minutes from the end, after some excellent ringing. The rest of the day was spent in and around Exeter; the non-peals rang at Alphington and Exeter St. Thomas. In the afternoon—after the undersigned had lunched with Stafford Green—we rang at Exeter St. David's, then St. Mark's, where the President of the Devon Guild, Prebendary E. V. Cox, welcomed us with a charming speech, in which he said his only peal in Cambridge was for the King's visit on March 1st, 1904, when he, together with E. H. Lewis and H. S. T. Richardson, rang their first peal of Double Norwich.

Then to Exeter Cathedral with its glorious ring—where nowadays you mustn't ring the tenor single-handed. After Heavitree, home to supper and a film show, including Mount Athos and its Russian bells.

On September 4th the Master left to celebrate his 21st birthday at home, whilst the rest toured the Moors. Whilst eight were at Buckland-in-the-Moor for an hour or so, others visited Widdecombe and Manaton. One member got left behind at Widdecombe. Tom Pearce's horse not being available, he proceeded thence by hitching and train. After ringing at Chagford, we visited Moreton Hampstead and North Bovey—which latter place fines you 6d. for ringing in a hat, in contrast to the 3d. at Moreton Hampstead. We spent our money better on extremely good Devon teas and cream. Then to Chudleigh, and after supper the week concluded—for all but eight—at Ipplepen. What the eight did at Uffculme on Saturday morning I don't know—but there is always a sense of excitement attaching to unreliable news—else why should 'The Daily . . .' and 'The . . . of the . . .' sell in such millions?

Se we scattered again, full of gratitude to the Devon ringers, to Miss Sandoe, and to E. M. Atkins for his splendid organising.

GILBERT THURLOW.

READING CYCLISTS TOUR DEVON AND CORNWALL

Accident to Miss Nancie Swann Mars Enjoyable Week

A PARTY of St. Mary's, Reading, ringers and friends toured South Devon and Cornwall during the last week of August. Only Nancie Swann's accident marred a very pleasant week's holiday.

We set out by train from Reading to Newton Abbot and then cycled to Torquay. After ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major at St. Mary's, Upton, and Paignton Parish Church, eleven hungry Y.H.A. members arrived at Brentmoor Youth Hostel for dinner, handbell ringing and sweet sleep. The dormitory here was quiet; it was at later hostels that sleep became an impossibility before midnight, especially for George Morris, of Malvern, and Neville Diserens, who could not seem to keep their beds in order. The conversation, 'Are you awake, George?' 'No, I'm asleep,' could be heard until the early hours of the morning.

Leaving Brentmoor enshrouded in a misty rain, we made a snap decision to attend Matins at Ugborough and were warmly welcomed by the local ringers. A compliment was paid by one who said, 'That's the best bit of scientific ringing I've heard on these bells.' A motley gang in oilskins continued to Revelstoke, where a course of London was rung, and Plymouth, where we joined the St. Andrew's ringers in Kent Royal and Stedman Caters before Even-song.

On Monday we rang an excellent touch of Stedman Triples before a wedding at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, and while eight stayed to ring after the ceremony, George Morris and Ken Brown went on ahead, doing slow work with one of the weaker cyclists. Then, racing madly to reach Liskeard in time, Nancie proved that she is not so safe riding a bicycle as ringing Bristol. However, a fractured arm did not prevent her from staying with us, travelling by train, bus and private car. Good luck, Nancie! We hope you'll soon be back with the chalk and blackboards.

The next day, depleted by one good ringer, the gang enjoyed Cambridge on the pleasant six at Lostwithiel and the hospitality of the local ringers. 'Your rounds and changes were perfect, but why don't you learn to rise and fall?' was the local comment. We then climbed to Luxulyan, reputed to be the finest granite church in the county and, after coffee and cakes, soon had the six going to London Minor. A peal attempt for Cambridge Major at Probus came to grief after two hours of good ringing, and then we continued to Truro to join in the local practice at the Cathedral. Some of us afterwards had our first taste of a real Cornish pasty.

On Wednesday, towers were snatched at Kea and Perran-at-Worthal on our way to bathe at Falmouth. A pull at Kenwyn was arranged by Mr. Alan Carveth, who also kindly took four of us in his van to the Redruth practice.

The next day a course of London Major was rung at S. Budock and a peal of Cambridge attempted on the fine eight at S. Keverne, but, owing to collective fatigue, neither Cambridge nor Stedman would go even for a quarter peal.

The last full day's ringing proved to be the best. From Phillack we had a pleasant ride via Land's End, ringing at Penzance, the sweet six at S. Sennen (the First and Last Church in England), Zennor and Towednack. The best striking of the day was a course of Cambridge Major with the Rev. A. S. Roberts at Carbis Bay. Many thanks to Mr. Garner Haywood, who kindly took the three lady ringers (including the invalid) to the various towers in this day's programme.

After ringing at Phillack the party broke up on Saturday morning, leaving four to attempt a peal with the Revs. A. S. Roberts and Elliot Wigg, Messrs. Roger Leigh and Garner Haywood at S. Madron. Unfortunately, an interruption brought Cambridge Major to an end.

Lastly, may we record our thanks, through 'The Ringing World', to all incumbents who gave permission for the use of their bells, tower captains and local ringers who met us at every tower. And thank you, Jim, for a well organised tour.

K. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING—TO WHOSE SATISFACTION?

Dear Sir.—In your issue of September 4th you include the account of a tour in North Cornwall and West Devon which must have given great satisfaction and pleasure to those partaking. I venture to suggest, however, that on tours in this and presumably other parts of the country, greater consideration should be given to the places where peals are attempted. This should still give satisfaction to the tourists and would be less likely to give dissatisfaction to local inhabitants and ringers. Events at Holsworthy this year and at Tavistock during a tour some two or three years ago illustrate this.

To quote the 'Cornish and Devon Post' of August 22nd, 1953:—

'From a Holsworthy Resident, August 15th. Sir.—As reported in your issue of August 15th a team of ringers rang 5,056 changes in 3½ hours on Holsworthy Church bells for the first time. As a resident living near the Church, I am sure many other townsfolk will agree with me in hoping it will be the last.

'Just what the ladies and gentlemen who comprised the party gained from their efforts I do not know, except perhaps they derived benefit from their exertions, and it was noticed that one gentleman had stripped himself to the waist.

'Holsworthy bells, since being recast and rehung, are now the loudest peal for many miles around, and the continuous ringing for over three hours nearly drove some of us to distraction.

'(Signed) PEACE LOVER.'

In contrast to 'Peace Lover' your correspondent of September 4th describes events thus '... and this splendid ring, recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, was soon going to Cambridge, the first of Major on the bells. The west doors were left open, and as they lead on to the path in the main street, we had a constant gathering of interested spectators.'

At Tavistock some two or three years ago a touring band rang a peal of Surprise Major on what are considered one of the best eights (Taylor's) in this part of the country. The peal was, I understand, quite a good one judged by *changeringing* standards. As a result of the complaints made by local residents following the peal, the tower is now closed to visiting bands other than for short periods. This even stops the Devon Guild holding ringing meetings in Tavistock.

I appreciate that similar complaints occur in other parts of the country, but there are factors which make criticism more likely in the majority of towers in North and East Cornwall and West and North Devon. These towers are devoted to call changeringing rung with no gap at the handstroke lead. A 'touch' of call changes rarely lasts more than twenty minutes unless a 'peal' is attempted for a great occasion of Church or State. Changeringing is rarely heard.

There are good and bad call change towers in these parts, but there are many, many good ones, and in my experience their standard of Sunday service ringing is infinitely superior to all, but very, very few of the changeringing towers in the country. This is to be expected, for the call change ringer cannot aim for complexity of method, but can only endeavour on his practice night to improve the precision of his rise, his ringing of changes chosen for musical effect, and his fall.

The call change ringer is, in my experience, most interested in changeringing, but severely critical, and in general disinclined to transfer his allegiance. This is not because he cannot ring 'scientific' himself—several of our local

Tavistock band can take a pair of handbells to Grandsire Triples—but because he has yet to have any indication that the standards of precision of striking of the changeringer in any way approach his own.

As instance of this, soon after I came to live here, one of the local ringers mentioned the last peal that was rung in Tavistock. (He, incidentally, is a regular subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' though a call changeringer and circulates his copy to the other call changeringers.) In his opinion—and I value his judgment—the peal should have been stopped by the conductor after half an hour, since one of the band was most irregular in his leads, was breaking the beat, and obviously was not improving with time. So why inflict his inefficiency on the neighbourhood? I dare not argue with him that this same culprit would now, as the result of many recent peals, be almost certainly much better in his leads.

Clearly then a visiting band ringing any peal, and particularly a peal of Major, is just asking for violent opposition from the townsfolk if the bells are at all badly located or the ringing departs violently from local standards or customs. The band will further have to contend with the criticism of the locals, who have almost certainly heard less bad ringing in the past year than have the peal band. Remember last practice night or last Sunday, when that course of London or Grandsire piled up! Such a row is never heard in a call change tower.

I accept it as axiomatic that a changeringer can only hope to become proficient in all aspects of his art if he rings many lengths of the order of a full peal. A quarter peal or practices can never be enough. But I do feel most strongly that unless peals can be rung to the satisfaction of the ringers and at the same time give no possible dissatisfaction to local residents and local ringers then they should not be rung at all.

This puts a great onus on the organisers of peal tours—or ordinary as distinct from special peals for that matter. Peals should only be rung in towers which are so isolated that no residential complaint is possible, or in towers which are effectively louvred or in towers where some form of silencing is possible and permitted.

I remember some years ago ringing Yorkshire at Sherborne Abbey, when we fitted 'Jim Davis' silencers similar to the ones in use at that time, and possibly still in use, at Bishops-gate. Admittedly we lost the peal through one of the bells becoming unsilenced.

If a touring band wants to ring on noisy or troublesome bells then limit ringing to short touches. To have rung the first peal on any ring of bells is in most cases nothing of which to be particularly proud. It probably means that others have been just that little bit more considerate of, or well advised on, the other chap's point of view.—Yours sincerely,

R. GORDON CROSS.

Tavistock, Devon.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, SINGAPORE

Dear Sir,—As requested by J. B. P. in the issue dated August 28th, I have pleasure in giving the details called for.

The eight bells were cast in 1888 and the tenor weighs 27 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., note E flat. Each bell is dedicated to a saint and, commencing with the treble, they are Matthew, James, John, Paul, Bartholomew, Thomas, Peter and Andrew.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

EVERTON AND ITS BELLS

Dear Sir.—As a Bedfordshire ringer I should like to comment on the correspondence regarding Everton and its bells. Dealing first with the locality of the parish, Everton is a Bedfordshire village in the Biggleswade petty sessional division. The complexity of the situation is due to the fact that a small detached portion of the parish (surrounded by Beds and Cambs) has, since the time of William IV., been declared part of Huntingdonshire, and it is that portion known as Tetworth that the church of St. Mary stands. Mr. Stote is correct in his description of the location of the county boundaries (August 7th, p. 519), but I should like to add that the brick wall on the east side of the church lane has a white stone set in it to mark the boundary. The distance from the church tower to the nearest point of the Bedfordshire boundary is about 320 feet. Although the village is divided for local government purposes, ecclesiastically the parish of Everton-cum-Tetworth is in the rural deanery of St. Neats and diocese of Ely.

The bells are rung from the ground floor and the inscriptions, etc., are as follows:—

Treble. 1630. Note F.

2. I.K. God save the King 1630. Note E flat.

3. Sonoro sono meo sono deo 1611 Ricardus Holdfeld. Note D.

4. Johannes dier hanc campana fecit. Note C.

Tenor. Christopher Graye made me 1681. Recast 1894 Mears and Stainbank. Note B flat. Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

From this it will be seen that the bells are tuned to the major scale.

Now, having clarified the situation, I must upset matters by mentioning that the Bedfordshire Association had members from this church throughout the period 1911-1937. Strange to say the Bedfordshire Young Ringers met one of these Everton ringers during their recent Hampshire tour. Having resided at Milford for many years, he read an announcement of the ringing tour in his local paper and met the party at Lymington.—Yours faithfully,

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Kempston, Bedford.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dench and others may be interested to know that his peal of Superlative at Crawley on September 14th, 1893, was actually the 90th peal in the method to be rung. After a lapse of many years, the famous Burton-on-Trent band started the ball rolling again with a peal on May 5th, 1884, the footnote to which says it is the 8th peal ever rung in the method. From then until the date of Mr. Dench's peal, they rang 36 more peals of Superlative in various towers. In 1885, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, associated with J. W. Washbrook, rang their first peal in this method, and they scored 28 peals of it before September, 1893. No peals were rung by any other band until Sir A. P. Heywood, associated with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, rang the first of three peals in November, 1889—the other two were in 1890.

In the latter year, we find the Brighton ringers turning their attention to the method, led, of course, by George Williams. They rang four peals before 1893. 1892 and 1893 found the method rung in various parts of the country—11 more peals being scored by various bands at Sheffield, Kidderminster, Birmingham, Gloucester, Newcastle, etc., as well as in the Home Counties before the Crawley peal. Thus the method was becoming increasingly rung. It would be interesting to know whether there are any survivors of these even earlier peals of Superlative.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

(Continued from page 598)

On Wednesday morning we held our Corporate Communion in the chapel at Springfield. While the organiser went to interview the Town Clerk and obtain permission to ring at Carfax on Thursday evening, the rest went to Abingdon to ring on the light six at St. Nicholas'. There they were met and given a warm welcome by Mr. A. E. Lock. From there to St. Helen's with its seven aisles and mediæval painted roof. We were not able to ring the front two bells owing to the fact that their frame is not safe. We found some difficulty in holding the front bells long enough to suit the back bells, but, having found the speed, we had good ringing.

REGINA MAJOR

Drayton, Berks, was our next tower. This was the village where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar so long and where he did so much ringing. A permanent memorial to him in that church is the beautiful carving which he did in his spare time. At Drayton we rang the first course of Regina Major. As the bells run easily we were able to ring a large variety of methods, many of which had not been discovered in the days of the first Master of the O.D.G. Ringing, however, was not the absorbing interest that day. Several enthusiastic peal ringers were to be seen crawling up the road listening for details of the Test Match.

We were very lucky in finding a small inn at Dorchester where the cricket enthusiasts were able to listen to the broadcast while the rest enjoyed their lunch on the green outside or in the garden. A feature of that inn was its wonderful garden full of old-fashioned flowers such as are rarely seen to-day. At Dorchester Abbey the Vicar met and welcomed us. He, too, was very anxious to return to his wireless set!

Dorchester again added to our list of beautiful churches and fine rings. On its bells, with a fourteenth century tenor and seventh with their beautiful mediæval lettering and moulding, many peals have been rung, including the record of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods. It was at Dorchester that Peter Border brought us the news that England had won the Ashes. Our next tower was Ewelme with its fine modern six. The beauty of the village and church once again provided a counter-attraction to the ringing. Across the site of the Battle of Chalgrove Field to Watlington, where we were met by Mr. A. Hine, who welcomed us on behalf of the local ringers. At Watlington the bells proved too heavy to handle for many of the party and it was not until the heavy bell men returned from tea that we succeeded in getting good ringing.

CATHEDRAL CLAPPER BREAKS

After supper some of us went to the Cathedral to ring with the city ringers, while others went out to Ifley. After a course of Grandsire Cinques Mr. Judge decided to attempt a half-course of Cambridge Maximus. The course had hardly begun when an ominous thump was heard overhead and the tenor rung by Wilfrid Moreton ceased to sound. The balanced clapper had broken.

Thursday was a peal ringing day, one party being scheduled to go to Buckland to ring Grandsire Triples, the other peal band to go to Appleton for Grandsire Cateters. The non-pealers with Charles McGuinness in charge, rang at Radley, Sunningwell and Cumnor. At Radley they were met by the Vicar, who was to ferry some of the party as far as Cumnor, by Janet Eason, Anne Humfrey and Enid Lloyd-Roberts, Master of the Bristol University Society. From local reports since received the ringing there was much appreciated.

The tale of the peal bands is one of woe. The attempt at Buckland was lost by a miscall. It was particularly disappointing, as it was Beatrice Boyle's first attempt for a peal.

MORE CAR TROUBLE

The Appleton band had a worse tale to tell when they met the non-pealers at The Bear and Ragged Staff, an inn associated with Leicester and Amy Robsart. Half the band had left on time for the peal. The second car, the writer's, refused to start. The trouble was diagnosed as 'plugs' so with the help of Wilfrid Moreton and his passenger they were taken out one by one and dried. All went well until a nut was knocked into the engine. We admire considerably the man who did not say, 'I told you so,' but spent the next half-hour fishing with a hairpin, helped by Peter Border and others. By then it was fully recognised that the trouble was not just 'plugs,' but a blown gasket. Once more Gordon Cross stepped in to help, although he was on the way to Whipsnade with his family. He took the stranded peal ringers to Appleton, where they arrived an hour late.

Everything had, however, been got ready by Mr. Frank White, who had met the early arrivals. At once the band settled down to tapping the bells at a good rhythm and from the word go it looked as if the peal was in the bag. However, after two hours' most enjoyable ringing, it was found that there had been a miscall and the bells ran round. On leaving the tower the band met Mr. Frank White, who congratulated them on their very good ringing. He particularly congratulated Ivor Trueman on the excellent way he rang the tenor as a stranger.

The next problem to be faced was the question of transport for four people, if not six, for the rest of the day. Mr. F. White tried to get local transport, but as that was not available the writer managed to persuade the uncle of one of her school children to do it. He had a six-seater car and that solved all difficulties. After lunch at Cumnor everyone met at South Leigh, famous for its murals. There we were given a hearty welcome by the Vicar, who not only allowed us to use the bells, but also encouraged Michael Slaney to play the organ. This, unfortunately, had a bad effect on the ringing, not because of the playing, but because the organ is built in the ringing chamber! However, a large variety of methods was rung, for the bells are a handy ring of eight, much used in years gone by for peal ringing.

From South Leigh, where hymn singing and ringing had made us late, to Bampton, where the key had to be tracked down. This fine eight, considered by some to be the finest in the diocese, were kept going to a variety of methods.

At Farlington, where we were met by Mr. M. J. Pryor, secretary of the Vale of White Horse Branch, the tower again was difficult of access. The bells are hung in a central tower and the only means of access is by a ladder in the church. The bells, an eight (tenor 17 cwt.), go well and everyone enjoyed ringing there in spite of the network of wires.

After supper another visit was made to Carfax, the correct keys having been collected by Mr. P. Walker and taken to Springfield by Daphne Castell. This time we got in, but found that when the third was up she hit her chiming hammer. This trouble was put right after about 20 minutes by Randal Clouston and A. York-Bramble. Everyone had a chance to ring, although time was short.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting took place on our return to Springfield. At it a formal vote of thanks was passed to the clergy and captains of the towers where we had rung, to Mr. P. Walker, who had made many local arrangements, and to the sisters and staff of Springfield St. Mary.

It was decided that the next ringing week should be at Hereford as accommodation was available, the arrangements to be left to Wilfrid

M. Moreton and the new secretary. Among new members elected were Peter O'Connell, of Groton School in America, and the Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, who had helped us so much. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Wilfred Houghton and sympathy expressed to the president.

Friday was our last day and from the point of view of scenery perhaps the best. Again we made a good start in fine weather. The majority arrived at Witney in good time. It was here that the night before four members had rung in a 'merry peal' of Double Norwich, conducted by Alan Pink. The adjective is the one which was given to it by one of the inhabitants of the local almshouses, who had opened her windows to listen. In due course the organiser arrived driving the hired car. There is a rumour that had she been tested by anyone but the person who did pass her, she would not have passed! The ringing at Witney was much enjoyed and we were very grateful to the local captain, Mr. L. Oliffe, for finding time to meet us.

ST. LAWRENCE MAJOR

Next on to Burford, there to be met by Mr. W. J. Dixon, who had all the bells up ready and who rang several touches with us. The bells were rehung three years ago and now go the right way round. The difference in them is remarkable. For the last time we had an outstandingly beautiful church with a fine ring of bells. At Burford we rang, besides the usual methods, nearly a course of St. Lawrence Major: this was at the president's request.

While we were ringing we were informed that the secretary's car was temporarily out of action owing to the need for a new ball race. To obtain that he had to return to Oxford. Thanks, however, to the Rev. F. Rigby and Mr. P. Cave, who by then had joined us, we were able to take everyone to Churchill, where the tower is an exact replica of Magdalen tower, but one-third the size.

We had lunch at the Chequers opposite the church. There we were made very welcome, the landlord not only providing chairs for the handbell peal in the afternoon, but also making tea for them, although the inn was closed.

HANDBELL PEAL OF MAXIMUS

We left six handbell enthusiasts behind to attempt a peal of Maximus while the rest went on to Kingham after John Hatcher had rejoined us. At Kingham we rang a variety of Plain and Surprise methods, including some Spliced Surprise Major, without our usual conductor. In fact, it meant that a touch had to be worked out before we started. From Kingham with its handy eight on to Chipping Norton, where we found bells of a different calibre. Here we were made welcome by Mr. J. H. Jarvis, the local captain. We rang a number of different methods, including a touch of Spliced Surprise which came home as the result of a co-operative effort on the part of all concerned. While the majority of the band had tea in Chipping Norton and then made their way to Cassington, a tower well known to many generations of the O.U.S.C.R., the writer went back to Churchill, there to listen to part of the attempt which she knew was being made on the greatest number of Maximus methods, and to collect some of the ringers when they had finished. On her arrival everything seemed to be going well and the bells were travelling along with a beautiful rhythm. Unfortunately, a heavy rainstorm drove her from her listening point before the end. However, within ten minutes the band emerged triumphant carrying their chairs before them.

After tea, back to Oxford through a cloudburst. The motor-cyclists arrived soaked and the laundry at Springfield was soon a drying ground for a variety of garments not usually seen there. After supper everyone went to the Clarendon Institute, there to spend an evening

in the company of the Oxford City ringers and members of the Diocesan Guild.

During the evening the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, thanked the local ringers, and particularly Mr. P. Walker, for all that they had done to make our visit such a success. He also thanked the organiser for all that she had done.

FINAL PEAL ATTEMPTS

After much shuffling peal bands were arranged for the Saturday morning and transport fixed. Finance was sorted out and good use was made of the time until one member returned in the early hours of the morning from exploring North Oxford.

Saturday came with the hasty departure of part of the Harwell peal band to catch trains, while others left by car for the same destination. The latter became involved in a train of traffic several miles long and passed Enid Lloyd-Roberts, who was waiting for them at Stevenon. After a return journey had been made for her, they settled down to ring a peal of Yorkshire in 3 hours 9 minutes. The conductor is reported to have found the tenor as hard work as on Appleton eighth owing to its falseness.

The peal band for East Hagbourne saw the departure of the rest of the members before setting out themselves for a 12.30 p.m. start. Before leaving the president gave to the Sister Superior book/tokens for the use of the Community, and thanked her on behalf of us all for all that they had done. From remarks which she made we gathered that before long we should have had some of the Community ringing handbells as they were so fascinated by them. Another band, with G. Dodds as conductor, set out for Cowley St. James', but unfortunately that peal attempt was lost also. The band who were going to East Hagbourne then set out. They ate their lunch while listening to the local band ringing for a wedding. An attempt was made for Double Norwich, but the band proved that it was not strong enough to tackle that method on those bells, so after three courses had been rung the bells were set up and we decided to go for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples and, if things were going well, to go on for a full peal attempt. However, by mutual agreement it was decided to stop at the end of the quarter peal. The band then adjourned to the Fleur-de-Lys, so well known to all ringers who visit East Hagbourne, and there we had tea.

SPECIAL THANKS

Looking back over the week with deep happiness, one realises how much the happiness of the week was due, not so much to the person who organised, but to the way in which everyone, whatever their age or ringing ability, adapted themselves to whatever need arose and put other people first; particularly I would like to mention Mrs. McGuinness, Beatrice Boyle, Julia Preston and the others who night after night saw that we had tea; Mary Kennedy, who undertook as soon as she arrived to see that everyone was shown their room; the president, Wilf Moreton, Charles McGuinness and Ran Clouston, who often took over from the Ringing Master in order to give her a rest; the car drivers who often against their inclination took five passengers when they would prefer four; Ivor Trueman and Heather Tesson, who ran the bar so efficiently on the Friday evening; to the motor-cyclists, who always took a pillion passenger, and particularly Mary Fuller, who proved herself so adaptable; also to Alan Blair, who when the emergency arose did make a practical suggestion and carried it out; also all those who did as the Ringing Master asked so willingly; to our genial secretary, who coped so well with the intricacies of finance; to Wilfrid Moreton, who dealt so willingly with all the transport difficulties; and not least the practical jokers who provided the lighter side, without which we should probably have been dull dogs.

M. R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE R. NEWTON

Mr. George R. Newton, one of the best known personalities in the Exercise, and a member of the Central Council, died peacefully at his home, 57, Amphyll Road, Liverpool, on September 5th. He was 78 and is survived by his wife and a son and daughter.

For most of his life he had been a coachman, and among the many distinguished Merseyside families he had worked for was that of Sir Max and Lady Muspratt, to whom he was coachman for 30 years. Since 1943 he had been a guide in Liverpool Cathedral.

Mr. Newton was a member of 23 ringing societies and a past President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers. He joined the Association in 1904, and had rung about 390 peals. For over 15 years he was Ringing Master of Liverpool Parish Church. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 59 years.

In 1951 he was appointed first Ringing Master of Liverpool Cathedral bells, and had been responsible for all the ringing in the Cathedral, including the opening of the bells by Her Majesty the Queen, the funeral of Admiral Sir Max Horton, and for the service attended by members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in the Cathedral last Sunday.

The funeral service was held in Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday, September 10th.

MR. T. F. COLES

Wimborne has sustained a great loss by the death on August 28th of Mr. Tom Frank Coles at the age of 79 years. He was a well-known and highly esteemed tradesman, whose business as an ironmonger was established by his father almost 100 years ago.

Mr. Coles was a past president and senior member of the Wimborne Minster Governors, and at one time churchwarden, and has been a member of the Parochial Church Council since its inception, serving on the Finance Committee until failing health compelled him to retire in 1951.

He was a member of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and was a regular ringer for morning and evening services; also secretary-treasurer of the Wimborne Society of Church Bellringers since 1922.

His last visit to the Minster belfry was on Easter Day, 1951, and, although he had been unable to climb the 72 steps to the ringing room since that day, he had shown a keen interest in the activities of the Wimborne branch and local society.

On September 1st a large congregation attended the first part of the funeral service in the Minster, where the coffin had rested overnight, and four of the local ringers acted as bearers. As the cortege left the church the beautiful ring of ten bells was rung half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples as a tribute to one who had done so much for the Minster.

MR. WILFRED MATTHEWS

The death of Mr. Wilfred Matthews took place at his home, 37, Byrons Lane, Macclesfield, on Friday, August 28th. He was 77 years of age and had been a ringer for over 60 years at St. Michael's, where his father also rang for over 40 years. Mr. Matthews did quite a lot of composing in the Grandsire method, having two 12-part peals to his credit, as well as a number of Cater and Cinques peals. He attended to his duties as a ringer right to the last.

The funeral took place at the Church of St. James, Sutton, on Tuesday, September 1st. The bells were rung at both St. Michael's and St.

James' by members of the Macclesfield Branch. Handbells were also rung at the graveside by four fellow ringers, Messrs. F. Yates, C. Morlidge, V. J. Norbury and G. Bottamley. Eight members of the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's on the following Saturday.

MR. ERNEST GOSDEN

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Ernest Gosden, captain of the Benhilton, Surrey, Society of Change Ringers. On Aug. 26th he was, as usual, in charge of the weekly tower practice where arrangements were completed for members of the band to ring a quarter peal for his 20th wedding anniversary the following Sunday. On the Friday he was taken ill, and he died the following Thursday in St. Helier Hospital.

Mr. Gosden learnt to ring at North Shields at the age of 11, and rang his first peal there at the age of 13. Altogether he rang 19 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association before his work brought him to Sutton in 1943.

It was not long before he was in the Benhilton belfry, and early in 1944 he was elected captain of the band. He had the difficult task of building up a band from scratch owing to various movements from the district. But, as with all jobs he undertook for the Church, he tackled it with determination and got results. He was a keen supporter of the Surrey Association, and encouraged all his members to join, although in recent years, owing to his work on the P.C.C. and from 1951 onwards as churchwarden, he rarely attended meetings. He believed that the regular ringing of his tower bells on a Sunday and the encouragement of learners was more important than his personal advancement in ringing, and that the strength of the Association was to be measured by the regularity of Sunday ringing.

His main diversion of recent years was tune ringing on handbells, and many charities benefited by his team of handbell ringers who supported local Rotary Clubs in their Christmas efforts. At the time of his death he was in the middle of arrangements for a United Church effort in Sutton and Cheam, to be made this Christmas, on behalf of the old and poor.

The funeral took place at All Saints, Benhilton, on September 8th. Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled in rounds, and the ringers included Miss Valerie Woodhatch, one of the last batch of learners to be taught to handle by him. The rounds were followed by 504 Grandsire Triples rung by a representative band of the Surrey Association, under the conductorship of the N.W. District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins. Those taking part were: Mrs. V. Lathbury, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Mrs. V. Smith 3, Mr. C. Parks 4, Mr. R. Lathbury 5, Mr. W. Parrott 6, Mr. F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, Mr. J. Clarke 8.

As the cortege left the church for the Streatham Crematorium a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by the same band. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the local band, the striking being of a standard he would have been happy to hear. The ringers were: J. Clarke 1, W. Parrott 2, P. Richardson 3, G. Reed 4, P. Leech (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Goldsmith 6.

A Requiem was said for him at 9.30 the following morning, after which his ashes were scattered at the base of the tower. As a memorial it is intended to make a small garden on this spot and erect a tablet acknowledging his services to the church and tower.

So passes a man who served ringing and the Church well and a man who will be sorely missed by his many friends.—W. P.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE LANCASTER

The death occurred on August 23rd at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, of Mr. George Lancaster, at the grand age of 93.

A native of Essex, he came to Stratton in 1911 from Brightlingsea, where as a member of Thorington band he was a friend of the late Mr. W. J. Nevard.

Mr. Lancaster was a gardener by profession, but, during the first world war, was employed in the Stores Department of the Railway Works at Swindon, from which he retired many years ago. He had rung between thirty and forty peals, including the first on the old six at Stratton by a local band in 1914, which he called. He also rang in the first peal there after the bells had been restored and augmented to eight in 1931.

Owing to ill-health he had not done any ringing since the second world war, and was latterly confined to his bed at his daughter's residence. Ringers from Swindon Christ Church, Blunsdon, and the local band were present at the funeral on Friday, August 28th.

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HOWARD.—On Monday, Sept. 14th, 1953, to Rosemary and Denis, at 19, Married Quarters, C.A.D., Bramley, Hants, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth. 3194

SILVER WEDDING

ELSON—BRIGGS.—Richard Eric to Evelena, on Sept. 18th, 1928, at St. Paul's Church, Daybrook, Notts. Present address. 114, Harrow Road, Wollaton Park, Nottingham. 3150

DEATHS

LADD.—On Sept. 4th, 1953, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Ann Ladd, of East Grinstead, aged 84 years. Cremated at Charing, Kent, Sept. 9th. 3192

LADD.—On Sept. 10th, 1953, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Walter James Ladd, of East Grinstead, aged 88 years. Cremated at Charing, Kent, Sept. 15th. Parents of E. J. Ladd. 3193

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Having sold his Fountains Park residence, A. York-Bramble asks that correspondence for him be addressed, for the present, to: R.A.F. Reserves Club, South Street, Park Lane, London, W.1. 3081

The new address of Mr. S. Anthony Jesson is 11, Meadhurst Road, Western Park, Leicester, Phone 87436. 3149

The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy, of Eastbourne, is now Esperance, Oldfield Road, Lower Willington, Sussex. 3092

The address of Philip H. Tockock is now 14b, New Zouch, Tidworth, Hants. 3158

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose, Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY.—The 1954 edition of the Ringers' Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Will Association Secretaries wishing for dates of Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., to be inserted in the Diary portion please forward details to me without delay?—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 3172

BELLRINGER'S GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS OF BRITAIN, R. H. Dove.—Regret, first edition now sold out. New and revised edition ready shortly. Watch 'The Ringing World' for announcement.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 3173

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Holywell (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Withington (6), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3133

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 3177

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, September 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 3132

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 19th, Hatfield (10). 2.45 to 5.30. St. Peter's, St. Albans (10) in evening. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. S. 3131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 3097

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Brigg (not Broughton) on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Names to me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3151

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Hampton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 to 4.45. Service and tea. Sunbury-on-Thames (8) 6.30 to 8.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec. 3130

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bromley, September 19th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing afterwards. Visitors welcome.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 3136

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 19th, at 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—P. A. Sadler. 3124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3-4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. 3096

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting September 19th, Ringmer. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3111

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. 3089

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8) 3 p.m. Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3121

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Reigate. 3146

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Sept. 26th. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 3178

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kempston ringers' social, Sept. 26th. Ring of eight bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45. Social 6.30-9.30. Good bus service. All ringers and friends invited. Names for tea to Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 3165

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, Sept. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Cook, 24, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire, before Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 3179

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—The meeting to have taken place at Kingsbridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th, has been cancelled. Other arrangements at a later date.—T. G. Myers, Hon. Sec. 3168

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington on September 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity 10.30-11.30 and 2-3.30; St. John's 11.30-12.30 and 2-3.30; St. Cuthbert's 3-4.30. All towers available after meeting. Committee 3.30 in St. Cuthbert's Vestry. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15 (with meeting following) St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by September 22nd to T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road. 3139

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3175

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3153

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, September 26th. For teas, please write before September 19th to R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duke of Norfolk T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3148

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, September 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, please notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. 3110

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tamworth on Sept. 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Sept. 22nd.—Audrey A. Timms, Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Butts, Coventry. 3183

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby, Sept. 26th. St. Andrew's bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Pierpont Restaurant 5 p.m. St. Luke's bells available after tea. Names for tea should be sent not later than Thursday, September 24th, to Mr. G. Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 3135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls' (8, 23 cwt.), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6. Buses 28, 29, 30 from Trinity Street.—J. Thornley, Assistant Sec. 3165

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting. Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, by Wednesday, 23rd. Business meeting after tea, at which a presentation will be made to Mr. H. Lofthouse, secretary for 30 years.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 3159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Schools 5 o'clock. Please notify by Sept. 22nd Mr. F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leicester. 3187

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names by the 24th to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham. 3185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Bigby, September 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than September 22nd, to L. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 3119

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Sept. 26th. Crowland. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names before Sept. 19th to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 3184

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Caerphilly, Saturday, September 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3114

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Brightwell, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 22nd to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Dedication service at Duns Tew, Sept. 26th, 3 o'clock. Bells (5) available. Please notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3155

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Western District).—Joint meeting. Wendover, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 21st.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3186

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Wootton, September 26th. Names for tea by September 22nd to B. L. Smart, 4, Water Lane, Wootton.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 3116

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 3161

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, Sept. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names to the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute, Piddlehinton, by Sept. 23rd, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3157

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bridport, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Monday, 21st, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3176

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—The meeting on Sept. 26th will now be held at Balderton (Collingham not available). Own tea arrangements.—P. N. White. 3160

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. in Village Hall, 7, Beddington Lane. Names for tea to Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, by Sept. 24th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3169

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Rotherfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec. 3163

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sept. 26th, at 6 p.m. Buses hourly, returning to Newbury 8.53. Basingstoke 9.3.—D. Cane. 3179

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Upham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 3164

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Thorne, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, near Doncaster, by 24th.—Doreen E. Smythe, J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 3189

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Butlers Marston (6). 'Blue' bus service from Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington Spa (via Kineton). Please notify for tea—important. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. J. Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby (Harbury 314). 3178

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Culmpton (10 bells), Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 3154

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea available at local cafes.—R. I. Shepherd. 3181

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 3rd, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, by Sept. 30th. 3180

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Hugglescote on Oct. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 (2s. 6d. each). Please notify Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, by Oct. 1st. Meeting after tea.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 3176

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Cropredy (6), Oct. 3rd. Service 4. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing: Charlbury, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Chadlington after tea.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford. 3167

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than Sept. 29th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle (5), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th. For transport to Stoke, inform Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, time and number of persons, not later than Sept. 25th. 3180

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Grafton Regis, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to G. Atkins, Grafton Regis, Towcester. 3152

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton Coldfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3174

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham, Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Oct. 1st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. St. Peter's (10) available evening. 3170

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wissett (6), Oct. 3rd. Same arrangements as usual.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3188

SUFFOLK GUILD (Sudbury-Clare District), **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (North-Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bures on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Sept. 30th.—L. D. Mills and J. H. Gould, District Secs. 3195

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llanfaes, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names, please.—W. G. Smith, Stannbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3191

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 3rd, at Hursley. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3162

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Saturday, October 10th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for these must reach me not later than October 3rd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3143

STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH.—Civic service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the recast and rehung ring of 10 bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham at 2.45 p.m. on Oct. 17th. The bells will be available for all ringers from after tea until 9 p.m. Admission to service by ticket only (free). Tea tickets 3s. 6d. Service and tea tickets available from E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Lintorpe, Middlesbrough. 3190

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 24th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Ringing at the Cathedral (12, tenor 40 cwt.), St. Marie's R.C. (8, tenor 25 cwt.) and others. (Further details and times later.) Tower bell peals will be arranged Friday evening and Saturday morning. Those requiring peals write to Mr. J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9, stating method preferred and capabilities. Handbell peals will also be arranged, if required, by Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Quarter peals can also be rung on Sunday at various towers. Offers of and requests for suitable accommodation contact the undersigned. A hearty welcome is assured.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3138

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Payne (first quarter of Minor) 1: R. Spring 2. M. Amos (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 3. R. Holland (first quarter of Minor) 4. M. Chown (cond.) 5. E. Orland 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells.

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