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EATON HALL CARILLON

THERE must be a number of infantry National Service men among ringers to-day who have passed through the famous cadet training school at Eaton Hall, Cheshire. In the realm of bells Eaton Hall has its own peculiar place as possessing a carillon of 28 bells. Mr. J. W. Clarke, in his 'Cheshire Bells' (Part III.), provides some interesting observations on these bells which are housed in a lofty clock tower of splendid proportions, which adjoins the chapel. The present Eaton Hall was designed by Waterhouse and is built in the early Gothic style and replaces a former great mansion built to Porden's plan in 1803.

The carillon at Eaton Hall is the only example in Cheshire of bells of foreign workmanship. They were cast by Chevalier Severin Van Aerschodt of Louvain in 1877. The Louvain foundry was opened by Peter Van Den Ghein about the middle of the sixteenth century and developed into one of the greatest of the Low Country bell foundries. In the nineteenth century it was in the hands of Van Aerschodt, who succeeded to it through marriage. Another example of his work can be seen at Cattistock in Dorset (35 bells), and there was formerly a carillon by him at Boston, Lincolnshire.

Mr. Clarke writes that in the tower at Eaton the bells are hung in a framework of oak, which occupies the space between the operating room and the clock dials above, the bells being arranged in tiers with the largest at the base. A spiral staircase of wrought iron ascends through the centre of the frames and thus gives access for adjustments to the striking mechanism. Both clock and carillon are weight driven, and 31 tunes can be played from the five hardwood barrels, each of which is ten inches in diameter and studded with brass pins. A list of tunes is displayed in the operating room. Barrels one and two are set for fifteen hymn tunes (for use on Sundays), while the remaining three produce secular tunes ranging from a Bach fugue to 'The Bluebells of Scotland.' The carillon is set in motion by the clock mechanism, which causes one tune from the barrel to be played after the striking of the hour on the bass bell.

This hourly music was formerly much enjoyed by the many visitors who walked in the park, but the carillon has not been heard for a number of years. The tone of the bells, however, can be judged from those used in the clock chimes, which are still heard from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and from the deep note of the bourdon as it marks the hours. All the bells are inscribed with an ornamental letter 'W' on the waist, and the bass bell bears the following inscription: 'This peal of 28 bells was cast at Louvain for his Grace the Duke of Westminster by Van Aerschodt. A.D. 1877.' The reputed weight of the bourdon bell is 2½ tons, Note C. It has a diameter of 60 inches. In contrast, the diameter of the smallest bell is only 12 inches.

Closely associated with Eaton Hall is the picturesque village of Eccleston, a name familiar to readers in our peal and other columns. The Church of St. Mary was twice built in the nineteenth century, the first being a rebuilding of a 12th century church. This was in 1807 and the existing four bells were disposed of, one being a recast by Abel Rudhall in 1757. For this church Thomas Mears cast a ring of six with a tenor of 13 cwt. The following note, copied from the fly-leaf of an old account book belonging to the Swindley family, tells of the official opening:

> Eccleston New Peal of 6 bells was rung for the first time Wednesday Octr the third, 1810. Lord Grosvenor gave a sheep and the Church Wardens plenty of ale at the house of Mr. Geo. Taylor. Opened by the young ringers of St. John's, Chester, consisting of the following persons:— Geo. Sinclair, Wm. Doyle, Jno. Doyle, Edw. Jones, Geo. Nichen, Jno. Andrews, Geo. Woodin and Richd. Wildman, with a detachment of the Liverpool ringers.

The second rebuilding was in 1896 on an adjoining site, the church being demolished to provide stone for the new building. On the evening before work began the bells were rung for the last time, and on the following day they were lowered to the ground. Mr. John Taylor was called to Eaton to discuss proposals for the bells which the Duke of Westminster desired should match the back eight of the carillon at the Hall. As this proved impracticable, they were eventually cast as a heavy ring of eight in the key of D. They were first rung in 1907 and the result was more than satisfactory, for these bells, states Mr. Clarke, are without doubt one of the finest eights in the country.

This Duke of Westminster seems to have been a patron of ringers. In 1903 he presented two bells to Pulford, on account of the keenness of a young band of change ringers. The captain of the ringers, Mr. James Morgan, made the frame.

Part III. of 'Cheshire Bells' deals with bells in the Rural Deanery of Chester and the Deanery of South Wirral. It is reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society,' Vol. lxii.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt.

*EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	*JOHN WORTH	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
JOHN S. MASON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
RICHARD E. PRICE	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 700th peal.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt.

CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
WALTER ALLMAN	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS	*Treble*	J. ARTHUR HOARE	6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	HAROLD L. PARFREY	7
ELIZABETH M. PARFREY	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	8
ROGER O. FRY	4	ROBERT E. COLES	9
TREVOR M. RODERICK	5	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
Richard J. Bowden has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, the parents of the ringer of the tenor.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	JACK A. C. KING	7
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954 *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
*MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	8
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	JOSEPH M. STRETTON	5
†CLIFFORD T. WIGHTMAN	2	REGINALD H. JARVIS	6
JOHN S. WALTON	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Specially arranged to celebrate the wedding on this day at this church of Mr. Edmund E. Pearson and Miss Betty West.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*IVOR SCOTT	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*ALLEN TWYMAN	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
*JOAN CORDWELL	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
*JEAN C. BROWN	4	*NEVILLE A. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

SHEILA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEOFFREY INGHAM	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	JOHN F. BRYANT	6
*ERIC BALDWIN	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
*HAROLD SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.
* First peal of Surprise.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., July 28, 1954 *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's four-part variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

G. STANLEY BREWIN	*Treble*	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*A. PATRICK CANNON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER F. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples on working bell.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. H. Allen, M.A., B.D., on his induction to this parish. Also a compliment to Ernest Morris on his birthday.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
*MARGARET PAGE	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
†LEWIS F. COBB	4	†CYRIL CHURCHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. July 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

BETTY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
HAZEL CLOSE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
GEORGE F. SPERRING	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to John W. Best, ringer at this church 1935-1954.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¾ cwt. in E flat.

*PAULINE M. SAXTON	*Treble*	PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
NORMAN J. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	‡GRAHAM BALL	5
*NANCY E. MARKLEW	2	JOHN VERNON	6
†RITA M. STRATFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
†CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild. The 50th peal for the Guild on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Iris Proctor (ringer and chorister at this church) to Gordon Young, of Sapcote.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

*JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
BERNARD G. MOORE	3	‡W. LESLIE WELLER	7
†SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON	4	§ERNEST R. HEASMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside' and also on eight. ‡ 25th peal. § First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 VENTNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Rev. G. C. Oakley, M.A., as Vicar of Willesden.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

LOUIS J. LOCKYER	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part (variation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	*ALLAN SIMPSON	5
*JOAN HOODLESS	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	FERDERICK G. HOOPER	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	BRIAN BUSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method First peal in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
RALPH BIRD	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Maureen Kains to Mr. Ivor Greenaway, who were married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal. Mr. C. S. Jarrett has now 'circled' the tower.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*HARRY J. GAYLARD	*Treble*	*WALTER H. POOLE	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	THOS. CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (1). Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
BASIL W. WHITE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
HAROLD DENMAN	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Major.

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

IVOR SCOTT	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*PATRICIA LEWIS	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
IVOR GOULTER	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	†FREDERICK HYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples and in the method as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARION JACKSON	*Treble*	EDGAR W. WINTERS	5
PETER H. CROFT	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
JOHN CHURCH	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. CHAPMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Cherry.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

K. MARY COWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM YATES	5
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
KILBY R. HOLTOM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK N. BASTIN	*Treble*	JOHN CARTER	5
*CYRIL SAVAGE	2	SIDNEY J. SKINNER	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	FREDERICK J. WREFORD	7
JOHN SELWAY	4	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Alfred Lovering, 1885-1954, one-time member of the tower, who did much in his lifetime for the cause of method ringing in this area.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	EILEEN M. TURNER	5
†MARGARET E. BROWN	2	‡E. JOHN WELLS	6
ANN M. COX	3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob † First peal of Major. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung as a birthday peal for the Misses S. R. Collins and A. M. Cox. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Collins at Burpham, Guildford

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. MELLIN	5
WINIFRED MELLIN	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY	7
*JACK PILGRIM	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954 *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part Variation Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	RALPH ELKINGTON	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	RICHARD GRANT	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	†GLYN F. JENKINS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
*W. GWYNNE JONES	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	A RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal on the recast bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HARRY PETTIT	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
*BARRIE HENDRY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROY A. WARD	*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
*B. ANNE SMITH	2	REV. CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD	5
EVELYN STEEL	3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. WREFORD	4
CYRIL DEEM	2	JOHN GLANVILLE	5
SIDNEY J. SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY J. SKINNER.

First in the method for all and believed to be first for the Guild.

MIDGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM KEWELL	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	4
PHILIP E. DODD	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
MICHAEL H. MAISEY	3	REGINALD RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RALPH BIRD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANN ROYSTON	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. P. Childs, of Boreham, and Miss K. Knight, of Sandon.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

LUTHER HONESS	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
*STANLEY G. PONTING	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal in six methods.

A birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the conductor, also to mark the occasion of the engagement of the conductor's daughter to Mr. D. Archer, of Tunbridge Wells.

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ESSENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	*FRED CRACKNELL	4
WALTER J. NEWNHAM	2	E. BRUCE MCKIE	5
*FRED E. BAMFORD	3	HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

* First peal.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*ROBERT L. PIRON	4
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
*DEREK BROYD	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal of Surprise.
The first peal on the bells.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	EDWARD G. LAMBERT	4
*HENRY CARVER	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	*CHARLES PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS',
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being forty-two 120's, four callings.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First handbell peal by all and first as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven-extents, five different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4
*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor and has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

No. 162. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 1—2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7—8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

QUARTER PEALS

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On May 26th, 1,500 Doubles (being 720 Grandsire and 780 Plain Bob): R. Freeman 1, R. Ward 2, R. Huckle 3, G. Goodwin 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, A. Holder 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Slaney 1, June Wright 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, Miss P. J. Leaning 4, G. Davison 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. Cooper 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. T. Riley, a former Bolsover ringer, who died July 24th, aged 73.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Stephens 1, I. Emery 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, D. Randell 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, K. Minter 6, P. Spice (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8. First in the method for 4 and 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. A. Gibbons 1, Miss P. Nice 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. E. Leggett 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 7, B. W. Cansdale 8. First on eight bells 1 and 8. For Evensong, Lammas Day.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel (first away from tenor) 1, A. H. Catlin 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, L. Catlin 4, F. W. Hutt 5, W. J. Haynes 6.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. First quarter of Triples by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rung for Evensong by an entirely local band.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Barton 1, H. Pitman 2, C. Bishop 3, R. Tubbs 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, P. Simpson 6. First quarter 4 and 6. A farewell tribute to P. Simpson.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Chant 1, H. Balaam (cond.) 2, J. Marlow 3, Mrs. Micarelli 4, A. Smith 5, N. Micarelli 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Jeudwine, wife of Canon G. H. Jeudwine.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Lewis (first of Major) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris (first of Major as cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, G. E. Large 5, J. Sitch 6, R. Woodyatt 7, D. Beacham 8.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pilkington 1, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, C. S. Rew 4, Mrs. J. Bratley 5, T. Creech 6, T. J. Farmer 7, J. Bratley (first quarter) 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering to mark the occasion of the reception into the church of Mr. C. S. Rew on July 8th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Trott (first quarter) 1, H. Blick 2, E. Thomas 3, E. Carter 4, S. Lunn 5, E. Morgan 6, R. E. Coles (cond.) 7, H. Gibbs 8. Rung half-muffled, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in memoriam Mr. George Williams, a ringer at this church for 26 years, who was buried this day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. John, 1,264 Bob Major: N. Brown 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Miss P. Steere 3, R. Davies (cond.) 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. Abbott 6, F. C. Mitchell 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On July 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Mayne 1, A. M. Warris 2, G. W. Pipe 3, D. J. Ward 4, R. G. Ouston (first of Cambridge) 5, H. E. Clayton (first as cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of the two Y.P.F. leaders (J. Sergeant and Miss S. Gathercole).

EDINBURGH.—On Aug. 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia Craig (first of Treble Bob and of Minor) 1, Kate Branson (first of Surprise) 2, M. Orme 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Pickett 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the middle of Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, F. Hurrell 3, G. Daynes 4, F. Richardson 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Lammas Day Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to G. Hurrell.

FLETTON, HUNTS.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Auker 1, R. F. Patrick 2, J. M. Roffe 3, J. H. Brown 4, J. W. Haw (cond.) 5. First quarter peal by all except 2 and 5.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On July 28th, 2,280 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings and one 240): R. M. Lennard (14) 1, S. J. Ivin (cond., 15) 2, J. R. Taylor (15) 3, J. B. Long 4, D. R. Brazier 5, P. J. Shipton (15) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Frank M. Eagles), and a birthday compliment to the Rev. L. R. L. Bearman.

QUARTER PEALS

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Butler 1, Rosemary A. Heath (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3, E. J. Heath 4, C. W. Denyer 5, W. Denyer 6. Rung for the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Leonard Coulshaw).

BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Brewer (first in three methods) 1, A. H. Reed 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. Rung for the third anniversary of the installation of the new treble bell.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Aug. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Mackrill 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. W. Ottley 3, J. A. Hales 4, W. Clover 5, A. E. Hoare 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, R. Brooker 8. Rung for Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, R. Keeley 2, G. Olliffe 3, R. Sharp 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. Impey 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Also on Aug. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Daphne Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. Keeley 3, H. G. Keeley 4, T. Cullingworth 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Both for Evensong.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): G. Amos (first quarter) 1, E. Orland (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, M. Amos 4, D. Payne 5.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen M. Gibbons 1, A. Jackson 2, A. R. Ward 3, Miss M. Wastell 4, F. S. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. E. Johnson 6, H. W. Page 7, S. Bridge 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 6.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Jones 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss J. Green 3, E. J. Davies 4, J. J. Webb 5, J. Parsons 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. T. Morris (first of Triples) 8. Rung for Matins. A farewell to Tony P. Morris, called up to Carlisle for military service.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, G. Nicholls 3, C. Young 4, E. J. Parish 5, L. W. Fisher 6, W. Ransom 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hide 1, P. Brooks 2, O. Woods 3, C. E. Norris 4, F. Dallaway 5, L. Baldock 6, R. Dawe (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knights 1, M. Darby 2, D. Murfitt 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for evening service.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, J. Alsopp 2, B. Lunn 3, James Phillips 4, W. Rawlings 5, A. B. Peck 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Chase, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Geary (first on working bell) 1, Miss M. Arkinstall (first in four methods) 2, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. A. Livings 1, J. Suckling 2, H. J. Hazell 3, J. T. Y. Roberts 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, E. B. McKie (cond.) 6.

INSTRUCTING

The author of these notes, a Suffolk ringer of long experience, would be pleased to hear other views on his reference to Grandsire.

Brief notes on my system of instruction in teaching change ringing, preferably to a new band. I would want assistance until the hunting stage is accomplished.

1.—Teach how to **strike** the handbell.

2.—Practise **dodging** (varying the number), **place-making** and **snapping**, paying strict attention to **open leads.**

3.—**Hunting.** Commence on four bells, proceeding to the higher number, coursing up and down and ringing 1-2 double-handed in the odd numbers.

The above comprise all the elements in ringing and from thence I could carry on without assistance.

In hunting I would have chalk and blackboard and strike one change at a time, repeating same until the correct or next bell is observed. This helps to remember the order of going out, which also should be practised separately until mastered.

4.—I would then go on to Stedman, **not** Grandsire, insisting on the diagram being drawn out and described three or four times every day. Attempt only six changes before proceeding with the next six changes, and stopping at every intended extent, even when correctly done.

5.—From Stedman to Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire, thence to Double Norwich, and when the last-mentioned stage has been reached the Surprise methods follow automatically.

Study the figures of all methods; they will tell you all you want to know. H. D.

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Eight V.I.P.'s included in 'Pipe's Pilgrims,' who have just finished a tour of Devon and Cornwall, rounded off Thursday by ringing a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in eleven methods at Camborne. One of the methods is 'brand new,' never having previously been rung. One of the wags of the party suggested that the method should be called 'Pilgrims' Progress' or 'Land's End Surprise.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Edward Jenkins and Mr. John Worth each rang their 700th peal at Wakefield on July 31st. The band who participated would like to express their grateful thanks to Mr. Vernon Bottomley and his helpers of the Haley Hill band for their hospitality on the following day.

Hopes of a peal at Flitton, Beds, as a welcome to the new Vicar were frustrated by the rope of the fifth snapping. The band, however, rang 2,280 Grandsire Doubles.

The Bedfordshire Young Ringers are now on tour in Dorset. There are 14 members of the touring band and 25 churches, including two tens—St. James', Poole, and Wimborne Minster.

There will probably be a police court sequel to the outing of Roade ringers on August 3rd. After arriving back at Northampton two of the party were caught by the police riding through the town at 12.30 a.m. without lights.

The composition of the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at Shirley on July 14th was by William Barton, and not W. H. Barber as published. The misunderstanding of those concerned is regretted.

After being ringers at Buckland Dinham, Somerset, for over 50 years, Mr. Henry Carver (68) and Mr. Charles Pearce (69) have entered our peal columns. Their first peal of Grandsire Doubles at Whatley is reported in this issue.

An interesting point about the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on July 31st, was that it was the first peal Mr. Trevor M. Roderick had rung outside the Province of the Church in Wales. Mr. Roderick has rung 101 peals in Wales.

Mr. J. Michael Stephens, general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, is leaving Bedford upon acceptance of an appointment at Deal. In his absence Mr. John Sinfield, of 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, will act as general secretary until the Association's annual meeting next Easter Monday. A farewell peal to Mr. Stephens at Kempston on July 31st of Little Bob Major was lost 200 changes from the end.

Two claims for first peals on the bells are made this week—at Midgham, Berkshire and North Marston, Buckinghamshire.

We had not long to wait before the handbell enthusiasts at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, scored their first peal. It is recorded this week. Good luck to Sherburn!

The annual joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and the Oxford Guild will be held on October 23rd and not, as previously announced, on October 16th.

After ringing what is believed to be the first peal on the bells at North Marston, Oxon, the band were entertained to a bountiful tea by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gregory, two local ringers. Their kind action is much appreciated.

One of the pioneers of change ringing in Devonshire, Mr. Alfred Lovering, has passed over. To his memory a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Withycombe Raleigh on July 31st, a tower with which he was at one time associated.

At a recent meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. F. W. Cooke, 10, Lymehurst Road, Darlington, was appointed 'Ringing World' representative. The new secretary of the District is now Mr. E. Peter Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

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PEAL RINGING IN CORNWALL

AFTER writing about peal ringing in Cheshire with thousands of peals to talk about, it comes as rather a change to have a county where peal ringing has always been rare. A peal rung at Penzance on June 4th, 1883, is claimed as the first ever to have been rung in Cornwall, and since that date only another 312 have been recorded—fewer than some individual churches have to their credit. Even so, the single 10-bell tower and all the 43 8-bell towers have had at least one peal, which is more than Cheshire could say! Only 6- and 5-bell towers remain to be conquered. Of course, the reason for the paucity of peals in this county is its adherence to call changes in the majority of churches. There are very few resident change ringers and most of the peals rung have been by touring bands.

Some idea of the difficulties which have always had to be faced in Cornwall can be seen in the many years which have often elapsed between peals in the county. After 1883 13 years went by before the next peal. No peals were rung between 1897 and 1901 and 1903 and 1907. The highest in any year before 1914 was eight peals in 1913 After the first war only one peal was rung before 1926—in 1924 at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston. Nineteen was the highest number of peals in a year between the wars—in 1927, followed by 16 in 1938. Since the war more peals have been rung, indicating an increasing interest in the art. The best years have been 1953 with 26 peals, 1948 with 24, and 1951 with 21. Only five have been recorded this year so far, however, so the total may be lower again.

To mention individual towers, only six have reached double figures at the moment. The only 10-bell tower in the county, Truro Cathedral, is one of these, with 17 peals. The first was in 1911 followed by 12 between 1926 and 1838, and four since the war. The other five are 8-bell towers with Carbis Bay leading the list with the most in the county—18. All these have been rung since 1946 and indicate how the enthusiasm of the incumbent of a parish can make such a difference in promoting the art. Both Kea and Kenwyn have recorded 15. Both started at about the same time (1909 and 1907 respectively) and show the same pattern of a peal every two or three years. The remaining two have each 11 peals to their credit—Gulval (first peal 1926) and St. Germans (first peal 1913). Redruth and Tuckingmill both have nine.

Less than half the 6-bell towers have had a peal rung at them—only 40 out of 93— so there is plenty of scope for tower grabbers here (if permission can be obtained in a 'hostile' land!). The greatest number of peals at any of these is eight at Perran-at-Worthal, all of which were rung between 1927 and 1937. Two out of the eight 5-bell towers have each had a single peal rung at them—Bradoc and St. Samson (Golant).

Cheshire and Cornwall certainly show two sides of the picture as far as peal ringing is concerned!

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

A District meeting of the Guild was held at Aylestone, Leicester, on Thursday, August 5th. It was arranged especially to encourage those members of the Police Service who had had little or no experience of change ringing. Details of the arrangements had been published in Police Orders by kind permission of the respective chief constables, and the result was that 25 persons attended. The occasion was one for the renewing of old friendships and making new acquaintances. Seven new members were made. It was six or seven years since some of those present had touched a bell and their enthusiasm was certainly rekindled.

Another District meeting was fixed for Oakham on Thursday, October 14th, the local arrangements being in the hands of Det.-Sgt. Hoy, who is in charge at the Parish Church. It is the intention to arrange similar meetings in other Districts and by this means to bring into the Guild more new members. Many members of the Police Service have at some time or other taken part in church bell ringing and a special invitation is extended to them to join the Guild even though they may have had little or no experience in change ringing.

The annual Guild Dinner will be held in London on Sepember 18th. Any persons interested in the Guild are asked to communicate with P.C. Cecil Knight, Police Headquarters, Charles Street, Leicester, or with Inspector Harold J. Poole, president.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The morning of August 7th, which date we had chosen for our meeting at Woodchurch, brought drenching rain—but, as was the case on two other occasions this year, the sky cleared for the afternoon and evening. The bells were available from 2.30 and were put to good use until 4.15, when the Rector (the Rev. V. B. Wynburne) conducted our service. With Mr. Albert Barnes (a Woodchurch ringer and the church organist) at the organ, the singing went with a swing. Mr. C. Hillis read the lesson, and the Rector gave a good address which included a welcome to his church. The offertory was given towards the work now being carried out on the church spire.

About 34 members and friends sat down to a good tea, and a short business meeting was held afterwards. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mrs. D. J. Russell, the secretary of the local ringers, for having made all the arrangements for the meeting.

During the evening we were joined by more ringers, bringing the total to over 40, the following towers being represented: Ashford, Bethersden, Benenden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Faversham, Folkestone, High Hilden, Lydd, Marden, Maidstone, Willesborough and Woodchurch.

Methods up to London Surprise Minor were rung. W. P. G.

NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

How Has Your County Responded?

The neck and neck race between Hertfordshire and Essex continues for the county to make the best response in 'The Ringing World' drive for new postal subscribers. The position on Monday morning was as follows:—

25.—Hertfordshire.
24.—Essex.
17.—Surrey.
15—Wales.
14.—London.
13.—Staffs.
12.—Lancs.
11.—Leics.
10.—Birmingham, Devon.
9.—Norfolk.
7.—Sussex.
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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' August 14th, 1914

SURFLEET, LINCS
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in 2 hours and 31 minutes
In Mr. Richardson's Bulb Shed
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES
Heywood's Variation

Clement Glenn	1-2
Rupert Richardson	3-4
Arthur Hague	5-6
*Miss Winifred M. Hague	7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire: Walter Ayre.

*First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal of Stedman by the Guild and in the County.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations to help meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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Quarter peals.—Meltham 3s., Oakley 2s., St. Ives 1s. 6d., Croydon 4s., Wandsworth 2s., Camberwell 2s. 6d., Canford Magna 2s., Lyme Regis 4s., Widford 3s., Sutton (Cambs.) 3s., Edinburgh 3s., Seaford 3s.

Yass, N.S. Wales

Mr. Harold L. Curll, in a letter to the editor, reports that the rehanging of the original five bells at St. Clement's Church, Yass, New South Wales, was completed on May 1st. They have been placed on ball bearings, and should give many years of ringing. He writes:—

'The work was carried out by Mr. John Duncan, of St. Jude's, Randwick, with the assistance of our tower captain, Mr. Dick Burden, and myself. The cost of the work was covered by the refund of duty on our sixth bell. We are very much indebted to Mr. Duncan, who gave up his annual holiday and carried out the work voluntarily.'

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY TOUR IN EAST ANGLIA

THIRTEEN members of the Manchester University Guild assembled at Naughton Mill Hostel, near Ipswich, in the evening of Monday, July 5th: this was the official start to the tour though seven members were not content merely to grab 31 towers on the organised tour but left from the North on the previous Saturday, ringing at a meeting at Hope, in Derbyshire, that afternoon, and for Sunday evening service at Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire. Eighty-seven miles of cycling on the Sunday through rain, hail and storm left them somewhat discouraged and they sheepishly admitted to travelling by train for all but 30 miles on the next day. The Ringing Master's comments, made while laboriously cycling down hill in middle gear, with reference to the scientific theories of a certain Mr. Newton are unfortunately unprintable!

On Tuesday the weather, though improved, was still showery and not all the party made the pilgrimage to East Bergholt. Those who did, however, were rewarded not only by seeing the famous bellcage, but also by a visit to Flatford Mill and a pleasant cycle ride through the Constable country. The whole party reassembled in Ipswich at 2 p.m., where, after a slight delay, ringing was enjoyed on the 12 bells at St. Mary-le-Tower. Here we were visited by Cecil W. Pipe, who invited us to ring at Grundisburgh. Unfortunately our timetable did not permit us to take advantage of his offer. We were subsequently entertained to tea in Ipswich by Mrs. Hopkinson, the mother of one of the members of our party. She soon discovered our thirst and hunger and very short work was made, inter alia, of a scrumptious chocolate cake. Thence we cycled at full speed to Hadleigh, where we arrived almost on time. This fine-toned ring of eight presented some difficulty in handling and it was the unanimous opinion that a bellhanger's time would not be misspent here.

VERSATILE PREVAILING WIND

Wednesday morning saw an improvement in the weather and the ride to Sudbury was much enjoyed. Once in Sudbury we managed to find every other church in the town before, almost accidentally, we stumbled across St. Gregory's, our scheduled destination. The striking here, and, in fact, at the next two towers, was well below our usual standard and neither hard words nor black looks seemed to produce any improvement. After a protracted lunch we cycled to and through the very long village of Long Melford to the Parish Church and its musical eight. By this time the prevailing wind had strengthened and being full in our faces somewhat slowed our progress: before the tour ended we became well acquainted with this versatile East Anglian headwind, which perniciously changed every time we changed our direction, and moreover appeared to increase its force as we progressed into the Fenland.

From Long Melford we had but a short journey to Lavenham and its famous ring; the tenor is certainly a magnificent bell but, perhaps partly due to our bad striking, we were somewhat disappointed with the ring as a whole. More disappointing, however, was the discovery that it was Lavenham's early closing day and it was a 'tea-less' party that proceeded to Rattlesden. Here we partook of sustenance before ringing and this appeared to influence our striking for there was a marked improvement, and a well-struck touch of Cambridge Minor was brought round. After supper at Naughton Mill Hostel an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Thursday morning saw us cycling along the now familiar road to Sudbury, where ringing was enjoyed on the heavy eight at All Saints'. Lunch was interrupted by a loud bang which heralded the tour's fifth and last puncture. Repairs were speedily effected and the party made good time against a strong head wind to ring on the five at Wickham St. Paul, a name reminiscent of 'The Nine Tailors.' Ringing was delayed at the next tower—Gestingthorpe—whilst a frantic search was made for the key to the bell chamber in order that a rope used for clocking might be disconnected. Whilst ringing on this six, which are somewhat out of key, we were visited by Mrs. A. Catterwell, the wife of the chief ringer at Sible Hedingham, who invited us to join them in their practice that evening—an invitation that was eagerly and gratefully accepted. Prior to this, however, we rang on the backward six at Castle Hedingham and later joined two local ringers in ringing handbells, which they also rang anti-clockwise! Before adjourning to Castle Hedingham Youth Hostel were were entertained to tea by a lady of the Castle Hedingham congregation, formerly of Manchester, who was very pleased to welcome us.

On Friday our ringing and striking both improved and during the day we rang Erin Doubles and Triples and a course of London Surprise Minor. Towers visited were Wethersfield, where a few arrived in time to join the Vicar in saying the Litany, Finchingfield, Great Bardfield and Thaxted. In the evening at Saffron Walden Youth Hostel we entertained the wardens and other hostellers with handbell ringing, which included a course of six Spliced Major methods. Here we temporarily lost two ringers, who, in the company of two hostellers of the 'weaker' sex, claimed to have paid an interesting visit to the famous country house at Audley End!

UNIVERSITY'S WELCOME

On Saturday we rang on the famous 12 at Saffron Walden and on the noisy six at Littlebury, where a good touch of London Minor was brought round. Here we were shown round the church by the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. Wright, who told us of the fantastic tricks of Henry Winstanley, the builder of the first Eddystone Lighthouse, who lived in the village Apparently this gentleman played numerous tricks on visitors to his house, and he was the designer of an armchair that imprisoned anybody who sat in it! We arrived in the late afternoon at Cambridge, where we were met at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great by Chris. M. P. Johnson and other members of the Cambridge University Guild. We joined them again at St. Andrew's on the Sunday morning, and in the afternoon two Manchester and three Cambridge members attempted a peal of Bob Royal 'in hand,' which, like a quarter of Cambridge at St. Andrew's in the evening, was unfortunately unsuccessful. Others visited Great St. Mary's but the majority took advantage of a free day to tour Cambridge and, of course, to go punting and canoeing on the Cam. Our Master's first efforts at punting were described by Chris. Johnson as 'an expert imitation of the blue line of Bristol.' No comment about one ringer who was last seen rapidly disappearing in the direction of Girton College

We were on the road again on Monday and we visited Histon, Cottenham and Wilburton, where we were joined in the ringing by veteran Henry Sharp. Our day's ringing officially ended at Ely Parish Church, where the bells were raised for us and where we also accomplished our first course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. After supper at Ely Youth Hostel we heard bells ringing and soon discovered that one of our courting couples in their wanderings had met the Vicar of Witchford and were sampling the three bells in the church. The whole party was soon on the scene and an inspection was made of an old and somewhat worm-eaten oak frame containing three bells cast in 1676 by local bellfounder Christopher Gray. The bells were ringable but handling was somewhat hampered by a large number of rather inexpert splices in each rope.

Tuesday we visited Sutton, a rather 'lumpy' ring with an almost tuneless tenor—rather disappointing after first seeing the fine tower with its excellent view of the Fenlands and its beautifully maintained ringing room. Our next tower, Haddenham, was approached with misgivings as we had been frequently warned that these bells were difficult to handle; however, we were pleasantly surprised to discover a very fine ring in good condition—indeed we were tempted to overstay our allotted time. The timetable prevailed since we were due at Somersham, where we were pleased to meet Canon B. F. Sheppard, of the Cambridge University Guild. After showing us around, Canon Sheppard celebrated Holy Communion with us. We then adjourned to the tower, where Bill Ransome had already raised the bells, and after an all too short period of ringing, in which Canon Sheppard joined, we were entertained to a sumptuous tea. Once again our timetable pulled us away much too soon and even so we were nearly 50 minutes late at St. Ives. However, Frank Warrington was very patiently waiting for us and he joined us in the ringing which was concluded by a good fall in peal.

COPYBOOK BLOTTED

We welcomed Mr. Warrington to our company again on Wednesday, when we rang on a very nice light six at Hemingford Abbotts. After lunch we rang on the musical eight at Godmanchester, where unfortunately Yorkshire wouldn't come round. We badly blotted our copybook at All Saints', Huntingdon, where we were met by Mr. H. S. Peacock. There the only touch successfully brought round was of Plain Bob Minor, and it was here also that the writer resolved to learn to ring London before endeavouring to call a touch.

Our tour was successfully concluded at Holywell, where we were again joined by Canon Sheppard and Frank Warrington. This ring of six was probably the finest of the tour and on the whole our ringing was of a better quality; the tour was brought to a close with an almost perfect fall.

Methods rung were:—Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Erin Doubles and Triples, St. Simon's Doubles, Kent and Oxford Minor and Major (and the two spliced, of which only one touch appeared to be known), Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Double Norwich and the following Minor methods: London Surprise, Oswald Delight, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Original.

May we express a grateful word of thanks to all the clergy, local ringers and Y.H.A. wardens who co-operated to make our tour an undoubted success, and also, on behalf of all, tender special thanks to Pip Carter, who planned and supervised, and also to our retiring Master, Wilf. Robinson, who expertly kept the bells moving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DEVIL AT CORNHILL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Symonds' letter, it is probable that he refers to an incident at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Stow, our worthy historian, reports the incident thus:—

'As I have oft heard my father report, upon St. James' night certain men in the loft next under the bells ringing of a peal, a tempest of lightning and thunder did arise, an ugly shapen sight appeared to them, coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for fear whereof they all fell down, and lay as dead for the time, letting the bells ring and cease of their own accord: when the ringers came to themselves they found certain stones of the north window to be razed and scratched as if they had been so much butter, printed with a lion's claw; the same stones were fastened there again, and so remain till this day. I have seen them oft, and have put a feather or small stick into the holes where the claws had entered 3 or 4 inches deep. At the same time certain main timber posts at Queen Hith were scratched and cleft from top to bottom; and the pulpit cross in Powle's churchyard was likewise scratched, cleft and overturned. One of the ringers lived in my youth, whom I have oft heard to verify the same to be true.'—Yours sincerely,

London. B. K. LUNN.

Dear Sir,—I think that what Mr. G. E. Symonds must be thinking of is when 'His Satanic Majesty' honoured the ringers at St. Michael's, Cornhill (not St. Clement Danes') with a visit. It appears that instead of asking the old gentleman if he was a ringer, they panicked and did not even set their bells. No wonder he got a bit angry. It must have been a sight for sore eyes to see them coming down that long staircase.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. OXENHAM.

Bampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue Mr. Symonds has asked for information about a phenomenon occurring at St. Clement Danes'. Has he got slightly mixed? Should it not be St. Michael's, Cornhill? I believe he will find the answer in Stow's 'Survey of London,' 1912 edition, page 176, commencing at line 15.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL EBBERSON

Snettisham, King's Lynn.

PEAL RINGING IN CHESHIRE

Dear Sir,—The eight-bell tower of Winsford doesn't exist—its duplication with Over is one of the unfortunate mistakes in the 'Book' which Mr. Felstead has used in the course of his researches, and for which I offer my apologies.

I hasten to draw attention to this error myself before other enthusiasts (like F. E. W. in his report of the Yorkshire tour by Sussex ringers) are at pains to do so.

F. E. W. is correct that Todmorden, Lancs, (as it is known to the Post Office) is, in fact, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but may I in turn correct F. E. W.? Howden bells came from Loughborough and not from Croydon!

R. H. DOVE.

Mr. W. Gorringe, of Hawkhurst, was able at the last minute to make up a band to ring a quarter of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on July 22nd, in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. J. S. Hawkins. To complete the evening the band adjourned to Mr. Hawkins' favourite 'local,' where the landlord was also celebrating his birthday.

FINANCING 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I have been trying to make up my mind whether my friend, Arthur Davis, in his letter about 'Sentimental Energy' ('Ringing World,' July 16th), is displaying (a) undue pessimism or (b) lack of confidence in 'The Ringing World' Committee. I would hesitate to accuse one who has expended so much energy in many different directions of being pessimistic; and lack of confidence in our Central Council Committees is surely quite unwarranted.

However these things may be, he has only partially quoted what I had to say at our A.G.M. recently. Perhaps I did not make myself clear at the time, but my main objection to the suggestion of a subsidy imposed by the Central Council—or by any other body for that matter—is that the **principle** is wrong.

Not all ringers are interested in the journal. That is an unfortunate fact, but there is no reason on earth why they should be compelled to contribute towards the cost of a paper which is only read by a very small minority

As Mr. Davis says: 'Those ringers interested in 'The Ringing World' are **taking** it, the others turn a deaf ear to our pleadings. Why should they listen?' Exactly! **Why** should they? Those who are taking it will continue to do so, even when the price is increased to an economical level, as indeed it must be before long.

Can we not be assured that the relevant committee is still weighing the pros and cons, and considering all the pertinent details which are within their ken, but outside ours, and will eventually arrive at the proper decision?

Could the committee publish some of those facts and figures, together with a summary of the arguments and suggestions which have been put forward to date? Such an article would make interesting reading and would, perhaps, let in to some of us a new light on the matter.

Would it not be possible to have a kind of Gallup Poll regarding, say, price increase and postal distribution?—Yours faithfully,

R. A. REED.

Eastleigh, Hants.

SENTIMENTAL ENERGY

Dear Sir,—It is a matter of some surprise that no reply or comment has been made concerning the letter from Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Bournemouth, published in your issue of July 16th. Surely the financial position of 'The Ringing World' is of importance to **all** ringers.

Mr. Davis stresses the necessity of subsidising 'The Ringing World' by the Central Council. He knows that the income of the Central Council from Associations and Guilds is negligible so far as a subsidy is concerned.

Next Mr. Davis outlines a scheme whereby the finances of 'The Ringing World' might be made secure. While agreeing most emphatically with his aim, I do not like the idea of an all-round £5 levy on Associations and Guilds, but let us leave the method of raising a fund out of consideration for the moment.

The salient point of his letter is in his statement: 'I have been told that such a scheme has been discussed and turned down as impracticable. Why?'

May I support him in his inquiry? When was such a scheme considered? And by whom? What scheme exactly was put forward, and when was report made to the Central Council?

Perhaps Mr. E. A. Barnett, as hon. secretary of the Central Council, or Mr. Frank Smallwood, convener of the Editorial Committee, will be good enough to satisfy our thirst for information.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. WILLIS.

Folkestone.

WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

Dear Sir,—A few days ago in looking through my papers I noticed a method called Stanton, composed by John Reeve in 1788. The same method was used by J. W. Parker in the method called Premier, in 1892.

Although the figures are not quite the same in both compositions, the method used to produce these figures is. Premier is the better arrangement, it does not have the fault of two bells striking after each other that is found in Stanton—3 and 8 in the first set of eight changes, and in the same posiion in each set, 2 and 7, 3 and 6, and 2 and 8, in the last set.

A peal of Stanton was rung at Stony Stanton on July 16th, 1948; possibly this was the first peal.—Yours sincerely,

E WEATHERBY.

Los Angeles

STANTON		PREMIER	
1234	5678	1234	5678
2143	6587	2143	6587
1234	6857	1234	6857
2143	8675	2143	8675
2413	8765	2413	6857
4231	7856	4231	6587
2413	7586	2413	5678
4231	5768	4231	5768
2435	1786	2435	1786
4253	7168	2345	7168
4523	1786	3254	1786
5432	7168	3524	7168
5342	7618	5342	7618
3524	6781	3524	6781
3254	7618	3254	7618
2345	6781	2345	6781
3254	7681	3254	7681
2345	6718	2345	6718
2435	7681	2435	7681
4253	6718	4253	6718
4523	6178	2435	6178
5432	1687	2345	1687
5342	6178	3254	6178
3524	1687	3524	1687
5321	4678	5321	4678
3512	6487	3512	4768
5321	6847	5321	7486
3512	8674	3512	7846
3152	8764	3152	8764
1325	7846	1325	7846
3152	7486	3152	7486
1325	4768	1325	4768
1352	7486	1352	7486
Composed by John Reeves 1788		Composed by J. W. Parker 1892 Corrigan's List No. 250	

BOB TRIPLES—NOT IN C.C. COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. O. Over is in error. The Collection of Legitimate methods, Section I., published in 1907, does **not** include Bob Triples.

Paragraph two on page nine of the preface gives the reason.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

Note. — The paragraph reads:— 'Triple methods form a comparatively small group. The reason for this is that Triples should be all Triple changes, hence there can be no Imperial methods; further, there can be but a small number of Bob methods with two hunts, and the like of Court methods with two hunts, for methods having but one hunt will not produce a plain course in Triple changes.'—Ed.

LETTERS—Continued

'SCISSORING' AT THE HALF LEAD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. York-Bramble, there are a number of rows which permit of 'scissoring' at the half lead. Here is an example:—

86745231 86745231
87654321 68472531

The first is the first half lead of Plain Bob Major. If a plain course is cut up as described in my article and the 14 half leads re-arranged, Double Bob and Reverse Bob will result and the first half lead will be altered as above.

I would have liked to have used this example in my article, but these methods are not in Diagrams (except in Minor). Mr. York-Bramble says 'scissoring' at the trebles lie is in conflict with a conventional feature of method construction. If he objects to Double Bob being formed out of Plain Bob, or Double Oxford being formed out of Double Norwich, he should send his complaint to the Methods Committee. I am not the culprit. These things were done a long while ago.

I shall be pleased to send to Mr. York-Bramble a complete list of 42 Major, 54 Royal and 110 Maximus half lead rows which permit of two places being used. All produce legitimate lead ends. I am indebted to Mr. C. H. Kippin, of the Methods Committee, for his assistance with these rows.

I hope private correspondence will clear up Mr. York-Bramble's difficulty about the 'opposing half from a different method.' The word 'different' does not appear in my article.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN SEGAR

71, London Road,
Retford, Notts.

FIRING AT WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. J. C. Birt is quite right in suggesting that 'firing' the bells at a wedding is not desirable; and not only at weddings but at all times.

After all, surely we endeavour to make our ringing sound as attractive as possible to those outside the church by our best striking, and to do anything that suggests a discordant tintinnabulation to the public is not in the interests of change ringing.

LEONARD W. GILES.

Wadhurst.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting of the above Society was held jointly with the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday and, as usual, these fine bells attracted ringers from a wide radius. Over 21 towers, including Leeds, York, Bradford, Derby, Luton and Brighton, were represented, and all tastes were catered for, methods ranging from Plain Bob to London and Bristol Surprise Major and a variety of Caters and Royal methods.

Ringers and a number of friends were welcomed at the Parish Hall by Bishop G. V. Gerard. After a sumptuous tea a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was greatly appreciated, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Society's president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock. Much interest was shown in the Society's peal book which was available for inspection.

The secretary announced that a joint meeting with the Southwell Guild had been arranged for November 6th at Retford (10), and that the next meeting was the annual cup contest at Killamarsh on September 4th. After suitable votes of thanks, ringers returned to the tower for further enjoyment until all too soon the available time was gone, and at 8.45 p.m. the ten bells were lowered in peal, so concluding a very enjoyable meeting. N. C.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN W. BEST

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John W. Best, of Chester, on July 26th, after a short illness. He was 46 years of age.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester, on Thursday, July 29th, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. N. Digbie Thomas), assisted by the curate. The service was attended by many of his bell-ringing friends. Half-muffled ringing took place before the service and afterwards a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

Born in Durham, 'Johnny' spent his earlier life in Richmond, Yorks, where he learned to ring. He came to Chester at the beginning of 1935 and joined the Cathedral and Handbridge band. He was an accomplished ringer and rang 150 peals, the last being one of Carshalton Bob Triples as recently as July 3rd.

Included in his total were peals in eight different Surprise Major methods, all the Triples methods with two hunts, the first peal ever in 18 different Plain Major methods—many rung without previous practice—and the first peal in the method for the Chester Diocesan Guild in a further six Plain Major methods. He also conducted peals of Superlative Surprise and Plain Bob Major.

He will, however, be best remembered for his kindly nature, cheerful disposition and ready wit. He could always be depended upon to give of his best and was a regular and punctual Sunday service ringer at both the towers to which he was attached, and will be sorely missed.

His many friends extend to his wife and relatives their deepest sympathy in their very sad bereavement.

MR. GEORGE W. PARK

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. George William Park, of Darlington, County Durham, who passed away on Sunday, August 1st.

Born in 1872 in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Darlington, he lived all his life within 400 yards of the church in which he was baptised, confirmed and married, and in which he worshipped for the whole of his life. In an unobtrusive way he took part in many of the church's activities and was connected with the Sunday School, Bible Class, was a founder member of the Young Men's Club and a former member of the Parochial Church Council; but it was in the belfry where he gave of his best.

The son of a ringer, he joined Holy Trinity belfry when the ring of six bells was installed in 1891. His ability quickly took him to leadership of the band and under his guidance the standard of ringing was raised to and maintained at a very high level. Except for illness and essential holidays he rarely missed ringing for a Sunday service. Not a great peal ringer, he had scored just over 100, chiefly in the North of England, but he was a staunch Association member and so long as health allowed was a regular attender at Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and District meetings, and was for a time vice-president of this Association.

Interment was on Wednesday, August 4th, at the West Cemetery, Darlington, after a service in Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Simpson, M.A., before and after which the bells were rung half-muffled.

Mr. Park leaves a daughter and three sons, two of whom, Norman and Roland, are at present ringers, and were taught by their father.

Thus passes to higher service one who leaves an inspiration and example to be followed.

F. W. C.

THE BELLS OF SEALE, SURREY

The village is situated in a fold of the hills under the Hog's Back between Farnham and Guildford, a village that is ancient, picturesque and unspoilt. Motor traffic speeds along the top of the hill, but Seale seldom gets troubled with much mechanical transport, being off the main road.

The foundation of the church, dedicated to St. Lawrence, is lost in the mists of antiquity, and the present building has a square tower over the choir. Originally you had to approach the ringing chamber by a staircase behind the choir stalls, and if you happened to be a 'broad' ringer, a door of minimum width was certainly not helpful, for even a 'thin' ringer would have to go through edgeways. Another inconvenience was when the ringers came down just before service time, for they had to disturb the organist from his seat before they could proceed anywhere. To stop this arrangement, a new entrance was cut in the outer wall to give access into the stairway from outside, and, though this method of approach is better than the previous one, it is still a difficult job. At the top of the stone stairway wooden steps up the side of the chancel roof take you to the small ringing chamber, but even here big people were never catered for, as a low arch forms a trap for the unwary, and you are liable to damage your head.

The bells are a ring of six with a tenor of 7 cwt. 40 lb. The first three are by Warner in 1873, the 4th by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, in 1744, the 5th by Richard Eldridge in 1608, and the tenor was recast by Warner in 1873. The previous tenor was a 14th century bell from the Wokingham foundry without any inscription.

The Royal Inventory of 1552 gives; iij belles and one sance bell.' and for further details concerning the history of the bells later in that century the church accounts provide some interesting items. In 1588 'paid to Jhon Jure for kepinge the belles 12d.' This is probably the steeplekeeper's wages for a certain period. Other items are:

'1589 for a new bell rope 14d.'

'1591 to ohn Turner for ringing 2d.'

In those days the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation was celebrated by the ringing of the bells, and two items are: '1591 drinke to the ringers on coronation day 8d.,' and '1594 to a carpinter for one days work mending the bells against the coronation daye 10d.'

Ringing has changed considerably since the closing years of the 16th century, and at the present time it is pleasing to know that Seale is a village where the tower is included in the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild; also that its ringers take interest in the work of the Guild by practical support in every possible way.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

5,088 Rutland Surprise Major (No. 6)

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

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Repeat twice.

ANOTHER PAGE OF OUTINGS

CHESTER

Ringers from Chester, with friends from Buckley, made a tour into Staffordshire and Derbyshire on July 17th.

Ringing took place at Uttoxeter, Ashbourne, Youlgreave, Bakewell and Fairfield (Buxton). Members of the local companies joined in some of the touches at most places and, with the help of Rev. Mr. Graham at Bakewell, a course of London Surprise was rung. Other methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain and Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Southwell and Superlative Surprise Major.

The outing was most enjoyable, despite the very inclement weather during the later part of the day, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. R. G. Corby, who made the arrangements, to the incumbents and the local ringers.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX

Horsham ringers spent a very pleasant day in Kent on July 24th. After coffee at Tunbridge Wells, the day was started well with the fine six at Horsmonden, followed by the ten at Leeds. After lunch, Harrietsham (8) was visited, and here ringing concluded with an excellent 'lower.' Ashford (8) was the next stop, the bells being much appreciated by all the ringers. An excellent tea was taken at a local hostelry.

At Rolvenden difficulty was experienced in raising the tenor in peal and time did not allow a long stop at this tower. The day finished with excellent ringing at Benenden, where a course of Superlative was rung. A stop was made at West Higham for liquid refreshment and Horsham was reached at about 10.30 p.m.

The outing was very successfully organised by Mr. L. Stilwell, to whom is owed grateful thanks.

SPALDING, LINCS

A coachload of ringers from Spalding and district left the Corn Exchange at 7 a.m. on July 10th and headed for the Suffolk border. First call was at Thetford, where our ringing was soon stopped when the headstock on the 6th broke in two. Luckily the bell wedged in the frame and no one was hurt.

Our next tower was Elveden, where the bell tower is detached and joined to the main church by cloisters. The Vicar's wife kindly met us and gave us a very interesting tour of this fine church, which is partly 11th century and partly modern, before ascending to the belfry.

At Bury St. Edmunds both SS. Mary and Peter's and St. James' Cathedral towers were visited. We also had lunch in Bury, for which we were all ready. More ringing followed at Lavenham, and then to Sudbury, where again we rang at two towers, St. Gregory's and All Saints'. Tea was had at Sudbury. Our last tower of the day was at Clare and, although we were a little late on arrival, we still stayed for a good hour's ringing. Alas, Mr. Newington couldn't get that Stedman into rounds.

On towards home again, with a short stop at Huntingdon for refreshments. All agreed it was an excellent and well organised day. The thanks of all go to the incumbents of towers visited and to the local ringers who met us at the towers. R. C. N.

ALL SAINTS', ROCHDALE

A visit to Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough was this year's outing of All Saints', Rochdale. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. in unfavourable weather. Fairfield, near Buxton, was reached at 9.15 a.m., and a break was made for 1¼ hours' ringing.

After lunch at Derby, Loughborough was reached at 2.30. Mr. John Fidler conducted the party around the foundry—a most interesting tour—which ended with testing the well-known foundry bells. The last ringing of the day was Osmaston; home was reached at 11 p.m., after one stop at Ashbourne.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Stedman and Grandsire, and call changes for the learners.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

Since the early days of the year the Bolsover ringers and their friends had looked forward with eager anticipation to Saturday, June 19th, the day fixed for the annual outing to the Cambridge district, and, after a very long and tiring day, all agreed that this year's tour had proved to be one of the very best in a long line of successful outings.

An early start was necessary and, at the scheduled time, the organiser was relieved to see the full 'Bolsover' complement waiting to board the luxury coach outside the Parish Church. The evergreen Walter Allwood had joined the coach at 6.15 a.m. in Chesterfield and the party was completed by friends from Warsop and Sutton-on-Trent, the latter being picked up in Newark.

The first tower, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Godmanchester, was reached in good time, and the fine ring of eight, recently overhauled, was soon raised and set going to various methods, including Little Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major, Superlative and Stedman Triples. The striking was extremely good and set a good standard for the day. The Rev. P. J. Disney and his wife spent some time with the party and seemed very anxious to make everything comfortable for visitors.

The coach arrived at St. Neots exactly on time and the party were heartily welcomed by the Rev. L. Galley. The heavy eight proved rather difficult to raise in peal, but reasonable touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were brought round. The local captain was anxious that there should be no damaged stays and, fortunately, nothing untoward happened, the Misses Joan Smith and Doreen Armstrong surprising him by their ability on the heavy bells. Arnold Hill turned in the tenor to Double Norwich and an excellent fall in peal completed the ringing at this fine tower.

After the early start and the strenuous ringing during the morning the party did justice to an excellent lunch at the Blue Boar Hotel, Cambridge.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at the famous Church of St. Bene't, Cambridge. Unfortunately, it seems that these bells are not regularly rung, and certainly need some attention. The ropes required considerable adjustments, but the Minor experts eventually settled down to some good striking. Herbert Rooke insisting that a touch of Stedman Doubles should be rung before leaving St. Bene't's. The programme allowed for a break to give an opportunity for sightseeing, and, as the weather was glorious, most of the party made a special effort to visit King's College Chapel and the river. Several of the youngsters would have liked a trip on the river, but time was short, as tea was arranged at St. Ives.

The meals have always been a special feature of Bolsover outings, but all agreed that the tea at St. Ives was certainly the very best on record.

The evening was spent on the very attractive light eight at the Church of All Saints, St. Ives. The rather long draught of rope presented some difficulty at first, but the ringing eventually settled down and several good touches were brought round. A broken rope on the treble made it necessary to change to ringing Minor, and the North Notts section of the party were so anxious to extend the stay at this tower that ringing did not cease until after 8 p.m., instead of the scheduled time of 7 p.m. Mr. Frank Warrington joined in one or two touches of Minor and the local representatives were greatly impressed by the standard of striking. The extended stay at St. Ives gave the youngsters their opportunity to spend some time on the river.

The long journey home was broken for a short time at Stamford, and the coach finally reached Bolsover shortly after midnight. The party was kept awake by community singing, and it would be interesting to know how many popular songs, hymns, etc., were revived by the very mixed voices. The highlight was the rendering of 'Herr von Schmidt,' the action song so popular at the Derbyshire Association dinners. A. B. COOPER.

ROADE, NORTHANTS

On August 3rd a party of ringers from Roade, Blisworth, Rothersthorpe and Northampton set out to visit eight towers in the Kettering district. A good start was made at Orlingbury (5, 10¾ cwt.), where we met three friends from Bozeat, bringing our number to 11. Next were Pytchley (5, 8 cwt.), and Barton Seagrave (5, 9 cwt.). Lunch was then taken in the Wicksteed Park, Kettering

At Geddington (5, 11¼ cwt.), a touch of 200 Spliced Doubles more than made up for a poor 'rise.' After some difficulty Weldon (6, 10½ cwt.) was reached. At the top of this tower is a large lantern which, we were told, in days of old was lit by 16 candles and guided travellers through Rockingham Forest. Tea was taken at Corby and we then tried the light six (tenor 7 cwt.), the difference in weight of the treble and fourth being only 77 lb.

Although several members of the party might have been a little reluctant to move on after seeing a sample of the town's female population, we travelled to East Carlton (6, 9 cwt.). We were not expected here, the priest-in-charge from whom permission to ring was obtained failing to inform the tower captain. We were made very welcome, however, and made good use of the bells. Our last call was at Rushton (6, 8 cwt.), where we finished off the day's ringing with a good 240 of Spliced Doubles and an excellent 'fall.'

Thanks are due to the incumbents and the tower captains for their co-operation, and to Mr. G. F. Roome (hon. secretary, Northampton Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild), who so ably arranged our tour J. E. H.

5.400 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Arranged by C. K. Lewis

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Twice repeated, calling Bob Before in the first course of each part.

OXFORD GUILD WEDDING

Mr. Edmund E. Pearson and Miss Betty West

A very pretty wedding and one of considerable interest to ringers in the Diocese of Oxford took place on July 24th at Deddington Parish Church when Mr. Edmund Ernest Pearson, younger son of Mr. Ernest C. Pearson and the late Mrs. Pearson, was married to Miss Betty West, second daughter of Mrs. G. West and the late Mr. W. C. West.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers at Deddington and indeed the bridegroom is well-known in ringing circles, having a goodly number of peals to his credit. The bridegroom's father, Mr. Ernest C. Pearson, is not only the respected and well-loved secretary of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but also a churchwarden of Deddington and a Diocesan lay reader.

This fine XIVth century church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and was comfortably filled with a large number of relatives and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Deddington (the Rev. M. Frost), assisted by the Vicar of North Aston-with-Duns Tew (the Rev. W. L. Smith). The service was fully choral.

The bride, who wore a gown of ivory brocade and carried a bouquet of cream rosebuds, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. P. Stevens. Mr. Cecil H. Pearson, the bridegroom's brother, was the best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann West (sister of the bride), in pale blue taffeta and nylon net, Miss Gillian Stevens (the bride's niece), in ivory satin and nylon net, and Miss Margaret Bird (the bridegroom's cousin), also in ivory satin and nylon net. The page boy was the bridegroom's cousin, Master Peter Pearson. The bridesmaids all carried sweet peas.

Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the ceremony, in which the local and visiting ringers took part.

The reception was held at the home of the bride, and the sun at last broke through the clouds to give the finishing touch to the day's happiness. As the bride and bridegroom departed for their honeymoon at Kingswear, a peal of Plain Bob Major was commenced in the church tower and details of this will be found in another column. Suffice it to say that this too was worthy of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will continue to live at Deddington and will not therefore be lost to the tower.

WILTSHIRE WEDDING

Mr. F. D. Mack, B.Sc.— Miss M. I. Kennelly, B.Sc.

A picturesque wedding of particular interest to the bellringing fraternity took place on Wednesday, August 4th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, between Mr. Frank Devereux Mack, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. Devereux Mack, of Churcham Vicarage, Gloucester, and Miss Mary Irene Kennelly, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. P. Kennelly, of Melksham. The Rev. C. A. Witcombe, M.A., officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a fitted white silk honeycomb dress with a long full skirt and a headdress of lilies and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses and pink begonias.

In attendance were two bridesmaids, Miss Mary Hobbs, who wore a dress of printed nylon over cyclamen taffeta and Miss Daphne Mack, youngest sister of the bridegroom, who wore a similar dress of hydrangea blue taffeta. Both wore headdresses of white begonias and carried bouquets to match. Mr. Lance C. I. Watson was best man.

On leaving the church after the ceremony the happy couple were greeted by an archway of handbells held aloft by members both of the local band and of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, of which Mary and Frank are highly popular members, whilst overhead the church bells pealed forth their tuneful sounds over the sunlit scene. The reception, attended by 62 guests, was held at Melksham House, and the honeymoon is being spent on the Norfolk Broads.

Immediately after the marriage ceremony a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following:—C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, S. R. Cockell 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts (U.B.S.C.R.) 3, R. J. Stokes (U.B.S.C.R.) 4, I. H. Trueman (U.B.S.C.R.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6, W. C. West 7, F. Price 8. L. C. I. W.

THE DIALECT IS INFECTIOUS

DREE DAYS IN ZUMMERZET

The dree day toon by 'vrends ov the exerzise' at Whitsun be cum to stay, so us opes. Us calls um vrends cos us knaws um var too wull t' call um Laydies and Ginnelmen, and the rist aut is cos us doant want nort to do wi they ther paple oo calls thersels tower grabbers, tho baying vrends, so to spake, us doant want to vall out wi nobody.

Tis the zecond yer us av done it, an the avair be got up by one aus oos ome be in Devon, but the rist aus comes vrum all auver the plaace if ee knaws what i mane. This yer they cummed vrom Zwindun, Chippenham, North Bradley (can't make nort ov they), Vairford, which be way up in Gloster so thev tells me, an a place called A'burne or zum zich.

Lots aum were cumming vast, but one thing and t'other stapped um, zo only zix aus met Zaturday at Beckington. Still us tickled they old back six a beet vor us left, and wen us gets to Vroom St. John's two o the rengers cummed and elped us. The Lord knawed us neyded it too.

Zame thing appened when us got to Castle Cary, but didn worry us, cos one o they college kiddies oo went wi us last yer zed our motty was summat in Latin which manes 'Us doan't care.'

Then us goes to Zummerton an ad zum grub in one o they posh plazes wer they gives ee paper andgershifs to wipe yer vingers in arter you've vinished pecking the bones. I beant zure if twas the Unicorn or the Lamb but I knaws us ate one in t'other ad a vine old ditty on they bells too. Plenty o that ther miner stuff an it zounded rale dacent. Rest ov the crowd were wating vor us at Martock an two vullers vrom Yawvill zo that made the party 13. Trouble was, Mr. Varrent must av vergot us was cumming cos us ad to vetch the kays vor us cud start. You shud av yerred us dapping they bells round. I rekkon aven Paul Taylor wud av zed twer gud, an ee hanged um. On us goes, Zouth Petherton, Ulminster un Chard. I tell ee, us ad a vine old time.

Zindy marning split up a beet. Zum aus renged at Haste Budley, zum at Otterton and zum at Littleman, an evrywer us went vrom start to vinish us ad a warm welcum.

Arter dinner us called on they ther vullers at Exeter Catheydrel. Proper gud zorts they be. Aven zhook ands wi us, soo ee can zee why us baint no ordnery tower grabbers.

On us goes to Newton St. Cyres, an was us late? Us coudna blamed the chap wateing if eed bin a bit waxy like. But not ee! Kirton next stop an us wus enjoying evry minute ov it. Ad 'Tay' yer too.

Wull us vinished up renging vor Zervice at Down St. Mary an us nevver seed s'many Photygraphs on a tower wall afore. Certifycats or zummat they calls um, ver this yer call change renging. Mind you they vullers can dap em round a bit smart. Pears us shuke the Passon ther too, cos when ee give out the notices ee zed that when us rote, an ee ask us to stay ver zervice ee didn't think us wud. Wull us did zee!! Wull that were all vor zindy, ceps when us gets back Budley zum vools goes up the churchyard and rengs a corse ov Gransire Treples on and bells. Zed thers a vust time vor everything.

Mundy us wuz off in a vorrin country agin avor you cud zay Jack Snap. North Curry, Curry Rivel and a place called zummat like Zwish Episle. Vuller called Cuke up in Lester wus thonly one ever I knawed zay it right. Vust two made us veel ungry like, an zure nuff us ad a rale veed at Curry Rivel. Then cums Langport an us ad zum gud renging at all aum. Next wer Quane Camel, an what thik vuller Reeves thot ov our rize I'm veared to think. Mind you us didn do bad arter they wuz up. Zo us ends up at Bruton and Warminster, an everybody rekkons us ad ad a rare old time. Ad a quick one vor us zhuke ands an parted an zed us'd av a small 'do' zune an another big un on the 16th ov October, zo if any ov ee wants to cum wi us, just lets knaw, an I think yu'll vind, as I zed afore, that us be purty vrendly. C. S.

ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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Rung at Erdington Abbey, June 14th, 1954.

MR. W. WEATHERSTONE

With reference to the late Mr. W. Weatherstone, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, informs us that he met and rang with him once at Chislehurst about 1898-1899.

According to the records of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council, Mr. Weatherstone was born on October 23rd, 1840, and died on September 17th, 1914, and was buried in Nunhead Cemetery. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on January 29th, 1884. Among the towers with which he was connected were Westminster Abbey, St. Clement Danes, St. John's, Waterloo Road; also in the Deptford and Lewisham areas. When the Society of Trinity Youths was re-established in 1888 he was elected Master. He rang his 101st peal at Greenwich in 1891. He was elected a member of the Central Council in 1897 as a representative of the London County Association and remained a member until 1905.

To his memory a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, on September 26th, 1914, by the following band: J. J. Lewis 1, W. Truss 2, C. H. Hughes 3, T. H. Taffender 4, H. Burton 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, T. Groombridge (conductor) 7, G. H. Harmer 8.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch. — Meeting, Wolvey (6), Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify if you want tea.—J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 4847

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 4842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 4808

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 19th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 4852

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4826

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows' Church, Bispham, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. H. Foster. 4844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells from 3.—J. Porter. 4834

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Wanlip, Aug. 21st, 2-4.30 p.m. Birstall 6-8.30 p.m. Tea only if names are sent, by the 18th, to Mr. P. Johnson, 72, Beechfield Avenue, Birstall. 4832

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Harlington, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) from 3. Tea 5.15. and business meeting in Church Hall. Cranford (6) in evening. Note: Hillingdon meeting is Oct. 23rd, not 16th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4838

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Summer meeting, Little Aston (near Sutton Coldfield), Aug. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4810

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Further ringing after tea.—P. A. Sadler. 4833

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea, by Aug. 18th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Aug 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify, by Aug. 17th, Mrs. Pritchard, The Burns, Lake Road, Curdridge. 4819

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Nether Wallop, Aug. 21st. Bells (5) 2. Tea 4.30, at Butcher's Arms. Service 5.15. Over Wallop after tea. Names by previous Monday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4851

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Butcombe, Sunday, Aug. 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by August 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4840

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 28th. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches. — United meeting at Martock, Aug. 28th. Tea provided for those who give notice not later than Aug. 24th.—F. Farrant, Martock. 4841

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—The meeting arranged for Aug. 28th **has been cancelled.** 4845

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Lightcliffe, Sept. 4th. For teas please notify by Aug. 30th, F. Popplewell, 51, Well Grove, Hove Edge, Brighouse.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4817

FARNWORTH, LANCS. — Dedication of new eight bells (Taylor's, 12¼ cwt.), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names **essential** by Aug. 31st to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, Lancs. 4816

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. —Annual meeting Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing details later. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1. Followed by entertainment and social evening. Tickets (15s. each) as soon as possible from C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 4836

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) available from the undersigned.—Apply NOW, as the seating accommodation is limited, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent. 4849

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