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THE CHESTER SCHOLARS OR THE GENTLEMEN BELL-RINGERS OF ST. JOHN'S

FROM time to time there has been published in our columns references to the Chester Scholars. Mr. J. W. Clarke, an authority on bells of Cheshire, has now published as a booklet the history of this ancient society which appeared in the Chester Archæological Society's Journal, Vol. 40. Material about this Society, which flourished for nearly a century, is scarce as all its books and papers have disappeared, but, nevertheless, Mr. Clarke tells an interesting story.

Trevelyan in his 'English Social History' records bell pulling as being among the recreations of undergraduates at Cambridge in the reign of James I., and in those days people saw nothing wrong in bells being installed not for the enrichment of the Church but for the advancement of a sport. The rise of the Puritans to power did much to alienate ringing from the Church, for it was considered superstitious to ring bells for services and wrong to break the sabbath by the indulgence in physical exercise.

While there is no evidence to suggest a date for the formation of the Chester Scholars, Mr. Clarke says they were plainly active in 1686 when two bells at St. John's were recast, a new timber frame constructed and other work done in the tower. This included the painting on a plaster panel of a rhyming version of some of their rules which referred to conduct in the belfry. The panel was destroyed when the tower collapsed in 1881, but the Rector had previously recorded the details. This reads:—

Ye ringers all observe these orders well
He forfeits 12 pence that turns off a bell,
And he that doth ring with either spur or hatt
His sixpence shall certainly pay for that.
He that doth spoile or doth disturbe a peale
Shall pay his 4 pence for a . . . . of ale.
And he that is heard to curse and sweare
Shall pay his 12 pence and for beare.
These customs elsewhere now be used
Lest bells and ringers be abused.
Ye gallants then that on purpose come to ring
See that ye coyne along with you do bring,
And further also that if you ring here
You must ring truly both hand and eare
Or else your forfeits surely pay
And that fulf speedily without delay.
Our laws is old and are not new,
The sexton looketh for his due.

In 1733 the Society became anxious to add two more bells to the six at St. John's and thus widen very considerably the scope of change ringing. At that time the only ring of eight in the neighbourhood was at Wrexham near the estate of one of its most prominent members, Watkins Williams Wynn, who was at one time M.P. for Denbighshire and a member of the College Youths. Here a skilled band of ringers had rung a peal of 5,040 changes on March 26th, 1729. This tower had probably been visited by the Chester Scholars. Two bells were ordered from Abraham Rudhall, who in 1709 had had hung a new ring of six in the tower of St. Peter's, Chester. The first of these bells was inscribed, 'Prosperity to the Society of Chester Scholars.' The vestry was so pleased with this gift that they passed a resolution 'that the Society of Gentlemen Bell-ringers have free access to ring the bells of St. John's and have a key to the belfry door.' There is no question that the Gentlemen took full advantage of the offer, for less than three years later the vestry recorded its feelings thus: 'That the Society of Gentlemen Club Ringers shall not have authority to ring St. John's bells when they please, nor at all, without leave of the Churchwardens.' With this episode, comments Mr. Clarke, the Gentlemen Bell-ringers fade from the picture, at least as far as records go. The Society later changed its name from Scholars to Youths, and in 1819 they visited Ashton-under-Lyne for the opening of a new ring, which 'merrily lasted four days.'

And what of these bells? When the north-east buttress and parts of the north and east wall of the tower crashed in 1881 the oak bell frame remained in position. The bells were safely lowered. A turret was then constructed at the north-east corner of the church and at the top of this the bells were placed. 'But they do not swing now; hammers operated by wires strike them at the sides and much of the beauty of their tone is lost. They can still be seen through the timbers of the superstructure, a reminder of the palmy days when the Gentlemen Bell-ringers stepped from their carriages at the north-west porch and climbed the winding staircase to the ringing chamber.'

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION WEEK

The peals below were rung for the Universities' Association:—

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
DENIS N. LAYTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
MARIE R. CROSS	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	8
†FRANCES A. THRELFALL	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	9
JOHN D. ROCK	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

HEREFORD.
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE TRAINING COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7—8

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal in method 'in hand.'

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	ALAN P. CAVE	5
*GEOFFREY F. CARTER	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON	5
*BEATRICE M. BOYLE	2	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
JANET M. BESANT	3	PETER BORDER	7
W. GWYN THOMAS	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

HEREFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

EDWIN A. LEWIS	*Treble*	A. YORK-BRAMBLE	5
*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	6
HARRY MILES	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W PARKER. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise.

HEREFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE TRAINING COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	*RUTH M. K. HOW	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	FRANCES A. THRELFALL	7—8

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5280 GOSCOTE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	8
BRIAN MARTIN	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	TERENCE A. THORNBER	10
WINIFRED M. BURTON	5	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Arranged by KENNETH A. ROE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th peal on the bells and 350th in a Surprise method. † 250th peal for the Guild. First peal to be rung in this method.

TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
PHILIP WALKER	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	9
WILLIAM C. PORTER	5	GRAHAM H. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung in honour of H.R.H Princess Margaret's birthday.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	7
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	HERBERT LOWMAN	8
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal in this method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	*JOHN N. DISERENS	5
*GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	ROBERT E. TURNER	6
*PATRICIA A. GAUNT	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
*RONALD CHRISTOPHER	4	*REGINALD RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Triples.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASTLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. STOTE	5
A. ROBIN GUY	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	JAS. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
*PERCY STONE	4	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*ERIC ASTRIDGE	*Treble*	GEORGE MARRINER	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	EDWARD COWARD	6
†ETHEL E. CLEAR	3	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	7
MARGARET BROWN	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*MARGARET A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	C. KEITH BREWER	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal.
A compliment to the conductor on recently being appointed Rural Dean of Penwith.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*DEREK E. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK LEWIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	†GEOFFREY PAUL	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	†H. LESLIE PASK	7
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Edward W. Colley and Nancie E. Swann, which preceded this peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	BRIAN MARTIN	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	MRS. H. J. POOLE	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 500th peal of Major.
The ringer of the 7th has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to a peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MARY BOISSARD	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
†HARRY L. MARTIN	4	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	J. W. KIRTON	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	J. K. WAGSTAFF	6
ARTHUR W. WARD	3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	7
*WILLIAM L. EXTON	4	W. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. K. WAGSTAFF.
* First peal of Triples.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
MARGARET C. RIDYARD	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by Mr. J. Halsall, captain of the local band.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RAYMOND WOOD	6
JAMES W. JEFFERY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

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KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*JOHN WILSON	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
TOM GREENACRE	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
EDWARD BARKER	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. William Critchley and Miss Claudia A. Harding on the occasion of their marriage.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM GARRARD	*Treble*	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	5
*BRIAN SEDDON	2	FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	6
JOHN BAGNALL	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	†DAVID PALMER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung on the wedding day and in honour of the marriage of Mr. Roland Eccles, the branch secretary, to Miss Dorothy Schofield, the chief ringer at Morecambe.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD THE CONFESSOR AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

CANON C. CAREW COX	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
*COLIN TURNER	4	CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1954, *to* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
PETER F. BORER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†FRANK E. WALKER	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 125th peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker. Also a farewell to Rev. Mr. Talbert, M.A. (curate), who left Dartford this day for service in Korea with H.M. Forces.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER	*Treble*	EUNICE D. OVEREND	5
*JOHN PHIPPEN	2	PERCY H. HARDING	6
JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	HARRY SMITH	7
†DEREK WITHERS	4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14. 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE	*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
GEORGE EASTMAN	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Lilian May to Mr. Vincent Jackson, who were married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal, and Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira I. Hemer, who were married at St. Nicholas', Bathampton, Somerset, on August 6th, 1954. Rung with the best wishes of the band and all members of the Rochester District to the happy couples.

OTTERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 of Grandsire, 10 of Plain Bob and 10 of St. Simon's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN	*Treble*	SIDNEY F. SKINNER	4
CYRIL SAVAGE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
MICHAEL J. BOARD	3	SIDNEY ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.
First peal in four Doubles methods for all except 2nd and on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the fourth birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents or Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	4
HENRY A. PRATT	2	PETER L. WOOD	5
CECIL BARKER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in four methods.

WEST-DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's (1) Chester, Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale, (3) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, (4) Berwick, Hexham, (5) Norfolk, Primrose, (6) London, Wells, (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Neal, the local tower captain. Birthday compliments also to the Rector, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, and Mr. Ned Black.

SELLACK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYSSILIO,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWIN J. DAVIES	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	3
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	CHARLES G. JONES	4

REGINALD T. JONES .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the birthday of Princess Anne.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent containing Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck Bob. (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. (3) Oxford Bob. (4) Hereward Bob. (5) Kent Treble Bob. (6) Oxford Treble Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise. Each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and for the Association.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being four extents of Stedman (4 callings), six extents of Winchendon Place Bob (4 callings), six extents of St. Nicholas' (4 callings), four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (4 callings), five extents of St. Simon's Bob (4 callings), five extents of St. Martin's (4 callings), seven extents of Plain Bob (4 callings) and five extents of Grandsire (5 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. First peal in eight Doubles methods by all.

GISBURN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. DOWNING	*Treble*	JEAN DAWSON	4
†ROSEMARY PARKINSON	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
‡WALTER E. WILKINSON	3	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. All the band come from St. Mary's, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Consisting of Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Crayford College and St. Clement's; 246 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Spliced Major.

JULIANSTOWN, CO. MEATH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT MEADOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
MRS. F. E. DUKES	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Witness: MRS. J. M. THORLEY.

* First peal in method and for Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley.

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DESTROYED BY A MYSTERIOUS FIRE

By WILLIAM G. PIKE, F.B.H.I., OF SHERBORNE

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It was in 1899 that the Dorset village of Cattistock first became famous, with its installation of what was considered the finest carillon in the country. Some 75 years before, the Rector (the Rev. A. K. Barnes), lover of bell music, decided to install a carillon similar to those he had heard on the Continent.

The original tower was a little higher than the roof of the nave and quite inadequate. In order to accommodate the 35 bells and mechanism, a new tower had to be erected, at a cost of nearly £4,000, which sum was defrayed by the Rector himself. A feature of the stately campanile with its louvre windows was an enormous skeleton clock dial. About 19 feet in diameter, this clock dial was almost as big as Big Ben. Heavily gilded and of unusual design, it stood out sharply from the sombre stonework.

The tower was divided into four stages: the first, the ringing chamber; above, the clock room with a fine, though small hour striking and quarter chiming clock. The third stage housed an octave of eight bells, which could be rung in peal, chimed, played by the tune-playing machine or operated by the carillonneur; and in the fourth stage were the remaining 27 bells, the tune-playing machine and the 'clavechin,' the keyboard by which the carillon was operated.

Thirty-three of the bells were cast by the celebrated bell founder, M. Severin van Aerschodt, of Louvain. The last two were cast by his son, Felix, and most of them were in position by the year 1882. They remained silent, however, for many years owing to the departure through ill-health of the Rector. His successor, the Rev. H. Stickland, soon became infected with a similar enthusiasm, and after increasing the number of bells, the carillon and all the apparatus were dedicated. At least 30 of the bells bore inscriptions, many with the names of the donors.

With the exception of eight, all the bells were fixed and struck on the outside by hammers connected to the tune-playing machine, and on the inside by clappers connected to the keyboard. So that the same note could be struck in quick succession, many of the bells were equipped with three hammers. All 35 were equipped with two hammers. The tune-playing machine, although set in motion by the clock, was an entirely self-contained unit. An 8-cwt. weight, which had to be wound daily, supplied the necessary power. The speed was controlled by a fan with four blades shaped like swans. The steel cylinder which carried the striking pins had no fewer than 7,000 square holes, allowing for a wide range of notes. The ram striking pins were made in 16 sizes to provide for the long, short and dotted notes.

Above the cylinder were 60 levers connected by wires to the hammers. To change a tune was a lengthy job, for, apart from altering the position of the striking pins, a change of bells was also often necessary. There were so many bells, wires, cranks and levers, that it almost seemed one would need to be a contortionist to change a tune! Originally, the tune-playing machine was silent between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Annual recitals by leading carillonneurs were a feature of the village life.

When I visited the village the machine was playing a wheezy 'John Peel' and 'Abide With Me' hourly, day and night. The recitals had been discontinued owing to the bells being out of tune, but the authorities were hoping to have them put right. But, alas, on September 15th, 1940, a mysterious fire totally destroyed the carillon. The fire service prevented the fire from spreading further than the tower, but the giant musical box had been reduced to a heap of twisted metal.

When what remained of the tower had been pulled down permission was obtained to carry out repairs. For nearly 12 years the village was strangely silent. Now a new tower has risen. Old buildings were purchased to provide much of the Ham Hill stone. Eight bells, with a tenor weighing 14 cwt., the only bell to bear an inscription, and a new electric chiming clock have been installed at a total cost of about £17,000. The famous Whitechapel bell founders, Mears and Stainbank, cast the bells, using what little of the original that could be recovered.

The only surviving link between the old clock and the new is the dial. The entire dial to-day was merely the centre-piece of yesterday. Many villagers thought the old dial was too big, but no one could deny that it was unique. I think it is a pity that the dial does not resemble the original. The tower is very similar. No longer is it necessary for the clockwinder to make the weary climb, for E. Dent and Co., Ltd., of London, have erected a modern synchronous electric motor movement which looks after itself. Attached to the hand wheels are cams which discharge mercury switches for the chiming of the quarters and the striking of the hour. Each of the five bells has its own separate electric motor and mechanism for lifting the hammers.

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Cattistock, have always fascinated me, perhaps because the 15th bell was given by my godmother's grandfather—Prebendary Rooke—a fact of which I was not aware when the carillon existed. It is hoped that one day a new carillon will sound across the Dorset hills. A fund is in existence for this purpose. When this has been accomplished the inscription on the old twelfth bell will again ring true:—

'The step of time
Shall move to my melodious chime.'

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral on June 10th, 1954.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): B. Hunt (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 3, T. W. Charity 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, B. Buttery (first in two methods) 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Thomas 1, G. Williams 2, Heather Evans 3, G. Flower 4, Jean Powell (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. R. Price 6, A. R. Price 7, A. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Rowlands, late verger and one time ringer at this church, who was interred earlier this week.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, S. Brown 2, M. Amos 3, W. Brown 4, R. Seaton 5, E. Orland (cond.) 6.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Parsons 1, Jessie Cockburn 2, Winnie Cockburn (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. J. Pugh 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Medhurst 1, L. J. Honess 2, Geo. Fry 3, H. H. Usborne 4, W. R. Manser 5, K. S. Hohl (first as cond.) 6.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund on Aug. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wood (first of Minor) 1, A. Harris 2, M. G. Morton 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, A. Ager 6. Rung on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dom. Silvester Schlecht, O.S.B., once Prior of the Abbey.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, J. Goodall 5, P. Blake 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for evensong.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,292 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Sutcliffe 1, E. Buck 2, Miss M. Jackson 3, A. Jackson 4, A. Harris 5, J. Dear (cond.) 6. First in the method by 3, 4, 5. Rung for the Feast of St. Hippolytus.

WEST DOWN, N. DEVON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Yeo (first of Minor) 1, D. Jewell 2, D. K. Walters 3, L. G. Walters 4, A. T. Wingate 5, D. Beacham (first as cond.) 6.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, J. Kinchin (first of Minor) 2, J. Hobley 3, D. Payne 4, E. Orland (cond.) 4, M. Amos 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Hughes 1, H. Knight 2, C. Wallater 3, E. Stitch 4, F. G. Handley 5, G. W. Hughes 6, G. Page (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, G. Howlett 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX. — On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Patching 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, Jean M. Pike 3, Edna Everest 4, Harry W. Brown 5, Stanley W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Freda Millam (local ringer) to Eddie Hammond. First quarter on the bells since rehanging and augmentation to six.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Piggott (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Cole 2, Mrs. W. Newton 3, G. Woodason 4, W. J. Brooks 5, E. Langley 6, W. Newton (cond.) 7, E. Pearce 8.

An attempt for a peal in the bridegroom's own county came to grief after one hour's ringing for the wedding of Mr. Eric Naylor to Miss Moira E. Hemer, at Bathampton, Somerset, on August 6th. This attempt was conducted by Mr. G. A. Naylor, the brother of the bridegroom, who explains that he failed to make himself clear with his bobs and singles. The band consisted of E. C. Barton 1, G. Hawkins 2, L. Cope 3, A. Reed 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor 6. The wedding was, however, associated with the peal for Miss Lilian May's marriage at Bobbing on August 14th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS. — On Aug. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. W. Taylor 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, F. W. Perrens 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 2,160 London Surprise Minor: G. Waterman 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, O. Ballard 3, S. Twitchett 4, T. Bird 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. Longest length in method by all. Rung after a peal failure.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Whiting 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Miss Lucy Allen 3, J. Allen 4, C. Clarke 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. Worsdell and Mr. C. A. Moore.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Werburgh, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. K. Price 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, K. W. Price 3, A. J. True 4, L. H. Clash 5, H. W. Payne 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. H. Marrows, of Lincoln, and Miss Sylvia Arnold (a ringer at this church), who were married at Filton Church on August 7th.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tudball 1, Mrs. P. R. Tudball 2, P. R. Tudball 3, J. E. Haydon 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Herrod 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. F. C. Eeles, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches for 37 years, and a resident of Dunster since 1936. Rung on the day of his funeral service at Selworthy.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS. — On Aug. 22nd, on the minor eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. James 1, F. Hayes 2, A. Clutton 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, P. Baldwin (first as cond.) 6, R. Coles 7, Roberta Tunstall 8. Rung for matins.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS. — On Aug. 14th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 540 of Plain Bob: J. J. Tune 1, Susan Harrop 2, E. Philpot 3, E. D. Tune 4, G. F. Terry (cond.) 5, T. W. Tune 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Elsom 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt 4, G. Nicholls 5, E. J. Parish 6. Rung before matins with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ransom on their wedding anniversary.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Sjoberg 1, Jennifer Stephens 2, Patricia Jones 3, Dillys Hulbert 4, Jean Powell (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Ryan Price 6, Keith Jones (first quarter Triples) 7, Tess Burn 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. G. L. Coward 1, Miss A. M. Cox 2, Miss E. M. Turner 3, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band except treble.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

SMITHFIELD, LONDON.—On Aug. 19th, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, B. Lunn 2, James Phillips 3, Miss A. Garnett 4, John Phillips 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Thomas W. Green, sidesman and parish councillor, buried this day.

SYDLING, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): G. H. Perry 1, G. J. W. Abbott 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, J. W. Rose (first of Doubles) 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. E. Merrett (first 'inside') 2, J. Merrett 3, H. Corney 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary and the gift of a son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bullock.

WALMER, KENT. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Monica Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, A. C. Rye 5, F. A. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8.—Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Monica Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins (first in method) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, Miss Ann Vine (first in method) 6, F. W. Lawrence (first as cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the Rev. Edmond Leigh, assistant priest, who died suddenly on Aug. 19th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. Schofield 1, Miss M. Chapple 2, R. Smith 3, C. Brown 4, W. Paul 5, J. Mayne (cond.) 6, J. Hoare 7, K. Dunstan 8. First in method by all except 6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Cornwall 1, P. Baldwin 2, P. Newton 3, N. Cornwall 4, E. Gosling 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. Rung for the induction service of the Rev. Stanley James Cornish, A.K.C., to the living of West Wycombe.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, A. N. Wood 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, F. C. Case 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

WONERSH, SURREY. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. A. Hunter (first quarter, age 14½) 1, Miss Oliver 2, L. C. W. Hunter 3, A. E. Hunter 4, W. E. Enticknap 5, F. W. Wicks (first as cond.) 6.

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Wedding bells have been prominent in Kent lately. Miss Lilian May, daughter of Mr. B. W. May, former secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association and captain of the ringers and churchwarden at Bobbing, had peal honours accorded her after her wedding at St. Bartholomew's, Bobbing, on August 14th, to Mr. Vincent Jackson.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. P. Price, who was Dominion carillonneur at Ottawa, has been appointed Professor of Campanology and University Carillonneur to the University of Michigan, U.S.A.. Mr. Price writes that the term campanology is used in a much wider sense than change ringing.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts has been appointed Rural Dean of Penwith by the Bishop of Truro.

There were three Roberts in the peal at Carbis Bay, but none could claim relationship. Frederick J. has recently moved from Surrey to Cornwall and is an addition to the Kea band. Margaret A. was yet another candidate presented by Mr. Alan Carveth from Kenwyn, and she passed the test of her first peal with credit.

The Rev. Philip Lea, Vicar of St. John's Church, Erith, blames draughts in the belfry for the lack of bellringing volunteers.—National Press.

Congratulations to Mr. Trevor Reynolds, of Wolverhampton, on achieving his 1,000th tower at Whitchurch, Shropshire, on August 14th. He is probably the youngest ringer to have accomplished this.

A half-century of service has been given by Mr. J. Halsall, to St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Lancs, where he is captain. A congratulatory peal, Kendal Surprise Major, was rung on the bells on August 21st.

The quarter peal at Lambeth on August 21st was rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Len Bullock on the birth of twins—Janet and Andrew. Other ringers, we are sure, will join in the congratulations, as Mr. and Mrs. Bullock are well known among East London and S.W. Essex ringers. Mr. Bullock is the secretary of the Northern District of the London County Association and Master of the Romford band.

An unexpected honour was accorded the Universities Association at Hereford. When they set out for their first tower they found that the route had been sign-posted by the A.A. with 'U.A. Tour' in large black letters. The mystery was explained by the local A.A. patrol being a member of the Parochial Church Council. The U.A. feel they are the first ringing tour, even unofficially, to come to the notice of a national motoring association.

Mr. H. P. Reed, of Newbury, who called a peal at Aldermaston on August 2nd, conducted his last peal 18 years ago at North Stoneham for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

New methods announced this week are Goscote Surprise Maximus rung at Leicester Cathedral, and Oakham Surprise Royal at Surfleet, Lincs.

Have any of our lady ringers 'circled a tower'? Mrs. H. J. Poole has rung a peal on each of the ten bells at the bell foundry campanile at Loughborough.

Mr. W. Neal, captain of the West Deeping tower, celebrated his 70th birthday on August 21st. In honour of the event his fellow veteran, Mr. Horace Day, of Market Deeping, who is 73 this month, conducted a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. We wish Horace good luck in his own birthday peal to-morrow (September 4th).

Mr. Ronald Eccles, hon. secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, has wisely married into the Exercise. His bride, Miss Dorothy Schofield, is the chief ringer at Morecambe. The wedding, on August 21st, was honoured by a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of Holy Trinity, Morecambe.

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BELL-RINGING — FROM A LEGAL VIEWPOINT

NOT IN LAW A PUBLIC NUISANCE

ALTHOUGH the subject of bells may seem far removed from any legal tangles or red tape the index of Halsbury's 'Laws of England,' under the heading of 'Bells,' has no less than 25 references ranging from 'Bells, church, care of' to 'Bells, door, ringing of offence,' and covering civil, criminal, equitable and ecclesiastical law.

As is well known, the incumbent of a parish, by virtue of his general control over the church, has absolute control over the ringing of the bells; the legal ownership of the bells and bellropes, however, is vested in the churchwardens as a quasi-corporation, though the duties relating to the care of the bells are now transferred to the parochial church councils by The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921. These rules were applied many years ago in the case of Harrison v. Forbes and Sisson (1860), when it was held that although legal ownership of the bells was vested in the churchwardens, they had no right as such against the wishes of the minister of the parish to break into the belfry of the parish church and ring the bells, though there may be some very special occasions in which they would be justified in so doing, i.e., probably only on the occasion of divine worship.

RINGING FOR FOXHOUNDS

Two years later, in 1862, it was held that a meeting of the foxhounds was not a 'special occasion' that would justify such ringing. This case was Redhead v. Wait and was heard in the Court of Arches (Highest Ecclesiastical Court for the Archbishopric of Canterbury). It appears from the report that on a previous occasion of the meeting of the foxhounds at Thurnby, Leicestershire, the bells had been rung contrary to the wishes of the incumbent, and that shortly before the day in question the incumbent was informed that the defendants, who included one of the churchwardens and the clerk, were about to repeat the same offence. He accordingly gave due notice of his objection to ringing for such an occasion but, says the report, '. . . notwithstanding his remonstrance the defendants, on the meeting of the foxhounds at Thurnby, went to the Parish Church and with a crowbar broke open the belfry door and rang the bells.' It is recorded that the incumbent made further remonstrances but the only result was that he was excluded from the belfry (whether by forcible means or not does not appear !) and the ringing was continued. The incumbent, however, did not accept defeat and resorted to the aid of the law: the defendants, when brought to Court admitted the facts and that their conduct was unjustifiable in law, and the learned judge, the famous Dr. Lushington, 'admonished the defendants and condemned them in the cost of the suit.'

It is interesting to note that no damages were awarded, presumably because the only action the minister could have brought would have been in the tort of trespass and this could not be successful since the legal posession of the bells was vested, not in the plaintiff clergyman, but in the recalcitrant churchwarden.

The practical effects of the property being invested in the churchwarden appear in at least one case to act unfairly. In Jackson v. Adams (1835) the plaintiff contended that the defendant had uttered to him, in public, the words, 'Who stole the parish bellropes, you scamping rascal?' and that such words were defamatory of him. This action for damages failed, the Court holding that since it was impossible for a person to steal property of which he was, in law, the owner, the statement could not be defamatory.

CONDITION WITH FACULTY

Before bells may be hung in a church a faculty from the Diocesan Court is required; although a faculty will be granted in a proper case, one will not be granted where there is a risk of annoyance being caused by their being rung with unnecessary frequency or for an undue length of time. Moreover a faculty will be granted to sanction an agreement restricting the ringing of bells to certain hours on certain days. Such a position might arise on the gift of money, e.g., for an augmentation on condition that a bell is no longer rung for an early morning service. The incumbent must, however, cause a bell to be tolled for morning and evening prayer 'That the people may come to hear God's word and to pray with Him.' (B. C. P.)

The ringing of one of the church bells as a sanctus bell is an additional ceremony, and the Court has refused to sanction by faculty alterations to enable one of the church bells to be used from the interior of the church as a sanctus bell. It was further decided in the same case, following a previous decision relating to the use of a handbell in the body of the church that the tolling or ringing of one of the church bells of a parish church during the Consecration Prayer in the Communion Service at the moment of the elevation of each of the sacred elements as a sanctus bell is illegal.

A church sexton is a man (or, it was decided in 1739—a woman), who has many different duties to perform, e.g., in the care of the church and churchyard, but these duties almost invariably include the ringing of the bell or bells. His rights and duties usually vary from parish to parish, but by statute the Burial Acts Authority cannot deprive the sexton of his right to discharge the function of his office in the case of burials in its burial grounds and to earn any fees for such work by appointing any other person. Among such duties is that of tolling the bell (if any) and the sexton has an indefeasible right of entry to the chapel for the purpose of tolling and presumably thereby collecting the appropriate fee.

EXCESSIVE RINGING

No doubt such matters are more often merely of academic interest, but a point worthy of consideration by all ringers is whether a member of the public may apply to Court for an injunction to restrain the excessive ringing of church bells. As far as can be traced there is only one case reported where such an application has been successful and that was over a century ago, though it is believed that there has been a case of a similar nature a few years ago: unfortunately this case does not appear to have been reported in the legal Press. The only ground upon which such an action may be brought is that of the tort of Private Nuisance. A private, as distinct from a public nuisance, is one which affects those persons who are immediately within the scope of its operations but does not injure or inflict inconvenience upon others who are farther removed from it. 'Halsbury' says that as e.g., in the case of church bells the alleged nuisance may be even advantageous or pleasurable to those who are at a distance. Moreover private nuisance is actionable only if there is an injury to the property and thus only the occupier of that property would be able to sue.

The one reported case (Soltau v. De Held 2 Sim. N.S.133) was decided in 1851 by a highly-respected vice-Chancellor, namely, Sir Richard Kindersley. The plaintiff in the case owned and lived in a house immediately adjacent to a Roman Catholic church in Park Road, Clapham, and in May of 1851 a new ring of six bells was opened. The report described the ringing as follows:—

> 'The Chapel bell rang at five o'clock and a quarter before seven every morning and a quarter before and a quarter past seven every evening. On 13th May, 1851, a peal of six bells was rung at five o'clock, the steeple bell at a quarter to seven and again at a quarter to nine. The Chapel bell again rang at half past ten. A peal of chimes was rung at eleven and again at a quarter before one; again at a quarter before six and again at a quarter before eight. On Saturday, the 24th of May, the Chapel bell rang as usual the three times above mentioned and the steeple bell twice and, in addition, a peal of six bells from half past eight till a quarter to ten at night. . .'

The report then catalogues further dates and says that 'Subsequently the bells were rung **daily** upon an average as great a number of times as they had been rung on the several occasions before mentioned.' The ringing was held to be a nuisance and judgment was given for the plaintiff with 40s. damages and costs. During a period of three months while the action was in progress the bells were not rung at all but after judgment had been given the bells rang forth again and in a subsequent action for an injunction to prevent their ringing it was alleged that the defendant 'Caused the said bells to be rung in the same manner and for the same times and he threatened and intended not only to continue ringing the last-mentioned bells every Sunday in manner last aforesaid, but **also to ring peals of the said six bells and to ring on weekdays and also to ring the Chapel bell.**' The weights of all the bells were quoted, the tenor, weighing 9 cwt. 0 qr. 20lb., being three feet three inches in diameter.

NOT A PUBLIC NUISANCE

The learned Vice-Chancellor's judgment commenced with an exposition of the law, which is still acknowledged by lawyers to be of great authority, defining and distinguishing public and private nuisance and he decided that bell-ringing could, in law, amount to a private but not to a public nuisance. He then referred to the annoyance caused to the plaintiff by the six bells which he observed 'are not, in respect of size, such as are used in most Chapels and district churches in and near London, but they are unusually large bells.' Obviously the judge was not familiar with the weights of the bells in many of London's rings of bells. Moreover, he continued, in view of the proximity of the plaintiff's house to the church, the noisy ringing of these bells considerably reduced the value of the said house and on these and other grounds he considered that an injunction ought to be granted. An injunction accordingly issued restraining the defendant and all persons acting under his direction or by his authority, from tolling or ringing the bells so as to occasion any nuisance, disturbance and annoyance to the plaintiff.

Perhaps this case should be borne in mind by all ringers lest any citizen should to-day feel aggrieved by the exercise of our art: ringers to-day, however, are probably not quite so zealous as our brothers of the last century and most ringing to-day would **probably** be covered by this limitation to the judgment:—

> 'I cannot say that it is absolutely impossible that any of these bells may not be rung so as not to occasion any nuisance or annoyance to the plaintiff. It is possible: and therefore I do not think it is right to say that none of these bells shall not be rung again.'

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PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS most readers will know, Devonshire has the largest number of rings of bells in any of the counties—no less than 371, according to Dove's book. But most readers will also know that 'method' ringing is not practised as much as 'call-change' ringing in the county, and the majority of ringers are not interested in our way of change-ringing. They concentrate on accurate striking and raising and lowering the bells. That is their art, and our type of ringer has, very often, a great deal to learn from them in this. But there is a limit to 'stoney' ringing, which is soon reached and there is not the satisfaction of being able to go on to greater and greater achievements as there is in our ringing.

It will be no surprise, after the above remarks, to learn that there is a far higher percentage of churches where no peal has been rung than in any other county. Eleven out of the 88 eight-bell towers are still unconquered and since there are only 40 peal-less eight-bell towers in the whole of England, it will be seen that more of a quarter of them are in Devon. For those interested, these eleven are: Appledore, Barnstaple, Braunton, Culmstock, Exeter (St. Mark's), Georgeham, Hatherleigh, Honiton (St. Paul's), Ilfracombe (SS. Philip and James'), Kingsbridge and Witheridge.

Space would not permit to list all the six-bell towers where peals have not been rung, for only 67 out of the 242 have ever appeared in the peal lists. Actually, there are approximately 540 six-bell towers in England which are still unconquered, and since 175 are in Devon, it means that one-third of them are there. No peal has been rung on any five-bell tower, but the county has not as many of these as other counties, which is rather surprising, for it has half as many again six-bell towers as any other county. Actually, there are 36 of them and nine counties have more than this, but only Norfolk has more than that number still peal-less.

And now to turn to details. It will, again, be no surprise to learn that peal ringing has never been very flourishing in the county. Most peals have been rung by visiting bands, of course. Only one tower has reached the 50 mark—St. Michael's, Exeter (Heavitree, 8), where the last peal rung was the 50th. Twenty-nine of these were rung between 1898 and 1914 and, looking at the other Exeter towers, it seems that more peals were rung about that period than ever since. Thus St. Sidwell's (10), destroyed in the war, had 32 of its 39 rung between 1883 and 1912 (with a gap between 1892 and 1903), and St. David's had 21 of its 28 in the same period. This latter tower has not been heard for nearly 20 years now. It would seem that in the county as a whole, this is true, for the tower with the second highest number of peals, Withycombe Raleigh (45) shows the same trend. Eighteen of them were rung between 1903 and 1913, but there was a period of activity here just after the first war, when 14 peals were rung in the 1920's. Six have come since the last war, but none since 1949. Plymouth Charles' Church (10) is similar again, coming third in the list with 40 peals. Thirty were rung prior to 1913 and the remainder between 1919 and 1928. These bells were also destroyed in the war, but had been silent for more than ten years then (as had those of St. Sidwell's—the last peal recorded there was also in 1928). Two other towers have totals in the 30's—Clyst Honiton (33) and Exeter St. Thomas' (31). Both towers have been doing well since the war, the former having recorded 14 and the latter nine peals.

SIXTEEN PEALS AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

Turning now to well-known rings, we commence with the two 12-bell towers, Exeter Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey. Though the bells at the former are old, it was not until 1902 that the first peal was rung on them, largely because of their weight (until the Liverpool Cathedral ring, Exeter had the heaviest of all tenors). Sixteen peals in all have been rung there, seven since the war. Buckfast's are relatively new bells, and only five peals have been scored here. Two of the four 10-bell towers were destroyed in the war and have already been mentioned. The remaining two are Plymouth, St. Andrew's and Cullompton; 25 peals have been rung at the former church, 11 between 1903 and 1914, nine between 1926 and 1938, and five since the war. At Cullompton nine were rung from 1920 to 1939 and five from 1947 to 1951, making a total of 14.

Of the eight-bell towers, four with peal totals of 30 and over have been mentioned above, together with Exeter St. David's. Of the remaining 72 churches where peals have been rung, only ten have reached double figures. They are Broad Clyst (27 peals), Plymouth, Emmanuel Church (26), Tiverton (23), Sowton and Devonport, Dockyard Chapel (20)—the latter church was destroyed in the war. Thorverton (19) comes next, and then another war-destroyed church, Stonehouse (18). Wolborough (15), Plympton St. Maurice's (14) and Ottery St. Mary (13) complete the list. All these towers which still exist have been seen in the peal lists since the war, Broad Clyst and Wolborough especially so.

There is little to report on the six-bell towers. Only one—Holbeton—has reached double figures, 16 peals having been rung there. It is 25 years, however, since it last appeared in the peal lists, for seven were rung between 1910 and 1913, nine from 1921 to 1929 and none since. Two towers have nine—Harpford and Up-Lyme—but both have had most of these since the war. No less than 32 of the 67 six-bell towers have had but a single peal rung at them.

There is certainly plenty of scope in Devon, not least the missionary work of encouraging the 'stoney' ringers to take up change-ringing, which the Guild of Devonshire Ringers is valiantly trying to do.

His many friends in the Hornchurch area will be glad to know that Sid Penfold is making a good recovery from a severe abdominal operation and hopes to go convalescent very soon.

MISS ELIZABETH BIBBY MARRIED

A member of a well-known ringing family and a practising member of the art herself, Miss Elizabeth Mary Bibby, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bibby, of Frodsham, was married at Frodsham Parish Church on Monday, August 16th, to Mr. George Edward Daniels, of Oaks Road, Dilham, Norwich.

The Vicar, the Rev. M. W. Myres, officiated. At the organ, Mr. A. Collins played the bridal march from Lohengrin, and, as a recessional, Mendelssohn's Wedding March. As members of the bride's family were wedding guests, friendly ringers from other belfries made up the team for ringing and 'firing' the bells.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white brocade cut on Elizabethan lines with wreath and veil. Her bouquet was of cream roses and white heather. The bridesmaids were Miss Cynthia Bibby (sister), Miss Janet House, Miss Sheila Moss and Miss Ann Dennis. Mr. D. M. G. Janes was best man and Messrs. P. J. Daniels and P. Worral were groomsmen.

The reception was held in the Mersey View Pavilion.

The bride, besides her ringing activities, was a teacher in the Sunday School. She took a teaching post in Norwich and afterwards in London, where she also took a special course in elocution. Her bellringing capabilities provided an outlet in both cities.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mysteries of 'The White House'

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, ringers and friends from the the locality spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at White House, Caister-on-Sea, on August 14th. The weather during the preceding week had been wintry and did not augur well; however, the day broke fine and very warm, remaining so throughout.

Feverish activity was apparent to the early arrivals, who saw the finishing touches being given to the Mark I. version of the Exercise's 'secret weapon.' This enables six or eight ringers sitting comfortably round a table, with the aid of a wooden 'bellrope' (complete with sally) to reproduce faithfully the mechanical actions of handstroke and backstroke. Then by weird and wondrous means (to the experts, sound scientific principles) the aforementioned actions cause handbells, suitably mounted and modified, to ring at the precise time as tower bells.

The apparatus stood up well to its first handling, but as with every prototype, minor adjustments were found necessary, and it was thus not possible to ring that afternoon the first peal on it; time and a few extra volts from the national grid will tell!!

The gathering enjoyed a splendid tea during which the acrobatics of certain amateur photographers were highly diverting.

The president of the Norwich Diocesan Association (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) voiced the thanks of those present to the host and hostess, the former replying suitably.

After tea the company dispersed to bowls, handbell ringing, horticultural study! and gossip!! During this period entertainment was provided alternately by the 'East Norfolk Lappers,' who lapped handbells to Plain and Treble Bob Minor and also the 'White House Method Dancers,' both organisations being open to offers of winter engagements!

There being a quorum of Eastern Branch members present, it was decided to hold the next quarterly business meeting at Acle on October 16th.

The happy throng broke up at last and all agreed for the second year a thoroughly wonderful and happy time had been enjoyed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS'

Dear Sir,—How many ringers, I wonder, have realised the opportunity which is at present offered to the whole Exercise by the broadcasting of 'The Nine Tailors' as a radio play in four parts? There will doubtless be a number of non-ringing listeners whose interest in our art has been aroused by the first two instalments, and there will probably be more as the play proceeds. Hence we have a source of potential recruits.

Why do I say 'potential'? Because in each branch of every ringing organisation the present situation is like a barrier containing a door that is locked. We ringers are on one side of the door and these recruits are on the other side. The broadcasts are our keys but it is up to us to do the unlocking. How? My own method has been to send in to our two local weekly papers a suitable letter, and I should like, through 'The Ringing World,' to pass this on as a suggestion to my fellow ringers. It must be remembered, however, that the people for whom such a letter is meant are not ringers yet and need a little shepherding. Hence one has to be careful in the choice of words when writing it.

Finally, do not expect anything like the gold rushes in the Yukon and the Klondike. You must sow before you can reap. Those who want recruits have now a chance to get them, and seldom, if ever before, has such an opportunity been given to ringers. Let us show our gratitude by following it up.

'Hit the nail aright, friends,
Hit it on the head.
Strike with all your might, friends,
While the iron's red.

Yours sincerely,
D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Outside ringing circles, when bell-ringing has been mentioned I have heard the subject referred to by the questions, 'Oh, that is campanology, is it not?' or 'Then you are a campanologist?' But ringers generally seem to be very little affected by these terms.

Reference to a dictionary reveals how closely connected the words are with bells, the one, the 'scientific name of bellringing,' the other, one skilled in the same.'

The word campanile is the name of a bell tower of the larger kind, usually applied to those detached from the church. (It. campana, a bell.) To those interested in horticulture or botany there is a genus of flowers, campanula, commonly known as bell flowers, usually blue or white, the common wild harebell, C. rotundifolia, is well known. There are several well-known, hardy perennial kinds in cultivation grown as rock plants or in the herbaceous border. The Canterbury bell, C. media, is a biennial species, and is a great favourite with garden lovers. Its homely name, associated as it is with our glorious city, seems somehow to a ringer to be decidedly connected with the Cathedral; it would be interesting to know the origin of the name.

An interesting reference to the word is made on an old peal board in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent. I quote from memory:—

Campanolough art behold,
In feats that merit purer gold.
* * * * *
With'n this steeple well and true
This peal expos'ed here to view,
Those men whose names this board adorn
Compleatly did the same perform.

I believe this was a peal of Kent, but other particulars are missing.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Middlesex.

PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In my opinion Mr. Blagrove has wrongly interpreted Mr. Birmingham's letter. I thought that the point had been made quite plain, that if four blows were allowed in Doubles, why should they be barred in higher numbers, or for banning methods without Plain blows in thirds, and a Kent Bob with four blows in fourths, so why not four blows at a plain lead in Bob Triples? As to the remark about planning a peal of Bob Caters with which he credited Mr. Birmingham, I must claim that remark to be mine.

In all their letters the present Methods Committee have never yet stated a good reason for dismissing four blows in Plain Bob on odd numbers, or for banning methods without Plain Bob lead ends. The Exercise has just to bow its head and accept the 'tidying up' of this small group of men. Since no letters have been published lately from members of the Methods Committee it must be gathered that they are just sitting back waiting for the uproar to die down.

Returning to the last paragraph of Mr. Blagrove's letter, may I give him the Methods Committee reply? (It has been often enough in print for all of us to know it now!) 'We do not dictate what (Doubles) methods you should ring to peals, but we will only recognise what we dictate.' Only these peals will then be published in the Analysis'—which serves what useful purpose?

May I, before closing, give Mr. Scott my personal opinion as to why ringing standards in this area have declined compared with between the wars? I think that they depend on the peals. As most ringers cannot be bothered to arrange peals, it is left to one or two to arrange them all. If these people cease for any reason, unless someone comes forward to take their place peals die out except for special occasions. Usually another peal ringer can be found to fit in a band if one drops out, but if the organiser or conductor (usually the same) drop out then. . .'—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor, Berks.

'THIS RUBBISH'

Dear Sir,—The present trend of publishing new methods under the name of the composer of the peal—or without any name—is to be deplored.

It is noticeable that all these methods abound in faulty construction, such as four places being made in one row (two of which are bound to be adjacent), thereby causing a doubles change. This is in effect a single!

I notice in 'The Ringing World' of August 20th, Ventnor Surprise is attributed to J. W. Washbrook, and Winchester Surprise—no composer. Mr. E. Weatherby's letter includes other cases of this wrong ownership.

One wonders if these past masters of the art would have cared to have had their names connected with these so-called methods.

The perpetrators of this rubbish should be prepared to own it.—Yours sincerely,

T. E. HARROLD.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

'TOWER GRABBING' DOGS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in 'Belfry Gossip,' if sitting in the car outside a church whilst I am ringing constitutes a canine 'grab,' the score of 'Mischief,' my constant companion, is 294 since she first 'owned me' in October, 1952. She has collected these towers in 13 counties. Incidentally, the total mileage (for all purposes) which she has travelled in the car is about 50,000; is that another canine record?—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

PEAL RINGING IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—The current series of articles by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead dealt with Cumberland and Westmorland, and I wish to point out one or two errors.

The first peal rung in Cumberland was at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, but the date was May 31st, 1865, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, being Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. The band was: George S. Shury 1, Henry W. Haley 2, Robert Jameson 3, William Cooter 4, George E. Ferris 5, James R. Haworth 6, Matthew A. Wood 7, James Dwight 8. Conducted by Henry W. Haley.

The peal on May 18th, 1890, was the first in Cumberland by a local band, and so far as I can trace this is the only peal ever rung in Carlisle by a local band.

When I have been in Kendal belfry on past occasions I feel sure that there are peal boards recording peals rung in 1770 or 1790, so I am going to check on this matter and will write again later as I feel sure peals were rung at Kendal prior to the 1865 details given.

I can find no account of a peal in 1892, but I have been trying for some time to arrange a peal in Carlisle and would like to have details of the 1892 peal if available to amend the local records.

An attempt at St. Stephen's for the Coronation came to grief after 2 hours and 55 minutes through a disturbance at the belfry door, so I think there is every chance of recording one soon, after such a long lapse.

Best wishes for the success of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

J. BUTTERFIELD.

Carlisle.

CLOCKS WITH LONG PENDULUMS

Dear Sir.—In your recent issues I have been interested about clocks with 13 feet pendulums. Here at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Deddington, we have a clock in the ringing chamber with a pendulum of 18 feet 4 inches swinging in the centre of the eight bell ropes to the amusement of visiting ringers. The clock itself is a massive affair and was made nearly a century ago by a Deddington clockmaker by name of Thomas Hardon.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. DEELEY,
Sec., Deddington Church Tower.

Oxford.

A 'THANK YOU' TO SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' express my thanks to the Castle Carey and South Cadbury ringers for their friendship, kindness and for arranging ringing meetings for my benefit during my holiday in Somerset, also for inviting myself and wife to go on their annual outing to Torquay and Paignton. The friendship and fellowship among ringers should be valued and we again extend our thanks to them, and would like to return their hospitality should they decide to visit the north. —Yours, etc.,

JOHN T. WALMSLEY.

Oldham.

'ON CONDUCTING'

Dear Sir.—May I. through your columns, compliment Mr. Wilfrid Wilson on the excellence on his series of articles on conducting. I am a little surprised that no previous comment has appeared, but with so many ringers concerned with Bob Triples the articles may possibly have been overlooked.—Yours faithfully,

N. G. HOLLINGWORTH.

Richmond, Surrey.

OUTINGS AMID RAIN AND SUNSHINE

CUMBERLAND RINGERS

Members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association were joined by several members of the University of London Society on their outing on August Monday.

Ringing commenced in the morning at St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld (6), near Penrith, and later at St. Peter's, Shap (6).

After lunch the party crossed the moors to the Church of All Saints, Orton (8), where the fine Rudhall tenor was greatly admired. Unfortunately ringing was curtailed by a badly-fitted stay, and so the ringers went on to the small Church of St. Patrick, Bampton (5). Here the bells, cast in the 18th century by a local foundry, were raised for the first time in 16 years, and after the ringing the ringers were generously entertained to tea by the Church Council. The day's programme ended on the fine ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Penrith.

The thanks of the party are due to Rex Agg, who arranged an outing which almost kept up to schedule.

SOWTON, DEVON

The second Saturday in August has become, by tradition, the date of Sowton ringers' annual outing. This year the objective was Weymouth.

Leaving home at 8 a.m., Bradpole, Dorset (8, 13 cwt.), provided the first ringing, the bells being pronounced as quite good. At Abbotsbury (6, 12 cwt.) a little trouble was experienced by a chime hammer breaking as the bells were being raised. Two local ringers came and helped put matters right and the six were rung. A word of praise for the 'go' of the bells, which were hung by a local bell hanger, Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, in 1894.

At Weymouth non-ringers stayed in the town while ringing took place on the excellent eight at Wyke Regis (17 cwt.). After tea two more very good eights were visited, Beaminster (26 cwt.) and Crewkerne (22 cwt.). A very good day was had by all. Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers and in particular to the two ringers at Abbotsbury who not only put matters right but rang with us. W. C. P.

PINCHBECK

A party of ringers and friends left Pinchbeck at 7 a.m. on August 14th for Messrs. Taylors' bell foundry, Loughborough. Mr. Harrison met the party and conducted them on a very interesting tour of the foundry, and explained the process of casting and tuning of bells. After this an hour's ringing on the light ring of ten in the campanile was enjoyed.

Our next tower for ringing was Ashby-de-la-Zouch, after which we had a picnic lunch in the Castle grounds. On then to Burton-on-Trent, famed for its breweries, and its very fine ring of ten bells at St. Paul's, where we again enjoyed an hour's ringing. The next call was for tea at Tamworth, after which we visited the church for more ringing. On then to Hinckley and then our last tower at Croft. A short stop was made for refreshments at Uppingham and home reached at midnight.

Thanks are extended to the incumbents of towers, to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and especially Mr. Harrison and organisers. R. C. N.

PUTNEY

An important date in many London ringers' diaries was the highly successful occasion of the Putney ringers' and friends' annual outing to Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, when the towers visited were Wallingford, Harwell, Chilton, East Ilsley, Tilehurst and Slough.

Sharp disappointment was felt at Slough, the last tower of the day, where a misunderstanding allowed only a short time for ringing.

The arrangements made by Mr. W. T. Elson proved once again to merit the warm appreciation expressed by the whole party.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, RUGELEY

Punctually at 7 a.m. on August 11th a coach set off from Rugeley bound for Rhyl, thus the annual choir outing had begun. Although this was a choir outing there were six ringers present, four from Rugeley, one from Little Aston, and the writer.

At Rhuddlan the party found a poor-going six (8½ cwt.) and through the noise of the ropes, etc., they could hardly be heard. To add to this the fifth is sadly out of tune and the tenor sounds very 'dead.' In contrast, however, a very good six (8¾ cwt.) was made use of at Abergele.

Unfortunately at our last tower, St. Thomas', Rhyl (8, 17 cwt.), the treble rope had broken the previous night at practice, so we could only hear the back six. These are of very good tone and 'go,' and are probably the best eights in North Wales. Ringing for the day over, we joined the others for high tea and the journey home. Thanks are due to the incumbents for granting permission, and John R. Joyner for making the ringing arrangements. A. R.

TWO WEEKDAY TRIPS

Young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Little Aston, and the writer, recently took advantage of school and business holidays for a spot of ringing. On August 9th the party set out by car for Warwickshire. The first tower was a unique one—Allenhall (8, 4½ cwt.). These bells are hung in the louvres of the spire, two on each side. The belfry is extremely small, and added to this we found no stays on any of the bells, and ropes only on the back six, not to mention the pigeons. To any intending visiting band we suggest old clothes and a complete set of ropes (light weight) of at least 35 feet length. By the time we had made conditions fit for ringing and rung, the morning was over.

In the afternoon and evening we visited Butlers Marston, a good six (14½ cwt.), Kineton (6, 11½ cwt.), where the treble is heavier than the second, third or fourth, being 5 cwt., a good light five (5½ cwt.) at Radway, and a five (7 cwt.) at Farnborough, where the Vicar joined in ringing. After a key hunt we managed to get into the belfry at Burton Dassett, where we found a six (13 cwt.) of good tone and 'go,' although the girls had difficulty in pulling them off as they are deep setting.

At Bishop's Itchington, the head ringer joined us in Grandsire Doubles on this good five (9½ cwt.), and so to the last tower, Harbury (5, 13½ cwt.), where we managed Stedman Doubles, thanks to the help of the head ringer's son.

The second outing, on August 12th, was into Derbyshire. Our female representative from Little Aston was unable to come and we had a fresh face from Walsall, and were joined by John R. Joyner, from Rugeley. Doveridge, the first stop, was a very good ground-floor five (14½ cwt.), ideal for a peal. Sudbury bells (6, 14 cwt.) are not too easy to handle, although a more experienced adult band could probably do them more justice. A good six (8¾ cwt.) was found at Etwall, and a very good six (12 cwt.) at Sutton-on-the-Hill. At Osmaston-by-Ashbourne (6, 14 cwt.) the tenor was found to be loose on its bearings, but otherwise the bells are of good tone and 'go.'

Housed in a massive 13th century tower with a very tall, slender 14th century spire are an excellent six (14 cwt.) at Breadsall. The Vicar's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Grime, was here a welcome addition to our band. Brailsford's are an anti-clockwise five (12 cwt.) of good tone and 'go.' Our last ring for the day was on the six (12½ cwt.) at Horsley, a very good ground-floor ring. A. R.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX

St. Mary's, Balcombe, ringers and their friends were fortunate in having a hot and sunny day for their annual outing on August 14th. Travelling by coach to Portsmouth, by boat from there to the Isle of Wight, and by a second coach for a tour right round the island, the ringers were able to enjoy the full beauty of the picturesque countryside and the magnificent views across Shanklin and Freshwater Bay.

A stop was made at Brading for a short ring before going to Shanklin for an excellent lunch. Ringing during the afternoon was at Chale and Freshwater, the last-named bells being very much to their liking.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Bailey, of Godshill, for his valuable help in arranging this and last year's outing to the Island. J. H. G. G.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Watford and district, together with wives, friends and ringers from outside the district, had a most enjoyable day on August 21st touring the attractive countryside of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. The first tower to be visited was Burnham, where by this time the sun had at last appeared and showed promise of being a warm, sunny day. George Gilbert warmly welcomed us and for an hour various touches were rung on this pleasant octave.

The next tower was Hughenden, where the belfry is certainly an example to be followed. Here two attempts for Hughenden Surprise were tried, but unfortunately both came to grief! However, four Spliced Surprise Major was brought round, which more than atoned for the previous failure. On then to Kidlington, where an excellent lunch was partaken at the Black Horse Inn. Ringing followed at the conveniently nearby tower, after which we travelled on to Hook Norton to reach St. Peter's somewhat behind schedule owing to the winding roads which had baffled our driver (and others, also!). This fine ring was soon resounding to Stedman Triples and also included a good course of Bristol.

Arriving at Deddington (our last ring) we enjoyed a splendid tea.

Ringing at Deddington tower continued until 7.30 p.m., when a start was made for home via Bicester and Aylesbury, Watford being reached by 10 p.m. Our thanks are offered amongst many others to the organiser, Mr. S. H. Hoare, who must be congratulated on planning a most interesting tour.

Methods rung also included Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. R.

LADIES' GUILD IN KENT

At the first meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Marden on August 14th, Miss Doris Colgate presided. Guild members present were Miss Colgate, Miss Jill Haffenden (Marden), Mrs. Cullingworth (Maidstone) and Miss Walker (Upchurch).

Those unable to attend the meeting but who wished to join the Guild sent their names to the secretary, and these were elected with the majority of the ladies present.

Miss Haffenden is secretary of the Branch. Only two members of the committee were elected, Miss Walker and Miss Tapley (Harrietsham), as it felt that the county was not well enough represented at the meeting to elect the other four members.

It was decided to hold six meetings a year, one in each District of the Kent County Association. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bromley early in November if the tower is available. M. T.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

In bright sunshine, South Anston was visited on August 14th by the North Notts District. Ringing started about 2.30 and continued until 5 p.m., when a good tea was provided in the Old School, 25 sitting down.

The Rev. R. Lyne, of Anston, gave a hearty welcome to those attending, and with him as chairman the short meeting was soon disposed of. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Clayworth on September 11th. The Bell Fund collection came to 15s. Votes of thanks to the Rev. R. Lyne for the use of the bells, and the ladies who served tea were accorded. Ringing again took place until 9 p.m.

Methods rung were a course of College Pleasure Minor (a request from Mr. H. M. Turner, who took part), Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Kent, Oswald, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Duffield and Forward Major.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' September 4th, 1914

BIRMINGHAM

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 26, 1914, in 3 hours and 2 minutes

At St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

5,040 CHANGES

Taylor's 6-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Albert Scrivens	Treble
John Carrigan	2
William G. Ellis	3
Thomas Miller	4
Charles Mackenzie	5
William F. Webb	6
William Davis	7
Walter Gossage	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Miller.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Pope Pius X.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Christleton, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please advise intention to attend.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4966

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Stutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4967

RINGERS' SERVICE.—To be held at Christ Church, Swindon (10), on Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 4.15. Service ringing from 5.15. Special service 6.30. All welcome. Names for tea as soon as possible to F. G. Wilton, 48, Groundwell Road, Swindon, Wilts. Tel. 3912. 4965

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, Sept. 18th. A conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament has been arranged for 11 a.m. Assemble Victoria Tower 10.55 a.m. Ringing: St. George's, Southwark (8), 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Meeting, 2.30 p.m., 'Little Dorrit' Vestry, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, S.E.1. Dinner 6.30 p.m., followed by entertainment and social evening at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge. Tickets 15s. each from Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leics, by Saturday, Sept. 11th. 4964

Mr. Leslie G. Brett's 400 Peals

Mr. L. G. Brett, of Framsden, has much variety in his 400 peals.

Minor.—Four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 4 (conducted 1), London 1, Oxford 1, Cambridge 5 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 14 (3).

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (1), Oxford 6, Kent 16 (4), Double Norwich Court Bob 35 (2), Double Oxford 1.

Surprise.—Superlative 44 (8), Cambridge 105 (29), New Cambridge 6 (1), Norfolk 2, Yorkshire 20 (13), London 35 (8), Bristol 21 (5), Pudsey 2, Premier 3, Rochester 2, Painswick 2 (2), one each of Rutland (1), Kent, Ipswich, Clarendon (1), Camden, Edinburgh (1), Ashtead, Edmundsbury, Helmingham, Daventry (1), Wavency, Yoxford (1), Orwell, Deben, Silchester, Marina (1), Huntingdon, Lincoln, Dunwich, Suffolk (1), Chester, Double Dublin, Leeds (1), Cornwall, Devon, Coddenham, Droitwich (1), Otley, Minsmere, Monewdon, Lavenham, Loughborough, Belvedere, Lincolnshire and Gainsborough. Spliced Surprise: Four methods 4 (2).

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Oxford 2, Kent 5 (2), Cambridge 5, Double Norwich 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Oxford 2, Cambridge 3.

Total 400 (conducted 105).

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER TO MRS. G. W. H. AND ALL LEARNERS

By Jill and Rosemary

'Will you pull a little gentler?' said the ringer to his wife,
''Cos if you break another stay it may cost you your life!
The rope, prehaps, is springy, or it may slip the wheel,
But if you go on at this rate you'll never ring a peal!'

'Oh well, you told me wrong again,' poor Georgie's wife replied,
'Just look at Mrs. Turner—why, she can ring 'inside'!'
Now let me try some Stedman, it's like a castle wall,
The slow work and the dodging, and quick bell in, that's all!'

'Would you like to fall the second? It's as easy as can be,
Just pull it in at backstroke, and follow close to me.
Mind how you make the coil now or you'll probably get hung,
That was so much better, dear, the best you've ever rung,'

'Oh, don't despair, my ringing friend, even Carter had to learn,
Who knows, perhaps one day you'll be as good as old George Fearn.
Superlative and Kent you'll ring in towers far and near,
Perhaps you'll ring a birthday peal for everyone next year!

So don't give up because you cannot even drive a car,
Or because you cannot cook with wine and caviare.
The house may be all upside down, the garden full of weeds,
And George may wear extraordinary corduroys and tweeds.

You say that Stella can do 'nowt' but bell-ring and write books,
Raff always runs on three legs—that's harder than it looks,
And Robert's Spaceman's O, mask may need an overhaul!
But we don't mind a little bit because we love you all.'

OUTING

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT

What turned out to be one of the best days of this English summer was chosen for the annual outing of the Milton-next-Gravesend ringers and friends, their own county and Sussex being preferred for the tour.

In bright, sunny weather they travelled via Maidstone to Staplehurst, where an hour was spent by ringers in the belfry, while the non-ringers of the party enjoyed the glorious view of the countryside.

On through the Weald, with its lovely fruit gardens and hop fields, by way of Hawkhurst to Hastings, where they were greeted with brilliant sunshine. The eight bells at All Saints' were soon going to various methods, but the noise inside the belfry was rather disconcerting at the start. An excellent dinner had been prepared by mine host at Ye Olde Coach House Restaurant, to which ample justice was done.

On the road again, by way of Rye, through the Romney Marsh, so well known for its sheep. A halt was made at Brookland to view the quaint tower in the churchyard, where the five bells are installed. Unfortunately permission had not been obtained to have a ring—perhaps it was just as well—but the ringers would have liked to have had a try.

Beyond the Marsh, Hythe was next on the list, where this lovely eight were kept going for an hour by the ringers, while the non-ringers visited the crypt, where human skulls hundreds of years old were on view.

A short run to Ashford brought the last tower of the day. Previous to ringing, a splendid meat tea had been provided at the British Volunteer. This again showed the excellence of Kentish catering. The ringers were pleased to meet Mr. C. W. Everest, of Ashford fame, and Mr. Wickens, well known to some of them when at their neighbouring village at Meopham in bygone days.

After a short ring on this grand eight the coach was again boarded for home by way of Faversham and Sittingbourne. Mr. Cyril Jarrett, the Rochester District secretary, and his mother, who had joined the party, were dropped at Chatham, and Gravesend was reached and all home by ten o'clock.

The ringing during the day, although not reaching Surprise standard, was 'not so bad.' Best thanks are offered to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the tower secretaries for their invaluable help, and to Mr. Fred Mitchell jun. for all his work as organiser in making this such an excellent day's outing.

F. M. M.

BELL-RINGING—LEGAL VIEWPOINT

(Continued from page 569)

A distinction was made in the course of the judgment between bells in Roman Catholic churches and those in Established churches: the latter being privileged and entitled in law to have bells whether they are a nuisance or not, whereas the former, not being Established, have no right: it was not suggested, however, that it was unlawful for a Roman Catholic church to have bells, but merely that the same rights and privileges did not attach to a non-Established church. Leading jurists consider that, despite the wording of the judgment, there is no legal right to ring the bells of an Established church indiscriminately and that even here the bells must not be rung so constantly and at such hours as to constitute a nuisance.

A. P.

OBITUARY

MR. T. B. NEWTON

Ambleside, Westmorland, has sustained a great loss in the sudden death of Mr. Thomas B. Newton on Sunday, July 25th. Mr. Newton, who started ringing at the early age of 11 years, was a member of Ambleside Parish Church ringers for 44 years, and for the last 20 years was the captain of the band.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church, Ambleside, and was preceded by muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Before the coffin left the church a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members of the local band.

The funeral was attended by ringers from Blackburn, Barrow, Bowness, Kendal, Langdale and Leicester.

DR. F. C. EELES

Our quarter peal column contains a tribute of respect to the memory of Dr. F. C. Eeles, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches for 37 years. He maintained a friendly liaison with our Central Council, and upon many matters ventilated our point of view before Diocesan Advisory Committees. Since 1936 he had resided at Dunster, Somerset, and it was upon the day of his funeral, August 20th, that the bells of St. George's Church there were half-muffled.—Ed.

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MARRIAGES

BRADSHAW—BLACK.—On Aug. 28th at Geddington Parish Church by the Rev. G. T. Brodie, Arnold James Lewis Bradshaw, only son of Mrs. Bradshaw, 109, Linden Avenue, Kettering, to Jennifer Jean Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington. 4952

PEARCE—BROWN.—The wedding of Miss Betty Brown, of 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln, to Mr. Richard Pearce, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, will take place at St. Peter's-at-Gowts, Lincoln, on September 4th. 4962

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Home address now Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset. Office unchanged.—E. T. Paul Field. 4926

Mr. G. H. Williams is leaving Newbury for his new home at 31, Ringswell Avenue, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon. 4945

PUBLICATIONS

'BEGINNERS' GRANDSIRE.' — Second edition now available from A. Waddington, Egerton, Kent, at 1s. 6d. post free. This book takes the beginner from Plain Hunting up to Grandsire Triples and is attractively produced with the treble and important instructions printed in red. A proved help in every tower where Grandsire is taught. 4353

'RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY,' 1955.—The 1955 edition of the 'Ringer's Notebook and Diary' will shortly be going to press. We should like, as usual, to include the dates of as many annual general meetings, annual dinners, etc., as possible in the Diary section. Would secretaries kindly forward details to reach the address below by Sept. 30th. We regret that only dates for Guild or Association (not District) functions can be included.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4920

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 67a, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 4143

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Michael Sprackling, Sec., 3, Old Hospital Lane, Tewkesbury, Glos. 4940

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, 7.15, Monday, Sept. 6th, and first Monday each month, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4951

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m, Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at nearby cafe. 4919

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Lympstone, Sept. 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. Seagar, Bridge Cottages, Lympstone.—B. Pidgeon. 4850

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify D. R. Airey, 4, Elton Grove, Darlington. 4891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6), Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 4930

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. 4879

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Usk (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clinch, Wentsland, Abergavenny Road, Usk, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 4854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Chieveley (6), Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4939

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest and meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. For tea notify F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh. Entries to N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4825

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2, on Monday, Sept. 6th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 4932

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest and meeting at Hemsworth, Sept. 11th, at 3 p.m. For teas, notify, not later than Sept. 4th, Mr. C. Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, near Pontefract.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4960

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Meeting at Withypoole, Sept. 11th. Names for tea by Sept. 6th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 4956

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Short service 4.30. Tea by invitation from the Vicar and P.C.C. 5. Special request for handbell ringers. All ringers welcome.—L. H. B., Sec. 4923

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S. —Meeting at Patrington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 4943

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Sept. 8th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4946

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. A. Potts, Branch Sec. 4955

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Thorverton (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, certain, to F. Wills, 51, Whipton Barton Road, Exeter. F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., on holiday. 4916

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Saturday, Sept. 11th, Allendale St. Cuthbert. Coach leaving Highgate 1 p.m.; Central Garage, Newcastle, 2 p.m.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4917

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turner's Hill (8), Sept. 11th. Names to I. Butcher, Mount Noddy, Paddockhurst, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 4942

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Haddenham (6), Sept. 11th (not as card). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new District Secretary.—Miss M. Grain. 4893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. —Evening meeting, Castle Eaton (6), Sept. 11th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston. 4929

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4934

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, before Sept. 8th, to T. Cooper, 5, High Street, Bromyard. 4925

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names, please, by Sept. 9th.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 4955

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to R. L. Sills. The Square, Wrotham. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury (8) on Sept. 11th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by September 6th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 28, Corston, near Bath. 4937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Opening of new eight, Farnworth, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 3. Tea 5 at 2s. per head. Bells after.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4959

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huyton Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting either in the Vicarage or in the Church Hall. Names for tea, which is being provided free of charge, must be sent by Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at the latest, to Mr. W. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton, Liverpool. It will be presumed that those who do not send in their names will not require any tea.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4862

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Tour of four towers, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Fenny Drayton (5) 3 p.m. to 4. Witherley (5) 4 p.m. to 5. Cups of tea at Witherley 5 p.m.; please bring own food. Sheepy Magna (6) 6 to 7 p.m. Congerston (5) 7 to 8 p.m. 4949

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Belgrave on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Abbey Lane Mission at 5. Names, by Tuesday, September 7th, to J. Bennett, 41, Valence Road, Leicester 4944

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, **please**, by the 8th, to Mr. A. Hinman, Kirby Bellars.—J. H. Cook. 4954

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Please notify, by Sept. 6th, Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4900

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. F. Bailey, 14, Barrington Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 4908

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, Enfield, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea arrangements.—T. J. Lock. 4931

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—Surprise practice, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 6 p.m. Tower available for **Surprise ringing only.** Special method: Rutland.—D. W. S., F. R. S. 4935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Joint meeting, Dorchester (8), Sept 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. H. Badger, The Blue Man, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 4892

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Swanbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 Tea 4.45.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4936

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Cheswardine, Sept. 11th. Our first here. Light 8. Names **must** be sent for tea. P.M. service 1 p.m. and 3.30 from Market Drayton. Car owners asked to meet others Drayton Church 2.45 p.m. —W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4902

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Make own tea arrangements. Buses from Cannon Square, Retford.—H. Denman. 4909

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, Sept 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 4918

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting Walberton (6) on Sept. 11th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 4947

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Sept. 11th. St. John's (Surrey Road) bells 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting. St. Peter's bells 6.30 p.m. Notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4950

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 268th Anniversary, Sept 18th. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5, at 1s. 9d. per head. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 14th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 19th. Ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 4948

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe-Florey, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 4938

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Mrs. M. A. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Chorley, Sept. 18th. Parish Church Institute 3.30 p.m. Bells available: St. Laurence's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements: cafes nearby.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 4912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. L. A. Lunn, Hon Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4923

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Besthorpe (6 bells) evening. Names for tea, by Sept. 14th, to Mr. C. E. G. Banham, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 4928

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service will be in St. Martin's Church, Stamford, at 4.15 p.m., and tea will be at 5 p.m. in St. Martin's Church Room (2s. 6d. per head). Names for tea not later than Sept. 11th. Bells available for ringing as follows:—Deene 11-1; Bulwick, Nassington 12-2; King's Cliffe 1.30-3.30; Castor, Thornhaugh, Edith Weston, Empingham, All Saints', Stamford, 2-3.30; St. Martin's 2.30-4. All open after tea with the addition of Oundle and St. John's, Peterborough, from 7 to 8.30.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4924

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available:—St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. John's (12) from 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Sylverdale Hall. Names for tea, **by Tuesday, Sept. 14th, please,** to Miss P. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 4848

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 for those who inform me by previous Tuesday.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 4927

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northcliffe Hotel, adjoining church, only to those who notify, by the 16th, Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. It is hoped to arrange the meeting on the same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4961

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, to be held in the Picture Room, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. Further details later.—F. V. G. 4933

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice: Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 23rd at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) shortly available and obtainable from Dinner Committee, Branch secretaries and J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4957

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will take place at Doncaster on Saturday, October 30th. Tickets 10s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, Yorks. Please reserve date. Full details later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4941

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