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THE STORY OF THE KENT VETERANS' PEAL

THERE is no doubt that for nearly 30 years there have been a sufficient number of members in the Kent County Association with 50 or more years of continuous membership to warrant a peal attempt, but the thought never occurred to anyone until 1954 when Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, who had attained his 50 years' membership that year, mentioned it to the writer.

Various names were suggested, but the difficulty then was to find a conductor of sufficient experience to justify making the necessary arrangements. The late Mr. F. W. Richardson was approached, but owing to indifferent health he had to decline; so it was decided to wait a year when Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, would complete 50 years' membership.

However, no serious attempt to arrange the peal was made until last year, when it was realised we were five years older than when it was first mooted, and an attempt was arranged at Linton last October, when a telegram, two hours before the start, told that one of the band had been taken ill. Fortunately Mr. Gosling, of Boxley (a member since 1904), had come to listen, but felt unable to stand three hours, so a quarter peal was rung instead.

When another attempt was suggested, two of the band (Mr. Unwin and Mr. Walter) felt that they too would be unable to stand the time, but it was realised that Mr. Grensted, of Sittingbourne, and Mr. Spice, of Bromley, had unfortunately been overlooked, and also that Mr. Sone would qualify in 1960, so the peal was again arranged at Linton on July 2nd.

Here disaster nearly overtook the band again, when Mr. Head was informed the day before that a case of serious illness near Linton Church would preclude any ringing there. This caused him to make a hurried journey to West Malling to see whether the attempt could be made at that tower.

Permission to do so was immediately given by the Rector and Mr. Carter, captain of the local ringers, with the happy result the peal was successful, and one in which those taking part can be justifiably proud. It was never in doubt from the start; but the greatest honour must be accorded to the conductor, Mr. Louis Head, who again showed the complete master of Holt's Original he has always been acknowledged to be.

E. B.

GLORY HOLES

RECENTLY in a remote church of the Truro diocese some dusty boards were discovered, which on cleaning turned out to be the old Royal Arms, dated 1660. It may seem astonishing that such treasure could find a place in which to lie for at least a considerable number of years, since such arms ceased to be valued, were it not for the fact that every church would appear to have some sort of similar glory-hole. Organs are very much disposed to collect odds and ends behind themselves—such things as coverless hymn books, tattered hassocks spilling their intimate contents over the floor, brass candelabra, once the joy and pride of a brass-cleaner's soul. At one time such odds and ends were kept partly at bay by the necessity of providing a lurking-space for the blower, on whose scope for movement the vital parts of a service might depend. But now the tide sweeps right in, and the flotsam and jetsam are in greater supply since ecclesiastical taste decrees simplicity rather than a full display of the brass-worker's art.

Then there are the middles of towers. Many a parish whose ringing chamber is immaculate and whose bells almost shine possesses a tower-middle where anything might be found. It was in fact in such a space that the Royal Arms mentioned above were discovered. No rector of that parish had even been suspected of Republican tendencies, it was just the way of disposing of dilapidated stuff common to Anglican parsons and church cleaners. In towers unfortunate not to possess bells, it is sometimes the habit of the lower parts of the tower stairs to collect a mass of old jam jars, etc., from the harvest decorations. It was once the lot of the present writer to place an unwary foot on descending such a stair, and to be propelled as from a rifle barrel into the church to the accompaniment of a shower of such reminders of the breakfast table.

The drawer in the table by the door is a fruitful source for knick-knack hunters. With the key of the tower (if not under the mat) there will be such trivia as the left-over magazines for Jubilee Year (Queen Victoria's), foreign coins rejected by keen-eyed churchwardens, a single glove hopefully awaiting a blessed and joyful reunion, some woodworm dust from the table top, and a couple of old pens once associated with the visitors' book but now relegated to cross-nibbed despair.

And so forth. All very typical of the ways of Ecclesia Anglicana. One would like to know what are the corresponding junkholes of the local chapel, or the Papal church. I am sure they must have them. The ecumenical movement might look into this. . . .

H. M. B.

[From Truro Diocesan Leaflet]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. 7
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
JOHN WORTH .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 XAYMACA SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 8
JOHN A. ACRES .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
PAT A. M. HALLS .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*PATRICIA H. MORGAN .. Treble	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. 7
IVOR GOULTER .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 8
GEORGE DAVIS .. 4	ROBERT E. COLES .. 9
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 5	*JOHN E. MORGAN .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on ten bells. First on the ten bells since augmentation.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Johnson and Clive G. Bryant, both Chepstow ringers, who were married earlier this day.
 Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Coles, wife of the ringer of the ninth.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*TOM CHAPMAN .. Treble	†DAVID E. HOUSE .. 6
*M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
ANN M. COX .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 9
NORMAN HAYES .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* 25th peal together. † First of Caters.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter E. Rowe, a founder member of the Guild and sexton at North Stoneham for many years, who died on July 21st.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
EDWIN R. GOATE .. 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 7
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3	†THOMAS COOKE .. 8
CHARLES BAILEY .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 9
HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 5	TREVOR T. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by WM. E. BASON.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

XAYMACA SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—1270—38—12—30—16.78.90.

L.e. 12 1573. F.c.e.'s 24365. 32546. 46253.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

JUNE SINFIELD .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
JOHN W. SINFIELD .. 2	ROBERT L. PIRON .. 7
CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 9
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Winchester Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. 300th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY .. 5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	LOUIS HEAD .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

All the band have been members of the Kent County Association for 50 years or more.

Dedicated to the memory of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, for 17 years general secretary of the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of Major in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*JACQUELINE A. DYE .. Treble	IAN TILLING .. 5
†EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 2	*MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 6
PATRICIA WALKER .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 4	DAVID G. FRENCH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON.

Conducted by DAVID G. FRENCH.

* First peal. † First in the method. * First on eight bells. First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER .. Treble	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. 6
*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—16—12—38, 56.14.56. 18. L.H. 2nds 1352.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 134 cwt.
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 5
D. JOHN HUNT 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 3	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 7
*GEOFFREY C. RIX 4	GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First in the method as conductor.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN F. HUGHES 3	*ROBIN J. LEE 7
JOHN S. DEAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gudgeon.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

RAYMOND WOODWARD .. Treble	DAVID G. FRENCH 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK 2	PHILIP COOTE 6
SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
IAN TILLING 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung by the Sunday service band, all of whom were trained to ring by the conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

MRS. C. BARTLETT .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER 6
SAM J. TWITCHETT 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
JACK H. BRETT 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Essex Association.

A wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev. G. Howard Davies) and Mrs. Howard Davies.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*K. PETER JONES 2	DAVID W. FRIEND 6
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ARIHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD

* First peal in the method.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	DENNIS KNOX 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
PETER D. BEEDIE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

ERIC NAYLOR Treble	Tenor 26 cwt.
RONALD G. BECK 2	GWILYM SALMON 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	VICTOR ROBERTS 6
MICHAEL ROSE 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 7
	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Treble	Tenor 16 cwt.
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	ROBERT E. MOULDS 5
*J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 3	JOHN F. BRYANT 6
SHEILA M. MOULDS .. 4	COLIN SWEENEY 7
	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY F. BRYANT.

* First peal 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
R. ROGER SAVORY 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 6
KATHLEEN S. M. KNIGHT .. 4	JOHN HARTLESS 7
	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*WENDY E. RHODES .. Treble	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	ALFRED A. RACKHAM 5
*DAVID C. OATES 3	GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN. .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 7
	GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung by members of the Sunday evening service band at the request of the Vicar to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the death on July 26th of St. Editha, who was born, lived and died in Tamworth.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

HELEN B. NEVIN .. Treble	Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in D.
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	KEITH WAKEFIELD 5
ANGELA GRAINGER 3	JOHN B. LONG 6
J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in D.
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	GWILYM SALMON 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
LEWIS F. COBB 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

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SIX BELL PEALS

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing extents in seven variations of callings, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLLE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN 4
ARTHUR D. COOK 2	ROBERT W. COLE 5
JAMES E. PULLON 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Peter.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing one extent of Single Oxford and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH Treble	EDGAR A. COLE 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Neville France and Miss June Booth (the conductor's niece), married this day at Dunsby, near Rippingale.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing two extents each of Cambridge Surprise. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS H. RADFORD .. Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
E. GLYN HOLDGATE 2	BYRNLEY A. RICHARDS .. 5
WILLIAM SWAIN 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Wilson-Dobb.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORBeing one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and two of Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. Treble	*PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	*FREDERICK DERRY 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing seven different extents.
Tenor 5½ cwt. in G sharp.

*PETER F. CLAYTON .. Treble	PETER M. DAWSON 4
ROGER J. LUMLEY 2	LAURENCE SHEARD 5
SHIRLEY MUDD 3	JOHN RHODES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

* First peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PAT GRADY Treble	JOHN COATES 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	MARGARET ROSS 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the second (July 25th) and tenor (June 21st).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINORIn five methods, viz.: One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Combined Kent and Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

JOAN GRAY Treble	*JAMES K. LAVER 4
*ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST .. 2	*MICHAEL A. HILL 5
*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival in the church's centenary year by a Sunday service band.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing seven extents (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

MICHAEL KING Treble	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 4
*JACQUELINE A. DYE 2	*RAYMOND WOODWARD .. 5
*EILEEN J. OSBORNE 3	*DAVID G. FRENCH Tenor

Conducted by DAVID G. FRENCH.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on the 87th anniversary of the birth of the late seventh Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth, who donated the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD SURPRISE MINORBeing seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 400th peal of Surprise. † 50th peal on these bells. First in the method.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINORBeing extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. Treble	HEATHER M. PULLON .. 4
JAMES E. PULLON 2	*JOHN EISEL 5
YVONNE EDWARDS 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal. First in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Minor for the Association (average age 16½ years).

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing seven extents (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

E. MICHAEL QUINN .. Treble	PETER DALE 4
*FREDERICK HOWARD 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
BRYAN RUMNEY 3	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal. First as conductor.

BRENTFORD SURPRISE MINOR

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BENWELL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*IRIS THOMSON .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of St. James.

NORTHAW, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*DUDLEY C. WELLINGTON Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON .. 4
E. BRUCE MCKIE .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 5
†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER 3	†STANLEY HUCKLE .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods. ‡ 50th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

WATH, RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Single Oxford, Beverley, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 80 lb. in A.

*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. Treble	JOHN A. BROWN .. 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
GEORGE S. DEAS .. 3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 50th peal together.

WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Treble 17 cwt.

ERIC SUJTON .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4
LESLEY BLADON .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. 5
CHARLES G. JONES .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Second peal on the bells, and the first in seven methods.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. James.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYNDIR AND PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*COLIN A. LEWIS .. Treble	†PHILIP M. SAUNDERS .. 4
†ROBERT A. HATCHER .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 3	†JOHN W. HOPE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

Rung for Evensong.

LAVERSTOKE-CUM-FREDFOLK, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 4
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
DAVID E. HOUSE .. 3	TOM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
K. PETER JONES .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal in eight Minor methods on tower bells, for the Association. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to L. Keith Moore, and for the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*PETER DALE .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. 2	†GORDON RUMNEY .. 5
JOHN ROBINSON .. 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 17, 1960, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF 5068 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 211 extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3-4
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Rung non-conducted.

Umpire: KEITH B. TOWNSEND.

First peal of Minimus by both the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the longest peal of Minimus ever rung.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 100th peal together.

A 71st birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. I. Dear 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, P. Flack 3, J. R. Castledine 4, L. B. Hughes 5, C. A. S. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, R. Haynes 8. First in method for 1 and 5.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): J. J. Prentice 1, R. F. Taylor 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Webb, wife of a churchwarden, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

BEDFORD, MIDD.—On July 30th, 1,247 Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob: D. Morgan 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2, D. Pickett 3, E. Skipsy 4, M. Lane 5, D. Boniface 6.

CHISWICK, MIDD.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Lane 1, D. Pickett 2, D. Boniface 3, D. Morgan 4, E. Skipsy 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

EGERTON, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor: (772 Oxford, 552 Kent): Miss P. Turk 1, P. Batchelor 2, P. Deverill 3, P. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, A. Waddington 6. Rung on St. James' Day for the Patronal Festival.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Margaret Eachus 1, H. E. Raxter 2, Sheila Keyte 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, W. Newman 5, E. W. Penn 6, P. Cattermole 7, J. Nash 8. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Joyce Hill, of Hanbury local band, also to celebrate the birthdays of David Enticott and Richard Ford.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDD.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pickett 1, M. Lane 2, E. Skipsy 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Boniface 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): R. Atkins (first quarter) 1, V. Lacey 2, C. Cowley 3, D. Swift 4, B. H. Smith 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Skinner 1, Miss P. Sedgwick 2, N. Mallett (cond.) 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, J. Manley 5, F. Wreford 6, F. Mack 7, C. M. Smith 8. Rung as a thanksgiving on completion of a successful Christian Stewardship Campaign.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—On July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: K. Marriott 1, H. Lewin 2, Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 3, B. Hinchliffe 4, F. A. Salter 5, F. N. Palling 6, P. Nix (cond.) 7, G. Gibson 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. Hallett 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hatch 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in the method by 2, 3, 5. Rung for Evensong.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Kinch 1, N. I. Allnatt 2, E. J. Smith 3, B. R. White 4, B. J. Coggin 5, F. A. White 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (cond.) 7, A. R. Pink 8. Rung for the Feast of St. James.

STANWELL, MIDD.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss M. Gibson 4, M. Lane 5, D. Pickett-6. For Matins.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. First in the method by all the band.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

July 23rd will long be remembered by those who took part in the splendid outing organised by Bryan Pattison.

The long journey to Norwich was broken by a welcome stop for coffee, after which we went straight to the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, where various touches were enjoyed, finishing with a course of London, on the back eight, which was struck with almost mechanical precision.

Next stop was Great Yarmouth, where, under the guidance of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, the magnificent Parish Church, the largest in England, is now almost completely restored.

Here, on the splendid ring of 12, a half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung in grand style, but the high spot of the day was probably the touch of five Spliced Major, on the back eight.

A cross-country trip brought us to Beccles, whose detached tower contains a fine ring of 10, which were made good use of, after which came Stradbroke, another 10, and then our last tower, the fine eight at Diss.

This party was composed almost entirely of ringers, and good ringing seemed to be the keynote, the touches mentioned being quite exceptional.

With lovely weather, excellent meals, bells worth ringing and a party of ringers with the ability to do them justice, and on top of all this the slide-rule-perfect arrangements of Bryan Pattison, this outing was indeed one to remember.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the incumbents of the places where we rang, for their kind permission, and also to the local ringers, who welcomed us.

A. G. R.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Birmingham University Society had an outing to the Warwick and Leamington area, on July 2nd. After the first tower, St. Nicholas', Warwick, we were met by Mr. Garner-Hayward, who joined in the ringing on this very fine Taylor eight. This was followed by lunch and then on to Sherborne, where there is a very rough ring of six, which we were not altogether sorry to leave and proceed to Wellesbourne, which church contains a much more amiable set of six.

At Whitnash we were met by Mr. Hawley, aged 95, who joined in the ringing. Tea was had in Warwick and then on to Lillington, our last tower and the only other eight of the day. Transport was provided by three cars, two of recent years and one of 1929 vintage, which carried over half the party of eleven for most of the day. Methods rung were: Plain Bob Major; Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples; Plain Bob, Cambridge, Double Court, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Kent Minor; and Grandsire Doubles.

Thanks are due to Mr. Alan Collings, who arranged the trip so ably and to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited.

C. A. C.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL GUILD

Five towers near Bath were visited by Bristol Cathedral Guild during their outing on July 18th. At the late Canon Ellacombe's tower, Bitton (8), several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were attempted, but striking was better in call changes and rounds. Bob Major was well struck at Twerton-on-Avon, and on the heavy six at Priston, several good touches including a half-course of Cambridge.

Mrs. Palfrey met the party at Corston (a fine Taylor eight), where Stedman was finally attained and a musical touch rung. Ringing for the day ended at Marksbury, with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge. Thanks are extended to the incumbents and to C. J. R. for arranging the towers.

J. R. G.

ST. KEA, TRURO

An early start was made by St. Kea ringers and friends on their annual outing, on August Bank Holiday. The coach was accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Biscoe, in his car. Two more cars joined us at St. Austell, including Mr. D. Burnett, Ringing Master of the Guild.

The first tower was Lanneath, a mellow six (8 cwt.), where some good Cornish rounds were rung by our young ringers. A short ride brought us to Pelynt church, where the pastoral staff of Bishop Trelawney is displayed in the church. Rounds and Plain Bob were rung on the pleasant six (13 cwt.).

We had lunch at Looe and then after the coach had successfully negotiated a traffic jam we arrived at the most anticipated church of the trip—St. Germans. The ringers admired the twin towered Norman church (tenor 13½ cwt.) and rounds, call changes and a good touch of Grandsire Triples were rung.

The next tower was St. Stephen's-by-Saltash (6. 16 cwt.), where the ringing chamber is on the first floor of the spacious tower. Many climbed the spiral staircase to the doorway from which one could look down on the bells ringing Grandsire Doubles; and also climbed to the parapet of the tower which commands a wonderful view.

After tea in Saltash we rang on the newly-restored ring at SS. Nicholas and Faith. The tower of this unusually shaped church is in the place of the north transept and has to be entered from outside the church. Some well-struck rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung on these bells. The final tower visited was St. Mellion (6, 7 cwt.).

All were agreed that the trip, which had taken us over 170 miles and 16 hours, was very enjoyable. We would like to thank Clement W. Jose for making the arrangements, the various incumbents for allowing us to ring and all those local ringers who turned out to greet us.

H. J. P.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS

Wolvey bellringers' outing was held on July 23rd, and our ringers were joined by others from Market Bosworth, Tamworth, Kenilworth, Hatton, Stretton-under-Fosse and Harbury. A start was made at 12.45 p.m., the first tower being Priors Marston, where we found a rather noisy ring of six bells. Here we had to wheel the church bier from the belfry into the churchyard, to make room for the ringers.

The next tower was Cropredy, where the bells are soon to go to the bell foundry to be tuned and rehung. They proved to be in need of this attention, but despite this, some good ringing was enjoyed on these heavy going bells. Middleton Cheney was the prize piece for the day, the tenor being 22½ cwt., which, with thirty feet of rope before the first guide, provided us with some excitement. One of our ringers accepted local ringers' challenge to ring the tenor up, properly clapped, single handed. Needless to say he failed.

Tea, at Banbury, was very welcome after the heavy bells at Middleton Cheney. Although everyone had more than enough to eat, we left with a miscellaneous collection of Banbury cakes, peanuts and sweets. At Steeple Aston, our conductor was given the task of producing certain well known changes in a touch of Plain Bob Minor, and failed miserably to do so. He spent the rest of the evening writing out courting orders on the back of his programme, and appeared to have composed a 720 in order to accomplish his object. The bells went quite well to Cambridge and Kent, and were a welcome change to the heavier ones of the afternoon.

The last tower was the light six at Lower Heyford (7 cwt.). These were in very good condition, and an hour's ringing proved very enjoyable.

We returned home feeling very satisfied with the day's ringing and offer our sincerest thanks to the incumbents, who so readily allowed us to ring, and to the local ringers who turned up to keep us in order.

H. M. W.

The Family Spirit At Chepstow

During July there have been two ringers' weddings at Chepstow. On July 9th, Patricia Jones married John Morgan and on July 23rd Joyce Johnson married Clive Bryant, thus bringing the number of married couples in the band to three!

Relationships seem to abound in the tower: in addition to three married couples, there are one set of brothers, one set of sisters, one brother and sister, one father and daughter, and numerous cousins! Odd persons seem the exception—and they appear eventually to marry each other!

Peal attempts were successful after both weddings and now, who knows where Cupid will strike next?

24 Years' Silence of Bells Broken

Inkberrow, Worcestershire, villagers were agreeably surprised to hear their bells rung on July 16th, as they had not been rung since the funeral of King George V in 1936!

The bells had previously been rung from the ground floor, but when the church organ was installed in the ringing room all ringing ceased, despite the fact that the bells were rehung in 1928.

On July 16th, three young ringers from Wychbold and Droitwich climbed the tower, oiled the bearings, tightened every bolt visible and adjusted the ropes so that ringing could take place from the chamber immediately beneath the bells.

At the Vicar's request this activity was a carefully guarded secret, even to the extent that the bells were raised with the clappers tied so that the first ring heard could be a touch on the six bells. Ringers were present from Badsey, Hampton, Hinton, Packwood, Stourbridge, Wychbold and Droitwich. Ringing included rounds, Double Court Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise.

The bells went reasonably well, in spite of the short draught, and the fact that the sallies on the two trebles stuck in the holes in the beams! (a condition which has now been remedied). The bells were cast by Taylors in 1868 with a tenor of 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G, and are of excellent tone.

It is pleasant to feel that the bells are once more ringable in this magnificent 13th century church. Mr. A. Brazier, of Badsey, has arranged for the bells to be rung monthly by his band, until such time as a band can be formed in Inkberrow.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar for allowing this venture, and who has now heard the bells for the first time in his 17 years as incumbent of St. Peter's.

P. C. and A. D. C.

HANLEY, STAFFS

East Shropshire was visited by the Hanley ringers for their annual outing on July 16th. The day was dull and Cheswardine, our first tower, was reached in good time. Here the light eight were put to good use.

Unfortunately, at Stoke-on-Tern we failed to do justice to the very light six. Afterwards we were invited to tea by Mr. Frank W. Morgan, a local ringer, and enjoyed an exceptional repast.

This was followed by tea at the 'Elephant and Castle,' Grinshill, and after a short journey we arrived at Clive, the heaviest six in Shropshire. The best ringing of the day was in this tower and the time passed all too quickly. Ringing for the day concluded at Moreton Corbet, where the excellent 'go' of this light six was much appreciated.

Thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and Mr. Charles A. S. Webb, who made all the arrangements.

K. P. J.

HALF PEAL

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On July 25th, 2,592 Goldhanger Bob Major: D. Harwood 1, M. R. Crossthwaite 2, J. Moir 3, B. Faunch 4, D. Lawson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, F. Stead 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Couperthwaite.

DATE TOUCH

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On July 29th, 1,960 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 520 Reverse St. Bartholomew): Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, F. Hawkes 3, J. Firkins 4, F. E. Wood 5, D. J. Devereux 6. First 'date touch' by all except the ringer of the third.

ABBOT'S-LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Horseman 1, M. Horseman 2, C. V. Coombs (first quarter) 3, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 4, F. Neate 5, G. Moore 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to George Chamberlain, a ringer at this tower for 56 years, interred earlier this day.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. H. Cook 1, A. Stimson 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. C. Tyler 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Ernest Morris, on his 71st birthday.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On July 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): K. Goddard 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, Mrs. K. Fleming (first quarter) 3, Mrs. D. Stopps 4, C. Stopps 5, F. Tomlinson 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. Ellwood, on completing 25 years at All Saints', Binfeld, as Rector, and Mrs. Ellwood.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On July 27th, at the Benedictine Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, Heather Hood 4, Mary Russell 5, W. G. Lavers 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, Rev. A. de Guingand 8. Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Michael Craig-McFeely.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On July 25th, at Christ Church (City), 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, S. G. Riches 3, J. H. Stallard 4, C. J. Richards 5, J. H. Gilbert (first of Caters as cond.) 6, J. Brian (100th quarter) 7, R. J. Bowden 8, M. J. Horseman 9, L. Derrick 10. Rung for St. James' Day, and also a tribute to the memory of Frank Skidmore, late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Also on July 27th, at Bristol Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Osmond 1, M. Hobbs 2, F. Carter 3, H. Evans 4, P. Parry (cond.) 5, J. Buckland 6. Rung by boys and staff of the Cathedral School, as a token of respect and affection for Rev. W. G. Wood, on his retirement after 31 years a master at the school.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on July 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, D. Downing 3, M. J. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. On the front six.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Sperring 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, J. S. Dean (first in method) 3, J. F. Hughes (first in method) 4, S. Jones 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, P. Swindley 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Judith Burden 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. George 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Bacon 6. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, M. J. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, W. Richings 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Skidmore, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Miss O. Quint 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Mary Powell (ringer at this tower), and Tony York, on the occasion of their engagement.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowak 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung at Matins for the christening of Mary Rose Reeve, at West Ham Parish Church.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Anne.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, H. F. Myers 2, T. G. Myers 3, D. R. Bould (first of Stedman Triples) 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, F. Webber 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. Mew 6. For Evensong.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James, on July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, R. Beale 2, J. Brewer 3, P. Tubbs 4, F. Morris 5, E. Langley 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. James 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Church and also as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, E. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont (first quarter) 6. All members of the Wentworth company of ringers, which was formed six months ago, have now succeeded in ringing a quarter peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, E. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

YORK.—At York Minster, on July 18th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: S. H. Steel 1, D. Clegg 2, I. Lamere 3, F. Atkinson 4, M. E. Wilkinson 5, H. Walker 6, C. Reeves 7, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 8. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. D. Woolford 1, M. E. Wilkinson 2, D. Clegg 3, F. Atkinson 4, S. H. Steel 5, C. Reeves 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7.

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The popular young secretary of the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild. Michael J. Palmer, is in hospital and likely to be out of ringing for some months. He would no doubt welcome letters and visitors at Ward E. Cubicle 9, Harefield Hospital, Middlesex.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has just completed the inspection of his 200th tower in Suffolk.

The peal of Delight Minor, rung at Fulmer, on June 8th, was named Alderbourne (not Aldbourne, as printed).

Mr. A. R. Bridge, secretary of the North East District of the Suffolk Guild, is moving to Nayland, at the end of August. He is willing, however, to carry on his duties until the end of the year.

An order for 'The Ringer's Diary,' addressed to Messrs. Wiggers and Rodgers, 37 High Field Gardens, Anderslut, England, has been received at the proper address from Uppsala, Sweden.

Who is the South Yorkshire ringer whose other hobby is steam traction engines? ... Who regularly leaves his steed parked outside the tower with oil parking lights on practice nights. Let's hope he remembers to 'bank up' before standing in for a peal.

An 'Open Day' at Rotherham Parish Church, on July 9th, produced £40 for the repair fund. The High School Handbell Ringers rang tunes in the churchyard and a small charge was made for admission to the tower, where ringers explained points of interest. In the evening the visitors were able to watch the 10 bells rung to various methods.

On Saturday, July 16th, ringers from the villages of Dorchester-on-Thames and Warborough, Oxfordshire, spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. They would like to thank the Master Founder, Mr. A. A. Hughes, for allowing them to look around the foundry and for giving them such an interesting talk about church bells and handbells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Wilson-Dobb, vice-president of the East Derbyshire & Notts Association, a peal of Minor was rung at Selston, Notts, on July 13th. When the three bells at Selston were augmented in 1905. Mr. Wilson-Dobb joined the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and although he does not now ring he takes a great interest in the affairs of the Association. He learnt that an outing is arranged when a boy of 15.

Now that peals of Minimus are recognised by the Central Council, will Mr. Ronald Dove include in his excellent production four-bell towers? asks an enthusiastic tower grabber.

Bristol Cathedral Guild are very fortunate in having three members of the staff who are keen change ringers and it is largely due to their interest that an outing is arranged on an average once a term.

With the peal of Minor at Laverstoke-cum-Frefolk. Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd has rung peals on every ringable ring of bells in the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, from four bells upwards. No other ringer has, so far, this record.

From 'Ringing Towers' we learn that 'things are beginning to move again' in Hobart, Tasmania. A quarter peal has been rung 'in hand' of Doubles and also two 360's of Plain Bob Doubles on tower bells. We look forward to hearing more about the bells of St. David's and Holy Trinity, Hobart.

The peal at Old Swinford, Worcs, by a band with an average age of 16½ years will be remembered by all. Despite a cement mixer's efforts to drown the sound of the bells, a well-struck peal was scored. Proceedings were enlivened by the steeplejacks at work on the tower coming to watch the ringers and afterwards shutting the tower door, which made the bells almost inaudible. The peal was the first blow of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor by all the band.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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OBSERVATION BELL.—Compositions of peals rung these days are, with possibly the singular exception of Holt's Original, set out on paper with the calls and all the working bells noted in relation to, or in the relative position of, one particular bell—usually the tenor. This bell is the 'observation bell.' If, for instance, the composition requires a Bob to be called at Home, then the Bob would be called at the time the tenor bell is in its Home position. Look up Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples and you will find that the composition can be called with either the second, the sixth or the seventh bell as 'observation.' It may be that the starting off points will be different in each case but, nevertheless, the composition is the same. Some conductors have no direct need of an observation bell—they do not learn the peal composition by the way usually set out on paper—they transpose the composition into coursing order, or into lead ends and course ends.

OPEN LEAD.—Depending upon which part of the country you are in or which part you have been taught to ring, will decide whether you ring your bell with an open lead at handstroke or not. Also, I might add, it will decide whether your open lead is wide or not so wide. Ringing with a close handstroke lead entails each bell to be struck at the same interval of time one after the other. It would be similar to the ticks of a metronome, being without any pause whatever in the rhythm. Ringing with an open handstroke lead entails the rhythm to be broken only by the bell which is leading and, remember, it is the handstroke alone which is 'open'—the backstroke is always 'closed.' So the ultimate effect of open lead ringing on six bells is that each striking at handstroke and backstroke gives twelve strikes at equal (or x) distances of time apart, then a pause of one x, then 12x, 1x, 12x, 1x, and so on. On eight bells it would, in similar terms, be 16x, 1x, 16x, 1x, and so on.

Generally speaking, in the West Country towers, where call changes are rung, there is no open lead; in districts and towers where odd-bell methods, with tenor covering, are rung the open lead is not so pronounced; and in six bell and other towers where even-bell methods are rung the open lead is the widest. But, do not forget, it is often only a matter of a fraction of a second which makes for all this difference.

OUT OF COURSE.—Please do not read this as 'Out, of course,' which is the wife's answer to a visitor who has called to see her peal ringing husband! Whilst 'Out of Course' has been described as the nature, or inherent peculiarity, of a row (of changes) when by an odd number of transpositions, place by place, the figures composing it can be brought to rounds—further information can be gained by referring to the complementary term 'In Course,' which was dealt with in a previous article.

OUTINGS.—This is not a technical term but I hope it will not be received as being out of place in this alphabet. No doubt, quite a number of readers have not yet even had the opportunity to arrange an outing but, assuming the chance will come one day, the following remarks are intended to be helpful. Should the chance never turn up and you are always just a member of the party, please remember that although you carry no responsibility in the organisation of the outing you can quite easily carry the responsibility in the disorganisation of it. Keep strictly to the programme, be punctual, carry out the wishes of the organiser, do nothing that would cause delay and put on your best behaviour.

There are no rules governing the arranging of, and conduct on, outings but everyone is expected to comply with etiquette. I, personally, apply to the tower secretary or correspondent for his incumbent's permission to ring the bells expressing the hope that it is also acceptable to the local band. If there is no known tower secretary I apply direct to the incumbent expressing the desire that the local band would be in agreement if per-

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 33



MR. SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD
Chesterfield.

Mr. Samuel Scattergood bears a very honoured name, for he is in direct line of descent from Samuel Scattergood, who was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1685, and also a personal friend of Fabian Stedman. Sam is a very likeable man, a good mixer, and is very popular in Derbyshire. He has worked hard and long to raise a band capable of ringing the fine ring of ten at Chesterfield.

At this famous church, with the crooked spire, the bells were silenced in 1925, owing to the instability of the spire, but prior to that many peals had been rung by Arthur Knights and his contemporaries. It was not until 1946 that, on the advice of Sam Scattergood, the bells were recast and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and much work was done to make the

mission is given (I have had only one 'ticking off' for such a desire). If I apply for a peal attempt I quite often state a 'full peal' and also the Association for which the peal would be rung.

One's conduct and manners cannot be too high when on an outing and it is preferred that everything is left as it is found. If you shorten or lengthen a rope put it back as it was: if the bells were down when you arrive leave them down when you go; if a rope is tied for chiming, say, by the verges, then tie it back again, and tie it securely! Of course, never leave litter and always report damage with an offer to pay the cost of repair. It is my custom to write a letter of thanks to each tower which has been visited.

OWNERSHIP OF BELLS.—As such, there is no direct ownership of bells—this sounds a bit Irish but they will understand! There is, however, sufficient legislation to make it clear that a bell ringer has no authority in the purchase, control, maintenance or disposal of any bell. In fact, most ringers, even when in their 'own' ringing room, are invitees with the permission of the incumbent who has control over the rights of access to the belfry. Bells should only be rung with the incumbent's consent (though happily this is often implied!) and they must not be rung against his to accord with Church law. To complicate matters the churchwardens have the responsibility of the church fabric and ornaments, on which they have to give an annual report. The churchwardens also have the custody of the keys of the belfry—so this is one very good reason why ringers should become churchwardens, surely!

crooked spire safe. Whilst all this work was going on, Sam was busy teaching youngsters who were to form a completely new band, and they the bells were rededicated in 1947, they were able to ring all 10 bells. Sam was appointed Ringing Master by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, and under his direction the bells have been rung regularly on Sundays ever since.

He was born in 1904 at Old Whittington, commenced Sunday school and day school there at the age of 5 years, and has unbroken service in church work to the present day. He learned to ring on the four bells there in 1919, and after they were recast and augmented to five, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles which was the first by all the band, rung at first attempt. This peal was on the occasion of King George V and Queen Mary's silver jubilee, in 1935.

Sam has always been prominent in ringing affairs in Derbyshire and was district secretary of the Chesterfield District of the old Midland Counties Association. He assisted the late W. Lancaster in the preliminary work and formation of the new Derbyshire Association, and acted as secretary of the Chesterfield District in 1947-8. He is also an active member of the Sheffield and District Society, and an out-county member of the Yorkshire Association. It is his great pride to be a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Society is equally proud to have him as a member—indeed it is most fitting that a man with such an illustrious predecessor should hold an honoured place in its ranks.

By profession he is an engineer's buyer, and having served an apprenticeship in a large engineering works was appointed buyer in 1936. He was responsible for the purchase of machinery, cutting tools and equipment for the production of all types and sizes of bomb, shell and shot, from two pounder to two thousand pounder. He is as thorough and reliable with his work as he is with his ringing.

For the past 10 years he has spent two evenings a week helping and instructing learners in neighbouring towers with a view to attaining proficiency in Sunday service ringing. He has rung more than 60 peals, from Doubles to Royal. His great love, however, is ringing for Sunday services, and he is never so happy as when he is surrounded by a belfryful of eager youngsters who want to become Sunday service ringers.

JAFUS.

Exeter Cathedral Bells To Be Rehung

The Council of the Friends of Exeter Cathedral have agreed to meet the cost, estimated at £910, for rehanging some of the bells of the Cathedral and doing work to the others.

The Council had previously agreed that £260 should be spent on the bells' chiming apparatus.

The Council also agreed to obtain an estimate and full report upon work necessary to the organ, Archdeacon E. F. Hall stating that the mechanical action would have to be overhauled as it had not been done since 1933.

SILVER WEDDING

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gudgeon was a happy occasion, on July 27th, with a peal on Northop, Flintshire, bells, followed by supper at which they were the genial hosts to the band. Afterwards came handbell ringing and the showing of slides of colour photographs taken during a trip through Shropshire, Montgomeryshire and Staffordshire, earlier in the year. Their wedding was at Worsley, Lancs, where Mr. Gudgeon was then a regular ringer, but unfortunately the bells at that time were at the Loughborough foundry. The band extend to them every happiness in the years ahead.

KIDDERMINSTER AND SYNTHETIC BELLS

THE petition from the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church, Kidderminster, for a faculty for the installation of 'synthetic' bells at their church was heard by the Chancellor of Worcester Diocese, Mr. E. T. S. Boydell, at a Consistory Court held at Worcester on July 23rd. The hearing was adjourned, after lasting nearly three hours, the Chancellor stating that he would only grant a faculty in the most exceptional circumstances.

The Chancellor said that although there was no formal appearance in opposition to the petition, it had not secured the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee or the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Ald. F. C. Adams, who represented St. John Church, said the parishioners looked forward with considerable excitement and anticipation to the installation of recorded bells as a gift from their benefactor, Sir George Eddy, who would defray the cost as an act of thankoffering for reaching his 82nd birthday.

Continuing he said the tower and steeple were part of the original church built in 1840. It only had 9-12 inch brickwork, and, in the opinion of architects, was not strong enough to take a ring of bells capable of being swung.

'The parishioners would like such bells but cannot afford to have the steeple strengthened or rebuilt,' said Ald. Adams. 'The tower is all right for the one existing large bell and the small ting-tang. We cannot find a bellringer to ring the large bell and it is only being tolled for services on Sunday by a youth who charges 5s. to perform that service.'

MOURNFUL SOUND

'I think it is a most mournful sound—as if someone were being buried rather than calling people to church. The worst effect is on patients in Blakebrook Hospital, the grounds of which are on the opposite side of Bewdley Road. I should think anything would be better for them than this mournful tolling.'

'Kidderminster has probably never experienced such unparalleled prosperity as the town enjoys at the present time, and people are less prepared than they used to be to take on voluntary jobs such as bellringing or do anything of that nature. The churches even find it difficult to get male choristers.'

The speaker pointed out that the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints had an excellent ring of 12 bells, which had been virtually idle for years until Sir George Eddy arranged for them to be electrically operated and had chimes installed. The only time the bells were rung by hand was when teams of visiting bellringers came along, usually on Saturday afternoons.

Referring to the argument that synthetic bells were something 'unworthy in the sight of God,' Ald. Adams said if that were accepted it would be rather like saying that a church which could not afford an organ ought not to have a harmonium!

'NEXT BEST THING'

He hoped that the stage had not been reached at which the Church of England ceased to move with the times, and he suggested that the outcry against recorded bells was 'notional rather than rational.' He realised that the Church Assembly deprecated the introduction of recorded bells, but said it would be wrong to deprive St. John's of 'the next best thing' to real bells.

The Chancellor: I shall not hold myself bound by anything said by the Church Assembly or the Council for the Care of Churches, and I don't always accept the advice of the diocesan committee, grateful though I am to receive it.

Answering the bellringers' objection that gramophone bells would deprive them of the pleasures of campanology, Ald. Adams said that was not the case in Kidderminster because bells could only be rung there when a band was collected from all parts of the diocese.

When the Chancellor suggested that gramophone bells could be 'an awful nuisance,' Ald. Adams said there was the mechanical safeguard of volume control; if there were a complaint it was only a question of turning a knob to get it as quiet as one wished. He asked the Chancellor to allow the prayer in this petition.

'RETROGRADE STEP'

The Chancellor read a letter he had received from the Worcestershire Changing-Ringing Association which criticised the proposed installation of recorded bells as 'a retrograde step,' and stated: 'Calling for no human endeavour, they can only be described as an unworthy sham.'

The Association claimed that its view that recorded bells were 'wrong in principle' was shared by most church organisations, but the Chancellor said he would not attach nearly as much weight to the bellringers' objections as if they had appeared in person.

Sir George Eddy supporting the petition, said he did so purely on humanitarian grounds.

To support his contention that there were bellringers to be had in Kidderminster, Sir George read a letter from Mr. Keith Salter, who was captain of the former St. Mary's band of ringers.

NO RECRUITS

'The question of finding bellringers is a sore one with me,' wrote Mr. Salter. 'For 15 years I tried to keep St. Mary's bells going with new recruits, but none stayed long enough to be any use, and I have given up any idea of recruiting a band again.'

Sir George told the Chancellor that as a result of the electrical apparatus installed at St. Mary's the bells there were ringing within a matter of minutes of the recent birth of the new Prince, because they only had to be switched on.

The Chancellor: One of the criticisms made is that a gramophone apparatus is often used for wholly inappropriate recordings or passages of music.

Sir George: We can give an absolute guarantee that nothing of the sort would occur at St. John's.

Preb. S. F. Linsley, as patron of St. John's living, said he wholeheartedly supported the innovation.

NO LOCAL OBJECTION

The Rev. W. A. Trippass, Vicar of St. John's, said a similar apparatus at St. Michael's Church, Stourport, was installed when he was Vicar in 1938. Notices had been posted on the church doors at St. John's to ascertain if there were any objectors, and there had not been any.

Mr. W. A. Greenway, of Messrs. Godwin, Clist and Greenway, architects, reported that he had inspected the tower at St. John's and it would be unwise to install proper bells. The walls of the tower were only 9 inches and considerable strengthening would have to be done. The room was 11 feet by 11 feet and there would be considerable vibration if bells were installed. He estimated that a considerable sum of money would have to be spent to make the belfry suitable for a small ring of bells.

The Chancellor, in summing up, mentioned several parishes where similar bells were functioning, but said he was not satisfied in his mind that in this case every avenue had been explored in regard to the installation of church bells.

The cost of installing bells and strengthening the tower would be considerable but he would like the Parochial Church Council to investigate the matter still further.

At one church the 'Messiah' had been rendered on Christmas morning, with the recording of a marriage service, and objection had been taken to this.

Mr. F. C. Adams after consultation, agreed to the deferment sine die, and the Chancellor said he would sit again if the occasion arose.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North East District

A meeting of the North East District was held at Southwold, on July 23rd. The attendance was low in the afternoon perhaps because of a meeting on the same day in the next district. Thanks to our friends from over the border and some Sheffield ringers staying at Lowestoft, more varied ringing was obtained in the evening ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The service was taken by Canon A. D. Thompson, of Walberswick and Blythburgh, who quoted in his sermon the story of the spider in the roof of the cow shed. The spider came down onto the floor and cast away his thread which would have taken him back up to the roof. In consequence he was trodden on by the cows, the moral being that we must not give up our bell ropes if we are to survive.

After tea the chair was taken by Mr. P. Bedford, who gave a warm welcome to all present. The district secretary, Mr. A. R. Bridges, announced that the proposed outing to Lincolnshire had been cancelled owing to lack of support—a great pity after all the preparations.

The election of new members shows that youth is in the fore—Vernon Bedford, John Marjoram, David Blomfield, Terence Page, Paul Mutitt and Marion Branch were ratified as junior members. Mr. Robert Preston, of Nottingham, and Mr. John Aire were ratified non-resident life members. John R. Knights was also elected a junior member and Mr. G. R. Wesby, of Saxmundham, an honorary member.

Mr. John Blythe, general secretary and treasurer, said that in selecting the place of the next meeting something would need to be done at a higher level to avoid a clashing of dates. The district secretary said that the dates for 1960 were chosen in January and had been published in 'The Ringing World,' but little notice appeared to have been taken. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Beccles, on October 22nd, with a practice meeting at Wickham Market and Marlesford on September 17th. The district secretary gave notice that as he was now working at the British Legion Hospital, Nayland, it would be wise for the District to elect a new secretary as he would be moving to Nayland at the end of August, but was willing to carry on until the end of the year. Mr. P. Bedford thanked the secretary for all he had done for the District, and said that they could not have had a more keen and hard working member and he would be greatly missed. He also thanked the Vicar, Canon A. D. Thompson, the organist and Mr. R. S. Payne for arranging the meeting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPLIT MIND FOR HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—I am pleased that some correspondence has resulted from the series 'Alphabet for Beginners.' Whilst most of mine in reply could be dealt with at the conclusion of the series. I feel that the 'Handbells' article is more of a current matter.

I acknowledge with appreciation the references of Peter J. Staniforth, but he calls for other handbell bands to make a reply.

So, in answer to F. I. and E. L. Hairs, my last sentence in the article starts, 'Much more can be read in... Change Ringing on Handbells.' If they would open page four of this booklet they will see how much I have quoted. On my part, I considered I had sufficient licence to use the words, 'The experts say' when it is known that the authors of the offending words must have been approved and accepted by the Central Council as being amongst the leading handbell ringers of the time (1949), before members of that body voted and agreed to expend money in the printing and distribution of the booklet. As regards what I could have explained under the letter 'E' the suggestion is so extravagant that I would rather not have made any such attempt! The last paragraph of this letter is just not appreciated or understood by me, and I consider it to be irrelevant.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mymms.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir.—The report in July 29th 'Ringing World' of the Ringers' Sunday, at Portsmouth Cathedral, prompted me to write about a similar service which we held at Worcester Cathedral on July 3rd.

As with the Portsmouth service, ours also was a great success. The service was combined with the 6.30 Evensong and was previously announced in the Cathedral notices and the local press. Visitors were invited to the tower and ringing commenced half-an-hour early at 5 o'clock. The number of people who took the opportunity of the visit greatly exceeded our expectations: in fact we were overwhelmed, since at least two hundred people must have ascended the tower. They were conducted to both the ringing chamber and the bell chamber and were given a few words of explanation. Also present were the Dean, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, and several members of the chapter and their families.

During the service which followed, the first lesson was read by one of the ringers and the Dean offered prayers for the Cathedral Guild. It had been hoped that the address would be given by the Rev. Albert Webb, Chaplain of the Worcestershire Association, and a keen ringer. Unfortunately, he was not able to be present, the address therefore being given by Bishop C. E. Stuart, a member of the Chapter and a great friend of ringers.

Afterwards, the Dean said how pleased he was with the success of the occasion and which we hope will become an annual event for the Cathedral Guild of Ringers. Certainly, the enthusiasm and interest shown was in marked contrast to the controversy in the local press last November after a peal of Stedman Cinques.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID BEACHAM.

Worcester.

ST. MARTIN'S, YORK

Dear Sir.—The ring of eight bells of this church was described in your issue, dated April 23rd, 1954. They were cast in the York foundry of Edward Sellers, in 1729-30, and not by Rudhall, as stated by Mr. J. W. Clarke.

After the fire which destroyed the church in the blitz of 1942 the bells were placed in the south aisle, the roof of which remained. Access could only be obtained through the south door which was kept locked or by climbing through a window.

Several bells were broken and the others were cracked in the fire. All that now remains is the tenor (15 cwt.) and the crowns of four other bells. It is evident the thieves broke the bells up into small pieces before removal.

A start has now been made with the work of restoration of the tower and of the south aisle which is to be a chapel-of-ease. The site of nave and north aisle is to be cleared and laid out as a rest garden.

At one time it was thought it would be possible to restore the bells as a ringing peal but money is not now available and the latest plan is to install a frame for a ring but with only one bell for the time being. No doubt the value of some of the bell metal would have gone towards the cost of the new frame.

The church is in the main shopping street of the city and the church authorities could have sold the site for a six figure sum but instead decided on a scheme of restoration which would preserve for posterity a bit of old York, and a riverside landmark, and at the same time satisfy the requirements of the War Damage Commissioners.

The York Minster Society rang a peal of Kent T.B. on the bells in 1888, but the bells had not been rung during this century. However, I remember hearing them being chimed to hymn tunes some 25 years ago.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. J. W. Clarke's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th, may I point out that the details he gives are incorrect. Five of the eight bells were cast by Edward Sellers, at his foundry in Jubbergate, York, in 1729, and were the gift of a Mr. William Thompson. In 1730 Sellers added two treble bells, and at the same time recast the old tenor. The new trebles were provided by the Minster ringers and friends, at a cost of £59 10s.

Thus there is no question of their being Rudhall bells.

I saw these bells the morning after the blitz: four were whole and the remainder in pieces. All the bells were inscribed and hung in three tiers before they were destroyed.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. HUTCHINSON.

Stillington, York.

EXTENT OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir.—I must confess that I do not even pretend to understand anything about method construction and composition, and I acknowledge my error concerning the extent of Bristol (Mr. Segar, page 483).

I was amused to note, recently, that the 21,600 of Bristol, at Over, 1950, was rung on my birthday!—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

Leeds 8

COVENTRY GUILD

Dar Sir.—The recent article by Mr. Henry Allen is interesting, but somewhat inaccurate. The founding of the Warwickshire Guild did not take place as he describes. The simple story is that in 1907, whilst I was living in Coventry, I wrote a letter to the 'Bell News,' suggesting the formation of a Guild to cover the county of Warwickshire. This suggestion was taken up enthusiastically by Hervey Reeves, the editor, and, encouraged by this, I toured the county (on a bicycle) to test reactions and work up interest.

Very little interest or help came from the town of Warwick, whilst Rugby was most enthusiastic, and Nuneaton definitely hostile. At Rugby, Arthur L. Coleman was tower secretary, I had many conferences with him, and we arranged a meeting at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, in 1907, when the new Guild was formed. In order to capture a little support from Warwick, we elected Mr. E. H. Adams as first Master.

Mr. Allen seems to have got the facts mixed. The Mr. Matthews he mentions was John D. Matthews, who was not working for Messrs. Mears. He was a linotype operator, engaged on 'The Warwick and Leamington Chronicle.' Later, he became Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. A. L. Coleman was elected first secretary of the new Guild, and in a year or so Nuneaton became a strong centre of ringing activity in Warwickshire. Those two great ringers, Harry Argyle and Tom Chapman, proved to be staunch supporters. Warwick became more co-operative, and Rugby was making rapid progress with Surprise methods under Joe Fenton.

In 1908 the Guild rang its first peal at Stoke-in-Coventry—which I had the honour to conduct. Mr. Adams called the first peal of Bob Major, at Bedworth, a little later. The arrival of a young curate at Shotton (Rev. C. C. Cox), gave a great fillip to the new Guild's activities—and he took part in several of its first performances, conducting Treble Bob Major and Stedman Caters. He was closely followed by Adolphus Roberts and Frank Pervin. About 1910 my work took me away from Coventry—and on leaving I was presented with a magnificent tea service by the Guild, at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick. The whole story can be read up in the columns of the old 'Bell News.'—Yours sincerely,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Darley Dale.

BELTON, ISLE OF AXHOLME

Dear Sir.—In the article on points from recent peals, by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on July 29th, it states that the peal at Belton, with the footnote that reads 'First on the bells which have been augmented from 4 to 6,' cannot be claimed as first. The reason given is that Dove gives Belton as a 5 bell tower and that a peal was rung on these bells in 1911.

I would like to point out that Lincolnshire has two Beltons, one near Grantham, which is the one that Dove gives as a five bell tower and still has five bells, the other Belton is in the Isle of Axholme and is about 16 miles east of Doncaster. Besides these two Beltons there is a Belton, Rutland, and a Belton near Great Yarmouth.

The Belton, Isle of Axholme, had its four bells tuned, quarter turned, and rehung on ball bearings in a new steel frame in 1955, by Taylor's, of Loughborough. In October, 1959 two new trebles were added to complete a ring of six. The first peal on these bells was in January, 1960, being a peal of Minor in seven methods, conducted by George E. Feirn. Since then two more peals have been rung, one in May and one in June, making a total of three.—Yours faithfully,

M. ROSE.

(Ringer, Belton, Isle of Axholme).

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OBITUARY

MR. C. H. WOODBERRY

North Worcestershire has lost a well known ringer in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Woodberry, whose death occurred on July 13th, at the age of 75.

He learned to ring under his father, the late Mr. John Woodberry, at the beginning of the century, in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, and was a member of the Kidderminster band for nearly forty years until the ban during the war years put a stop to his ringing activities. After the war, chiefly due to his business demands, he never really got going again although, until the last two or three years, he was still turning up at meetings, and practices in various parts of North Worcestershire, whenever he was able to do so.

His peal total for the Worcestershire Association was 77, of which he had conducted 21. Details of his peals for other Associations are not at present available.

He represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council from 1936 until 1944, and was also a past Master of the Dudley and District Guild.

The funeral was at Wolverley, on July 16th, and the spacious church was filled almost to capacity. The very beautiful floral tributes numbered over seventy.

The six bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Association, who were among his oldest friends, and the pre-service ringing included the 'whole-pull and stand,' while the cortege was approaching the church. After the interment handbells were rung over the grave by John Lloyd, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford, followed by further ringing on the tower bells.

'Charlie,' as he was familiarly known, will long be remembered for his invariable good humour, his fund of anecdote in connection with many bygone ringing 'characters' and his 'Quaker Touches.' In these, to quote Charlie, anyone who could do so called a bob 'when he felt like it,' after which, upon a given signal, Charlie would proceed to call the bells round in a surprisingly short space. He could do this equally well in Plain Bob, Grandsire or Stedman, although the former sometimes took a little longer if someone had parted the tenors for him.

MR. ALBERT E. LOCK AN APPRECIATION

To the memory of Albert E. Lock, of Abingdon, the following members of the Sutton Courtney, Berkshire, band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Walter Webb 1, John Barnes (conductor) 2, George Allam 3, John Greenwood 4, William Hewes 5, Geoffrey Leyland 6.

This tribute was fittingly rung on July 12th, in the beautiful village where Albert Lock was born, baptised and lived for several years, and it was on these bells that he learned to ring. Amongst us there are ringers who, for one reason or another, seldom ring at any tower but their own, but Albert Lock was far from being one of these; his evenings were spent visiting villages in the neighbourhood and giving a hand to struggling bands, imparting to them instruction and encouragement.

Sutton Courtney was one such place where ringers have benefited from his help, not only earlier in the century but more recently, for two years ago when the local branch of the Church of England Men's Society provided a number of recruits to ring Albert Lock paid occasional visits to help with instruction. In fact only a few weeks prior to his death, at the age of 81 years, he was ringing the fifth of this not-so-easy-going ring to Plain Bob Minor, thus enabling the band to progress from Doubles to Minor. He was indeed a great help to us in Sutton Courtney and we were never tired of his endless supply of stories related in 'The Swan,' after practices. In Abingdon, where one of the Sutton ringers, Mr. Armitage, has his office, Mr. Lock was a frequent visitor and here too his discussions on ringing and ringers will be missed.

Mr. Lock will be greatly missed; we are very grateful for the assistance and encouragement we have received from him and we are proud and pleased to have shared his company. May he rest in peace.

J. S. B.

ALDERSHOT BELLS REDEDICATED



THE Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. A. J. de C. Studdert) is here seen dedicating the recast bells of St. Michael's, Aldershot, on July 16th. With the Archdeacon is the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Dart. The captain of the ringers, Major F. J. Bragg, stands on the left and next to him is Mr. J. P. Fidler, the representative of the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The rededication service began with the singing of Compline, by members of the local chapter of the Guild of Servers. During the singing of Psalm 150 the churchwardens led the clergy to the bell tower where they were met by Major Bragg, who has been a ringer for 40 years.

The founders' representative then handed the rope of the tenor bell to Mr. F. G. Lester, churchwarden, who in turn handed

it to the Archdeacon. After the dedicatory prayers the Archdeacon in turn handed the rope to the Vicar.

As the clergy returned to their places the new bells were rung. In his sermon the Archdeacon spoke of the place of bells in Church worship.

July 16th was observed at St. Michael's as a gift day for the bells, the Vicar standing at the church gate to receive the offering of parishioners. These and the collection at the service amounted to over £70. A welcome surprise for the Vicar was a promise of £50, a final gesture, which completely liquidated the cost of recasting.

After the service there was further ringing, the local band being joined by ringers from Farnham and neighbouring churches.

(Illustration by courtesy of 'The Aldershot News'.)

MR. PETER CROOK IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—During my flight over Canada I had to change places at Calgary, and whilst waiting for the next, I rang up Miss Judy Midgley, of Calgary. Unfortunately she had another engagement. I would have enjoyed meeting her and seeing the new ring of eight in that town.

It is my intention to visit Victoria and Vancouver, but the weather here at present is not suitable for ringing. Wednesday, this week, was 100 degrees, Thursday 99. It has not been below 90 in the day time since I arrived on June 28th. I am about 12 hours' journey by train or bus and about one hour by air.

I had a request to visit a former Lancashire woman, Mrs. Ellen McTaggart, nee Ogden, and formerly of Moorside, Oldham, Lancs. What an interesting woman she is! A highly trained nurse, now retired, she has spent the last 47 years moving around Canada. She has worked in many hospitals but she had a great love for the wild, north places beyond the railways, where she had to travel on horseback, sometimes away from home for many days.

When I mentioned that I was a ringer from Lancashire and that I knew her brother, John, tears filled her eyes, she was so overcome. She informed me that when her two brothers began to learn to ring at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, Lancs, she also learned to handle a bell, and her one desire now is to hear those bells again. She is 77 years of age and not well, and thinks she could not stand the long journey in her present state of health.—Yours faithfully,

PETER CROOK.

1,521, Pinehurst Crescent,
Kelowna, B.C.

BAKEWELL BELLS RESTORATION

After a silence of five months, the bells of Bakewell, Derbyshire, are ringing again. Examination earlier in the year had disclosed that the wooden headstocks were rotting and it was decided to replace them with steel ones. The bells have now been rehung, with modern fittings and the bells quarter turned. The result is very satisfactory and Bakewell folk may feel justly proud of their bells. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Many congratulations were received by Mr. Arthur Fidler, who carried out the restoration.

On Saturday, July 30th, a large and representative body of ringers from all parts of the county attended a brief consecration service in the belfry, which was conducted by the Vicar of Bakewell, the Rt. Rev. G. Sinker, Assistant Bishop of Derby. After the prayers the local band raised the bells and rang the first touch of 360 Bob Minor with two bells covering. Then the visitors took over the ringing and touches in methods from Grandsire to London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise were rung. Generous refreshments were provided in the Parish Hall, and a happy time was enjoyed by all present. Ringing throughout the day was organised by Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. Fidler.

Since the break up of the old Midland Counties Association, Bakewell ringing has not been so prominent as it was, but it is hoped that now the bells are restored the local company will become participants in the activities of the Derbyshire Association.

JAFUS.

50 YEARS' K.C.A. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION FOR ROPE IN PEAL



BOLSOVER RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL

In accordance with tradition, one of the hottest days of the year, June 25th, was chosen for the annual outing of Bolsover ringers, with Liverpool as the objective.

At the first tower, Lymm, Cheshire, the heavy bells presented some difficulty and although the striking was not up to the recognised standard another record was created by ringing a touch of Stedman Triples, with Bolsover ringers in the band. This was mainly due to the presence of 'Jafus,' who stayed two nights in Bolsover to ensure being available for the outing. Under his influence several of the Bolsover band have been temporarily converted to Stedman and one shudders to think what John Flint would have said if he had heard the tenor not being turned in. The light eight at Halewood were a welcome change after Lymm.

A substantial lunch was enjoyed in very comfortable conditions at the Strand Hotel, Liverpool, and the coach then conveyed the whole party to Liverpool Cathedral. Ringing had been arranged for a special service and Mr. J. Ridyard kindly agreed to allow members of the party to join the Cathedral ringers for a short time. It is obvious that considerable practice is needed to enable ringers to perform satisfactorily under the existing conditions at the Cathedral but those who rang were very grateful for the opportunity and the experience. The non-ringers were much impressed by the grandeur of the building. Several members of the party took advantage of an invitation to ring for a wedding at St. Nicholas.

The best ringing of the day came at Woolton, in which several young ringers of the local band joined in. The interior of the church was really beautiful and the young local ringers were obviously very proud of their bells.

High tea was taken at Prescott, at which the party were joined by Mr. Hesketh (junior) and Mr. Mawdsley, who had kindly arranged for evening ringing at the Parish Church. During the meal Mr. H. T. Rooke expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. A. B. Cooper for organising the outing. A short break was made for Evensong, said by the Senior Curate of Prescott. The bells at Prescott proved to be in rather a rough condition and much energy was required to strike the heavy end.

A UNIQUE event took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary, West Malling, on July 2nd. Thought to be the first by such a distinguished band of one Association, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the K.C.A., all of whom have been members for 50 years or more.

Mr. Louis Head conducted and called Holt's Original, from No. 7. He has now called this particular composition 40 times and has rung 107 peals for the Association.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, rang the treble, this peal being his 590th. No. 2 was in the hands of Mr. Joseph E. Grensted, who records 108 peals and was the oldest at 78 years. He rings at Borden, Sittingbourne.

Next on the third was Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, who is well known in ringing circles and is the member of the band with most peals to his credit (645).

Mr. Percy J. Spice, captain of Bromley, has rung 187 peals and rang number 4.

The fifth engaged Mr. Frederic S. Macey, who journeyed from Sutton Valence. Although he has no bells in his home church he has rung 85 peals.

Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, captain of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, chose the sixth bell for the peal. He is unable to quote the exact number he has rung, but can confidently speak of 300 plus.

Mr. Charles E. J. Norris travelled from Chatham, where he is captain of St. Mary's. He is proud of having rung in 187 peals. On Saturday he rang the 12 cwt. tenor.

The time taken was 3 hours 7 minutes and waiting to congratulate the band were the general secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, the local captain, Mr. Peter Carter, and members of his band—Miss P. Walter and Mr. K. Wallis. Mr. R. T. Sills, district secretary, was in attendance before the commencement.

A splendid tea, befitting the occasion, was provided by Mr. Peter Carter and family at their home. During the meal it was unanimously agreed to dedicate the peal to the memory of the late F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, for 17 years general secretary of the Kent County Association. It is hoped to erect a peal board in West Malling tower to commemorate the occasion.

The peal was to have taken place at St. Nicholas', Linton, but had to be transferred owing to illness adjacent to the church.

[Illustration by courtesy of 'Kent Messenger']

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

The third quarterly meeting of the Ashford District was held jointly with the Kent branch of the Ladies' Guild at Cheriton on July 23rd.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Cyril Munt, who has recently been inducted to the living after the somewhat stimulating experience of being curate for five years to the flock which numbers Mr. Pat Cannon among its company. Mr. W. Chandler, who in addition to being captain of the Cheriton ringers is also choir master, was at the organ. The choir was in attendance. The visitors enjoyed an excellent tea in the nearby school.

At the business meeting the secretary gave the apologies of Mr. Tom Cullingworth, which stated this was the first meeting Mr. Cullingworth had missed since the war.

Speaking on behalf of the district, Mr. J. R. Cooper extended a cordial welcome to the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Mitchell responded. Mr. Cooper also said how pleased members were that the Rev. C. Munt, a competent change-ringer, has now returned to the district as priest-in-charge of churches which contain such fine rings as St. Martin's, Cheriton, and St. Nicholas', Newington.

After the votes of thanks the gentlemen adjourned to the tower, where the ladies joined them after completing their own deliberations.

Lewisham District

Fifty members and friends attended the Lewisham District quarterly meeting at Downe on July 23rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Vedy). Mr. M. Pound, a member of the local band, played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

After tea at the business meeting 17 new members were elected. This number included nine Downe ringers, thus bringing the tower back in union with the Association. The Vicar, while fulfilling the office of chairman, expressed sincere thanks to Mr. A. S. Richards and the West Wickham ringers for their help in making this possible.

Ringing, which ranged from rounds to Surprise, was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

ESSEX RINGERS' PEAL TOUR IN DERBYSHIRE

ORGANISED by Mr. Joe Roast a successful peal tour in Derbyshire started from Chelmsford, on June 11th, during which seven peals were scored out of eight attempts (see page 442). Headquarters for the week was the Temple Hotel, Matlock Bank. The failure was Cornwall Surprise at the Bell Foundry after two hours when one of the band became faint and had to set up his bell.

Arriving at headquarters in time for dinner, this was followed by a welcome to Derbyshire by Mr. Burley Morris, the genial secretary of the Derbyshire Association, and Messrs. Bullen, Smallwood and Woolley.

Sunday was a quiet day with ringing at St. Giles', Matlock, for morning service and sight-seeing in the afternoon and ringing Grandsire Doubles with extremes at Ilam. The great onslaught started on Monday with ringing at Wirksworth, Youlgreave and Great Longstone, before lunch at Bakewell.

KEEPING UP MORALE

The peal attempt was at Tideswell, justly termed 'The Cathedral of the Peak.'

Having lost the first peal of the tour it was essential to the morale of the party that we should be successful here. Consequently Geoff kept his tie on—'Never rung a peal without one'—and Peter wore his bright red shirt—'Never lost a peal in it'—and John wore a look of profound wisdom! Anyway, the luck of the red shirt and the tie held and John kept a watchful eye on the proceedings, and Bristol was brought round, the first peal on the bells for many years.

It was on the programme to visit Alfreton on Tuesday morning, but due to a recent mishap there we were unable to ring, and so our first stop at Ripley was extended and a local coffee shop well patronised. Although the scenery in the area is not very inspiring, Ilkeston bells are well worth a visit and we spent a pleasant hour on them before lunch.

In the afternoon the non-pealers heard a peal of London Minor start off at a steady pace at Sandiacre, before skirting Nottingham to ring on the quiet little five at Farnsfield. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring the glorious wooded countryside at Clumber, and in the Dukeries, and although we did not catch a glimpse of the legendary 'shadowy man that winds a shadowy horn,' we did find a tea shop that may well have been run by his descendants!

The successful pealers enjoyed a bachelors' tea—and helped with the day's washing up—at the Vicarage. All meeting together at West Hallam later, we rang a few short, touches and the evening concluded with a very cross-country tour to Matlock!

After ringing at Crich, on Wednesday morning, we took the road through Chatsworth Park to Hathersage, where Little John is buried in the church yard, and thence to Eyam, tragically famous as the Plague Village. The easy going six bells here were put to good use before partaking of lunch at Grindleford and then the party split up for the afternoon.

JAFUS WAS LISTENING

One group, dedicated to the art, scorned the paths of idleness and returned to the Temple where John officiated in a peal of Plain Bob Major, on handbells. The remainder of the party admired the view from The Surprise, visited the Derwent and Ladybower Reservoir, wandered through Edale in the High Peak and came over Rushup Edge, and eventually all met again at Darley Dale in the evening to ring a peal of London, conscious of the keen ear of Jafus, who afterwards reprimanded the last lead defaulter.

On Thursday we visited Belper, Duffield, and Ashbourne, where the bells are rung from the crossing, within some seventy feet of springy ropes. Burley Morris showed us how to ring these tricky bells and a touch of four spliced was successfully accomplished.

In the afternoon a peal in fourteen Surprise Minor methods was rung on an excellent little six at Brassington, while those not engaged in

the ringing walked in Dovedale. At Bradbourne (another good six in a fine Norman tower) we were met by the churchwarden, who did a brisk trade in draw tickets in aid of the local church heating and roof repair fund.

A good start was made, on Friday, at Ashover, probably the best eight of the week, then to North Wingfield, and afterwards to the famous ten under the crooked spire at Chesterfield. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, there was no one to unlock the tower door for us, but our dampened spirits were revived when a notice of Friday evening practice was discovered and we decided then to return later.

'A GALA PERFORMANCE'

The peal attempt in the afternoon was at Clay Cross—fifty-six Minor methods—the new boy of the multi-minor band very capably ringing the third without a stay. Many ringers have remarked upon the rather unusual style of Egglestone, and during the week we had occasionally seen the deft flick of the rope sending the sally across the rope circle, and the neat side step, but here at Clay Cross, his fellow peal ringers were treated to a gala performance—the full Quasimodo routine. It was all there, complete with the dreadful facial contortions—the step dance, the upturned tail end, the rope circling the body, the truculent flourish of the sally, and the haymaker sweep. Despite all this an excellent peal was rung, with the tenor bell always in place—a masterly performance!

The non-pealers spent a restful afternoon in the grounds of Chatsworth House, joining together after tea to ring on the excellent eight at the recently fire gutted church at Bolsover. Later in the evening we returned to the Chesterfield practice and we were very pleased to have the opportunity to ring on the fine ten.

Our last full day was spent in the High Peak area. Starting off at Buxton, we rang on the merry little eight at Fairfield, and then proceeded to Castleton, where we found an eight of most peculiar tone.

Geoff, who was wearing an open-necked shirt, had purchased a tie in Buxton especially for the afternoon peal attempt, and so a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully brought round, at Hope.

Canon Hooley, who admitted knowing nothing of change ringing, nevertheless proved to have a very good ear for picking out the changes. He had been cutting grass in the churchyard throughout the peal, and he had noted that we rang three 'sets' of changes, and then changed places, each 'set' consisting of sixteen notes and then a pause!

A high tea at the Peveril Restaurant, in Castleton, followed, and an excursion then made to the Winnats to climb the steep cliffs of the gorge.

Back at the Temple later in the evening the handbells were put to work again and ringing ranged from Minor on the 'ragged' six, to touches of Stedman Triples, Bristol and Grandsire Caters.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and after pausing for a few group photographs outside the Temple we were off to Derby Cathedral, where a 'bobbied' course of Grandsire Caters concluded the ringing side of the tour and we turned homewards.

Our thanks are extended to the local secretaries, Mr. Morris and Mr. Taylor, whose co-operation and advice in the planning of the tour ensured that all went smoothly, to all the incumbents and ringers who met us and welcomed us to their towers, to our navigators and drivers, and particularly to Joe Roast, the hard-working organiser—long may he lead us to fresh fields and pastures new.

P. J. E.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob): C. D. Vere-Hodge (first on working bell) 1. R. N. E. Raven 2. Daphne Pollard (cond.) 3. R. N. Grange 4. Marie R. Cross 5. M. Gibbertson 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to Mr. R. N. E. Raven, who is joining the staff of Shrewsbury School, in September.

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CLOUSTON.—On July 25th, 1960, to Christobel (Kitty), nee Page, and Randal Clouston, of 1, Canons Close, Radlett, Herts, a daughter. 6386

MARRIAGE

WRATTEN-BIRCH.—On July 30th, 1960, at All Saints', Hartley, Kent, by the Rev. R. A. Williams, M.A., Cyril A. Wratten to Margery A. Birch. Full address: 36, Wasley Road, Cheltenham, Glos. 6383

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. G. E. Evenden is now 'Woodstock', Croft Bank, West Malvern, Worcestershire. 6411

The address of J. C. (Clifford) Skidmore is now 15, Harrison Road, Brettell Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. (Same house—new number.) 6396

PERSONAL

'FOR he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.' (I Peter iii. 10, 11.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BELLRINGERS' DIARY, 1961.—To all Guild secretaries: Please send lists of officers, dates of annual meetings, dinners, etc., for free insertion into the above diary, by August 30th latest, otherwise this year's 'copy' will be repeated.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6354

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, August 13th, 3 p.m. Bring own food: cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper. 6382

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Meeting at Tonbridge. August 13th. Sevenoaks not available. Those intending to go on the outing on September 10th, please notify me, in writing, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett. 6373

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Wotton Branch.—Meeting. Tortworth, August 13th. 3 p.m. Tea. service.—B. T. Cooper. Rangers House, Dursley. 6400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting at Braughing. August 13th. 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. 6369

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. 6370

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting. Kirdford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Foresters Arms.'

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Wraxall (8). on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo. Hon. Branch Sec. 6415

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Luton District.—Meeting. Flitwick, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (about 2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names must be sent by 18th. to Mr. Swannell, 76A, Steppingley Road, Flitwick. No names no tea.—K. G. Spavins. Dis. Sec. 6398

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Crewe Branch.—Marbury. August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 17th. (No name no tea.)—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6404

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting. Leverington, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox. Dis. Sec. 6409

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton. Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea. Village Hall. 5. Service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer. Dis. Sec. 6426

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—South Forest Branch.—Meeting. Ruardean, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6). on Saturday, August 20th. from 6 to 9 p.m. 6399

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice. Stokesay, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting. Flookburgh, Saturday, August 20th. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 6428

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter. Branch Sec. 6425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Hinckley District.—Meeting. Witherley, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Fenney Drayton should also be available 3-4 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous, to the district secretary, M. Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 6392

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Evening ring at Birstall, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6 p.m. Wanlip may also be available. Names for outing must be in by September 1st. 6405

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Market Harborough District.—Meeting. Hallaton, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Berwick Arms. Names for half day outing on September 17th.—L. W. Allen. 6401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Central Branch.—Meeting at Martin (6). August 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, S. Chambers (hon. sec.), 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. Timberland bells available after tea. 6368

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, Saturday, August 20th, 1960. Ringing 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' (12) open afterwards.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 6423

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—South and West District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 20th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (near High Street, Kensington, Underground). Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 6420

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Ringing meeting, Saturday, August 20th. Alton, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 17th, to Mr. T. K. Swinson, Gallows Green, Alton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6394

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence, on August 20th, and Sonning, on September 3rd. Both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6403

SUFFOLK GUILD—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Oakley (6), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6.30 p.m. 6413

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6). August 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., ringing after until 9 p.m. Names for tea by August 18th, to Mr. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6376

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8). Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brewer's Arms, for those who notify by Tuesday, August 16th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton, Sussex. 6391

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) & MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD—Annual joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. K. Hamilton, 9, Forge Meads, Wittersham, near Tenterden.—C. T. H. 6375

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at Otley (8), on Saturday, August 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Heydour, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday 22nd, to Rev. L. B. Impson, The Rectory, Welby, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6407

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wells, August 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, August 25th, please, to J. Williamson, 47, Staith Street, Wells, Norfolk.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday August 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6390

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS 1672.—Meeting at Duffield (10), on August 27th, at 3 p.m. No service. Tea available at the cafe. All welcome. 6395

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD—Special attention is drawn to the fact that the secretary will not be available from now until the end of October. All correspondence respecting the annual meeting in Leicester, on Saturday, September 24th, to be sent to E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leicester. Details of annual general meeting will be published later. 6414

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—The autumn meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 1st. Any motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the general secretary before August 19th. The eightieth anniversary of the Guild will be held during 1961. The Guild Festival will be held in Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 1961. Will all members please make a note of this date.—M. R. Cross. 6385

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8th, 1960, at The Queen Hotel, Chester (opposite General Station). Tickets 17s. each. Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. All applications for tickets together with remittance and stamped addressed envelope obtainable from September 14th-28th, inclusive, through general secretary, Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse, on July 16th, was attended by 28 ringers representing nine towers. The Rev. R. S. Bennett (Vicar) conducted a short service and local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Turner Memorial Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting when a silent tribute was paid to Mr. H. Prout, formerly of Warsop, who died the previous Monday, at Salisbury, during a ringing practice. Later, Mr. H. T. Rooke paid a tribute to his memory mentioning his enthusiasm towards ringing and his strict punctuality whatever the occasion.

The Rev. H. Pettinger, of Mansfield, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, on September 24th. After the customary votes of thanks, ringing was continued until 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

LATE NEWS

The many friends of Mr. W. J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey, will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill in the Manor Hospital, Bath.

It is hoped to hear, on the A.B.C. programme next Sunday at 11 a.m., the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough (Networked excepting STV/UTV). The service will be conducted by the Rev. M. J. Thistlewood and the preacher will be the Rev. D. Oxley Parker, Rural Dean.

We regret to record the death, on August 4th, of Mr. P. H. Marshall, secretary of Yatton Bellringers.

QUARTER PEALS

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