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REFLECTIONS ON THE OXFORD FESTIVAL

THERE is a magnetism about the Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival. Much of it is traditional, for a Guild that can present its 78th annual report has something to cling to, but ringers well beyond the boundaries of a large diocese, which some in the Church feel should seriously consider division, come to participate in the service, meeting, lunch and ringing. Some are just ringing, joining in the throngs that crowded up belfry stairs, or gossiping with friends in shady corners.

The Guild has adopted one sensible thing. There is a minimum of business of a controversial nature; this is left to an autumn meeting when plenty of time is allowed the controversialists. And the Oxford Guild is not all 'yes men.' There was a sample of controversy when Mr. A. D. Barker reported on the general committee's notice of motion which asked the Central Council for a consideration of non-resident life members' subscriptions to be either uniform or abolished.

As the Guild treasurer for more than 25 years, Mr. Barker contended that such a motion was a dis-service to the Guild and held it up to ridicule at Cardiff, especially the Deputy Master, who is president of the C.C. No Guild treasurer would countenance the abolition of life membership subscriptions. From a revenue-producing angle, income from this source of £17 7s. is the equivalent of a healthy branch. What is surprising was that the motion received a majority vote from the general committee, which is well supplied with people of experience in the management of Guild affairs.

It might well be argued that the significant words were 'to consider,' and that does not mean pressing for abolition. An age-long practice has encouraged the system of non-resident life members, and that peals rung in a Guild's or Association's territory should, in the main, be to their credit. From time to time, infringements of this almost unwritten law cause resentment, and there appear protest letters in 'The Ringing World.' Most Guilds, because of their slender resources, are dependent on these extra subscriptions to balance their accounts, as with the rise in costs, particularly printing and travel, few Guilds are in a really healthy position.

Among young peal ringers, the multiplicity of subscriptions is irksome, and there have been frequent expressions, mostly in private, that a substantial subscription, for possibly the one and only peal for an Association, is an imposition. This was probably behind the Oxford Guild committee's motion. It is difficult to see where these young ringers are to find a spokesman to champion their cause at the Central Council, as Guild representatives are invariably elected from those with knowledge of such administration, and any substantial loss of revenue could not be tolerated.

Another point is that the Central Council has no power to interfere with the management of a Guild or Association's affairs. At the most, it can only express an opinion, and if we judge the position aright there would be a hesitancy even to give a guiding thought to the 'Old Pals' assembled.

There was another interesting point in the business. Grants from the bell restoration fund were substantial; the days of five guineas votes, hedged with a number of conditions, are gone. Support to appeals was in the £40 and £50 region, commensurate with the prevailing high costs. A disturbing thing in Mr. Sharpe's report was the number of towers found to have extensive vertical vibration cracks in their masonry. These troubles add materially to costs when coupled with bell restorations. Churches will soon be having their second quinquennial inspection, and we have heard of one archdeacon who is thinking of introducing questions concerning the care of bells in his charge at his visitation. To become *au fait* with the position, he has sent for the Central Council's handbook on the care and preservation of bells and kindred subjects.

Oxford on this particular day seemed to be full of American femininity 'doing Europe.' The ringers present, however, were far more interested in Mr. Russell Young and the boys of Groton School, who were that day elected to membership of the Oxford Guild. This is the second batch of boys from this school to join the Guild. They certainly had an insight into English ways and English towers. Unfortunately very little of the ringing at Oxford that day was of credit to the Exercise. The festival brings ringers together, but many found conditions and bells not conducive to their best performances. The new ropes on the ten at Magdalen proved to be more than a handful for some of the adolescents present.

Finally, we should like to say a modest 'Thank you' to the Oxford Diocesan Guild for their generous cheque of £25 towards the expenses of this paper. A gift of this nature certainly ensures an appropriate peal contribution on behalf of the Guild's members. We recognise that a donation of this character comes not merely from the peal ringers but everybody associated with the Guild, even the 'dead wood' who go not to festivals. If they should be shown this paper, we should like them to realise that our 'Thank you' includes even them.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL

More American Members Elected

THE belfries of Oxford were crammed for the ringing in the afternoon of the Diocesan Guild's festival on July 7th and among the many young people present were 11 boys from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., who had been elected to membership that day.

The proceedings started with a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Aldate's Church, attended by 60 ringers, the Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) being the celebrant. The service in Christ Church Cathedral followed the traditional lines, a large robed choir of ringers and the boys of Winslow Parish Church leading the singing of ringers' hymns. The Master conducted the service and the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) read the lesson. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. Isaacson, chairman of the Central Bucks Branch, who in expressing his pleasure at the invitation to give the address said that next year he would have been ordained 40 years, and that was the only time he had preached in the Cathedral.

Mr. Harry Badger was the organist.

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Deputy Master in the chair at the start of the proceedings. Arising from the minutes the honorary general secretary said the Guild had never officially written to the Bishop to thank him for appointing their Master as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. This was agreed to.

BISHOP'S RECOGNITION

The Master, in his report, had a personal note of appreciation of the honorary canonry conferred upon him. The Lord Bishop hoped that the ringers of the diocese would welcome it as some recognition of the importance of the work they did for the Church. Canon Wigg added that he had now completed his 15th year as Master of the Guild and had received nothing but kindness and appreciation from the ringers of their great diocese.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the Deputy Master, reported that 24 towers were inspected during the year. More bell restoration than ever before was now contemplated. An outstanding feature of inspections made was the number of towers found to have extensive verticle vibration cracks in their masonry. In these circumstances the cost of repairs was likely to be heavy and this should be borne in mind when allocating restoration grants.

A comprehensive survey of the past year was given by the honorary secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), in her annual report. She congratulated Mr. David Smith on compiling the new service book, which had taken four years.

The membership of the Guild was 1,878 ringing (last year 1,937), life 38 (37), honorary 67 (82). While there was an all round loss of membership it was an increase on the figures for 1959 (ringing 1,854, life 34, honorary 82). Pointing out that the 1958 figures did not agree with those of 'Facts and Figures about the Church of England,' Miss Cross said there was an obvious answer to the discrepancy—a number of towers did not propose their younger members for election as members of the Guild until they had proved their worth, but these were returned by the incumbents.

IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

In addition to the University Societies at Oxford and Reading, there were now four school societies within the Guild—Abingdon, Wallingford, Radley College and St. Helen's and St. Katharine's, Abingdon. Fitzharrys S.M. School, Abingdon, also could raise a band for its services. Cuddesdon Theological College had 40 out of 52 of its members who could ring or were learing to ring. This augured well for the future. So far neither Wycliffe Hall nor St. Stephen's House had taken an active interest in ringing, but individual members had, during the past year, rung with the Oxford ringers. Culham College now had a society and man Appleford bells every Sunday during term. So far neither Bletchley Park nor Easthampstead Training Colleges had societies, though some members rung. At Halton the R.A.F. apprentices continued to ring regularly at Halton and Stoke Mandeville.

Mention was made in the report of the deaths of Mr. G. Caudwell, Mr. W. Welling, the Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. John Lowe) and Mr. T. J. Lock.

The honorary general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £1,577, of which £1,424 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £84 was contributed by 76 Parochial Church Councils. Another £300 had been received from the Jenkyn family and invested.

BUMPER YEAR FOR PEALS

The honorary librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) repeated his appeal for a copy of 'Treble Bob' of the Snowdon Series. 1961 was a bumper year for peals, 183 having been rung for the Guild, a total that far exceeded the previous best. Mr. A. R. Pink had rung his 500th peal for the Guild, a total, he believed, only surpassed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson; Mr. A. D. Barker rang his 100th peal of Stedman at Burnham, and Mr. W. F. Judge his 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor at Burford.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There were no changes in the election of officers and the following carry on for 1962-63: Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; honorary general treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; honorary general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper; honorary auditors, Messrs. Ernest Francis and Son; trustees, Messrs. Kinch, Pink and Sharpe; Report Editor, Mr. P. Walker; General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. A. Diserens, E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White; Central Council representatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. D. Smith and Mr. P. Walker.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

When the application for a great at Lane End was considered, Mr. R. Hazel said the estimate for the work was £600. Mr. F. Sharpe proposed, and Mr. W. Birmingham seconded, a grant of £40, and this was agreed to.

Regarding Hurst, Mr. B. C. Castle said the estimate for work on the bells was £600. There was also a vertical crack to the tower and the estimate for that work was £800—a grant of £50 was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. N. J. Diserens.

To Mr. N. J. Diserens' suggestion of a budget for the year for the total of grants from the Bell Restoration Fund, the honorary treasurer said the usual procedure was to consider each application on its merits and the recommendation of the Branch.

An application from Padbury, for a grant towards the restoration of their bells, estimated to cost £850, was referred to the Central Bucks Branch.

The election of 237 new members during the year was confirmed and also the election of the following from Groton School, U.S.A.: Joseph E. Potter, Wilton S. Pyle, George Whitney III, John B. Chandler, Ian H. Gardiner, Samuel C. Pearce, David H. Taylor Jn., Oliver Edward VI, Thurston B. Clarke, Nason P. Hamlin, Thomas C. H. Jackson.

A NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

In consideration for his work for the Guild as honorary auditor, the members agreed to the election of Mr. Oswald Francis as a vice-president. He had now retired.

A DIS-SERVICE

A notice of motion submitted in the name of the Guild to the Central Council was reported upon by Mr. A. D. Barker.

This motion read:

'That this Council asks all affiliated territorial societies to consider:

(i) Whether non-resident life members' subscriptions should be uniform throughout the Exercise, or

(ii) Whether without further payment membership of one affiliated territorial society should entitle a ringer to non-resident life membership of all other such societies.'

Mr. Barker said the persons responsible for getting this passed by the General Committee had done the Guild a great dis-service, and the Deputy Master, who was president of the Central Council, was placed in an awkward situation. Quite a lot of things were said before the meeting and the Guild's representatives were more or less held up to ridicule. The persons responsible had done the Guild a dis-service. Their representatives were not delegates. (The motion was rejected by the Central Council.)

Mr. Noel Diserens: I think I was partly to blame. I should like to apologise to Mr. Barker and the Guild for having got them into an awkward position. Mr. Barker was quite right. They could not instruct their representaives. He thought it was the duty of the Central Council to report back on this and this had not been done.

Mr. Rolfe said he did not think he had brought the Guild to shame. He could not see that the General Committee did anything wrong in suggesting the motion.

A member: I can assure our friend that the Oxford Guild suffered and was regarded very unfavourably from this proposition.

Mr. A. E. Diserens: I rather feel that this was not brought up in the spirit in which it was meant. It was only a feeler. The whole thing was discussed and there were no strong feelings. We discussed the whole thing in committee and there was now a reference trying to blame it on one or two people. The whole meeting was responsible.

The Master: I understand at the committee meeting that this was to be a feeler... I feel that we should let the matter rest as it is!

This was agreed to.

GENEROUS GIFT TO 'RINGING WORLD'

Mr. H. L. Roper proposed that the committee's recommendation of a donation of £25 to 'The Ringing World' be adopted. 'We get much more than £25 worth of pleasure from it and I should like to express our appreciation to "The Ringing World" Committee for their work.

Mr. W. Birmingham seconding, congratulated those people who kept 'The Ringing World' going. It was the blood of the ringing Exercise.

The recommendation was carried.

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson said as a member of the committee he must say 'Thank you' for their gift. Whether or not there was any discredit arising from the last disscussion he could not say, but they had now got a very good credit balance with the committee. One of the things that could be done with any extra 'The Ringing World' might have, was in the provision of cheap publications. Such gifts as theirs allowed this to be done.

DIVISION OF DIOCESE

Mr. D. G. Wheeler said those who took the Oxford Diocesan Leaflet would notice that the division of the Diocese had again been mentioned and the committee was to make a statement on it in the next 12 months. He suggested that they follow this with the closest interest as it was going to affect their Guild in its area and title.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Sharpe said he would like to say a word of welcome to their visitors as president of the Central Council and on behalf of the ringers of England. They extended the warmest welcome to Mr. Russell Young and the 11 boys from Groton School, Massachusetts, and they were very happy to have them with them. He also welcomed Mr. M. Collins, late tower keeper of Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, and Miss Pat Stewart, from Melbourne, Australia.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was afterwards held in the hall of Christ Church. The Master presided.

Miss Marie R. Cross proposed the toast of 'The Church and State' and said she read the previous evening a most provocative article in 'The Church Times' by Valerie Pitt entitled a 'Question of responsibility.'

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

THE 34th annual festival, which was held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on June 30th, was attended by over 60 ringers and friends, and most towers in the diocese were represented. St. Mary's bells were available at 2 p.m., and the service at 4 p.m., with the Lord Bishop present, was conducted by Canon H. C. Williams, who gave a very impressive sermon.

The tea was held in the Vestry Hall, and afterwards Mr. Barry Couzens thanked the St. Mary's bellringers for supplying refreshments, and Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers for arranging everything to everyone's satisfaction.

The Lord Bishop, who presided, opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to all the visitors, and mentioned Mr. Gwyn Thomas (Master of the St. David's Guild), Mr R. Pateman (Cardigan) and Mr. Magnus Peterson. The Bishop also congratulated Mr. Colin Lewis in obtaining his degree, and thanked Canon Williams for his sermon.

The meeting then stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Charles Powell, whose death was a great loss to the ringing fraternity. Mr. Powell was a past treasurer of the Guild, and his personality was known as a friend to all. Apologies were received from Mr. W. Dobbins, and Mr. Leslie Evans. Letters were also received from Mr. Ernie Stitch and Mr. W. Meridith, expressing their best wishes for a successful meeting.

After the minutes of the 1961 festival had been adopted, the general secretary, in his report, said that during the year one quarterly meeting was cancelled through lack of support. No doubt this was necessary, but he thought the officers concerned should have taken a risk, and held the meeting, even if the service had to be cancelled. He appealed especially to the younger ringers to give quarterly meetings a little more priority.

RELATIVES DISCOURAGE YOUNG RECRUITS

The ringing competition, which was held at Talgarth, was carried through successfully, with Mr. Leslie Evans as the adjudicator. One of the great problems all over the diocese was the difficulty in getting recruits into the belfry, and it was well known that young people who dared to mention that they wished to take up bellringing, were not encouraged to do so by relatives and friends. The only remedy was for all ringers to interest the Press in the art, and with practical demonstrations when possible.

Mr. Gwyn Lewis reported that only three peals were rung during the 12 months, and seemed to show that the Guild was on the down grade, in respect to peal ringing. He appealed for more interest.

The Ringing Master, giving his report, stated that the band at Talgarth was now ringing all the standard methods, and were still going forward. He believed that many other towers were doing the same. He hoped that more bands would enter for the competition. The visit of the Central Council to Cardiff was reported in full by Mr. Gwyn Lewis, who stressed the urgent need of all ringers taking 'The Ringing World.'

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, Mr. D. Stokes, who stated that both the deposit and the bell restoration fund accounts showed an increase.

THE RINGING SHIELD

The ringing competition, although held in May last was rounded off by the signature of the Lord Bishop on each certificate and the presentation of the shield to the winner. Positions were: 1 Newton Nottage, 2 Cadoxton, 3 Talgarth.

Mr. Stan Edwards moved that Miss Hazel Way be elected Ringing Master, which was supported by Mr. D. J. Bennett. Miss Way then received the badge of office, and the best wishes of the Bishop, who said it was a great honour, especially as she was the first lady to be elected Ringing Master of the Guild.



MISS HAZEL WAY,

who at the age of 22 is the first lady to be Master of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. Her progress has been rapid, as in September, 1959, she became a pupil of J. Arthur Hoare, and now rings all standard and a few Surprise methods on tower bells, and 'in hand' standard methods up to Royal. She is captain of St. Paul's Church, Sketty, band and vice-president of the South Wales District, Ladies' Guild.

At this stage of the meeting the Bishop had to leave, and his place was taken by the Canon H. C. Williams. The other officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. A. Hoare, honorary general secretary; Mr. D. Stokes, honorary treasurer; and Mr. Stan Edwards, auditor. The committee members were left to the captain of each tower to advise the general secretary. Mr. Gwyn Lewis was re-elected as Central Council representative.

It was agreed to hold the 1963 annual festival in Brecon Cathedral. The date to be arranged later.

The amendment to hold the 1963 ringing competition in the south of the diocese, was lost and the proposal to hold it in Radnorshire carried.

A NEW DISTRICT

Mr. Colin Lewis moved that a new District be formed embracing Builth Wells, Knighton, Nantmel, New Radnor and several five- and four-bell towers. Mr. Lewis thought it would encourage more interest in the northern part of the diocese. The general secretary, in supporting the motion, said it was a long overdue hope for unity throughout the diocese. Mr. T. M. Roderick was in favour of the motion, but said whatever was done must be with the knowledge of the general secretary. The motion was then carried, and a meeting in the area is to be arranged as soon as possible.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 11s. 2d.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for presiding, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist.

J. A. H.

WHO TO WRITE TO

Appended we give a list of conveners of Central Council committees and their addresses:

The Biographies Committee.— Mr. A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

'The Ringing World' Committee.—J. Frank Smallwood, 5, Stanton Close, Church Road, Darley Dale, Derbys.

The Records Committee. — Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The Peals Collection Committee.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

The Methods Committee.—Mr. C. K. Lewis, Woodstock, 52, Wellington Road, Temperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Carter Ringing Machine.—Mr. A. A. Hughes, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1.

Towers and Belfries Committee. — Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

Peal Boards Committee.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Townfield Lane, Mollington, Chester.

Literature and Press Committee.—Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, 2, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Warwicks.

Broadcasting and Television Committee.—Mr. H. J. Sanger, Rockyville, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

Peals Analysis Committee.—Mr. W. Ayre, Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.—Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broome, Rotherham.

OXFORD FESTIVAL—Cont.

Miss Pitt wrote: 'The government, in proposing the measure, was concerned with the web of impersonal and organised relationships which support the life of Society; the Church primarily, with relationships between persons in a given political community.'

Miss Cross said she thought that summed up the different between Church and State, and they as members of both had to resolve how they were going to do this duty. Today they were faced with great moral issues which had never confronted previous generations—atomic warfare, State versus private enterprise, relationships between employer and employee and many others.

Ringers did play an important, if unobtrusive, part in influencing their own churches. One had only to attend a ringers' gathering to find out how many were churchwardens and members of P.C.C.s. There were also many serving the State on local authorities, in professions, associations and political parties. The qualities of a ringer of loyalty, self-discipline, team-work and integrity were needed by the State if the State was not to be diverged too much from the Church.

The Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Wilton-Davies), who replied, extended a welcome to those present on behalf of the Dean and Chapter. He told, especially their American visitors, that where they were meeting was one of the finest halls in the country and it was surrounded by pictures of famous men.

The Editor also replied to this toast.

Mr. R. Granger, of Radley, proposed the visitors, mentioning in particular Capt. Pointz (former Deputy Master), Mrs. Deal and Mr. W. Wilson, and also the overseas visitors. Mr. Thurston B. Clarke, of Groton, replied.

The concluding expression of thanks to everyone who helped in arranging such a successful festival was proposed by the Deputy Master.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'BRINGS DISCREDIT TO EXERCISE'

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on Saturday, June 30th, a number of tower representatives reported unfavourably on the activities of a band of ringers from the Evesham area.

It was reported that the party, organised by a Mr. Brazier, appeared to be endeavouring to visit as many towers as possible in one day and that their aim was to score the towers rather than to ring the bells. The procedure seems to have been that part of the band rang the bells up and then rang a few hurried rounds or badly struck changes by which time the second part of the band arrived and took over and rang the bells down and departed as hurriedly as they came. The total time spent in each tower was estimated to be ten minutes or so.

The Branch feel that this was not only exceedingly discourteous to those who had arranged for the bells to be available and had met the party, in one case at some inconvenience to the local ringers, but also that such stunts do a great dis-service to the Exercise. The ringing was commented on unfavourably in the parishes both by ringers and, more important, by non-ringers.

I have been instructed by the Towcester Branch to write to you and to ask you to publish this letter in order that these facts may be made known and that other parishes may be spared a similar visitation. It was felt that such behavious not only brings discredit upon the Exercise as a whole and gives good grounds for such criticism but does not serve any useful purpose. We wish to draw the attention of the band concerned that the bells were placed in the towers for a religious purpose and consecrated to the Glory of God and this should not be forgotten, even though custom allows ringers to use them for practice, to gain experience of handling different bells and to perfect their ringing.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. YATES,
Branch Secretary,
Towcester Branch.

Dadford, Bucks.

A REPLY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Yates has forwarded a copy of his letter, addressed to you, referring to the outing I arranged on June 23rd.

I was greatly concerned to find our ringing, though only farily brief at each tower, gave cause for such criticism. As on all outings, and more so on this one, the ringers involved were much aware of the necessity for a good standard of ringing to be maintained throughout the day. Part of the ringing at a few of the towers did fall short of the standard to be expected, but this was caused mainly in raising unfamiliar bells, and for where this did occur, I offer my apologies. These were isolated causes, and generally a reasonable standard of ringing was attained.

Ringing times were almost all of twenty minutes' duration, though on one occasion we arrived late at the church and ringing was restricted to a few minutes. I understand this was owing to a music festival which was due to start about the same time. Mtehods rung during the day included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and other Doubles methods and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise Minor. At Towcester Parish Church we had a very enjoyable ring lasting for over half an hour. Here, as at a number of churches we were joined in ringing by one of the local ringers. Their hospitality and assistance were very much appreciated.

From Mr. Yates' letter, one could gain the impression of a band of ringers descending on the towers, raising the bells, ringing a few rounds, lowering, and departing in a matter of ten minutes. This was not so. Still less was it the intention of the ringers involved to create such an impression. For the ringers and the friends accompanying them, the outing was most enjoyable.

The band regrets any inconvenience caused to our local ringing friends in the arrangements for meeting us, and I am writing the Towcester Branch secretary privately on the subject.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.

Badsey, near Evesham.

Note.—According to information received from another source, Mr. Brazier's band rang in more towers in a day than any other band to date, the number exceeding 30. We do not commend such rivalry.—Ed.

HIGHEST RINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. T. G. Myers' query whether Brent Tor, Devon, has the highest ring of bells in England, I have consulted the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 maps of Derbyshire and can find five towers over 1,000 ft. O.D., namely:

Wormhill, 6 bells	1,040 ft. O.D.
Burbage, Buxton, 6 bells	1,075 ft. O.D.
Fairfield, Buxton, 8 bells	1,090 ft. O.D.
Taddington, 4 bells	1,100 ft. O.D.
Chelmorten, 5 bells	1,225 ft. O.D.

At the same time I checked the 1:25,000 maps in Devon and find here that the church at Brent Tor is only just over 1,050 ft. O.D., and not 1,200 ft. O.D., as calculated by Mr. Myers. The 1,050 feet contour runs through the rocks in the foreground of the photograph ('R.W.' page 442), so the height of the bells will be about 1,075 ft. O.D.

Towers with bells over 1,000 ft O.D. are few and far between, and it might interest Mr. Myers to know that Belstone Church, three miles S.E. of Okehampton, with 6 bells, stands about 1,025 ft. O.D. Bedwellty, Monmouthshire, has a church with a tower at over 1,000 ft. O.D., but I do not know whether this is the Church of St. Sannan, with 8 bells.

If anyone is sufficiently interested, I will, with the whole of the map collection of the Geography Department, King's College, London, at my disposal, produce a list of towers over 1,000 feet O.D., for I presume there are in the ringing Exercise, a number of minor record grabbers who would no doubt claim all the '1,000 ft. towers' as a great achievement! At the present I am uncertain of several areas on the eastern sides of the Pennines, where probably there is an occasional tower above this height. However, as it stands, it seems that Mr. Myers and his band can claim the highest peal of Doubles, and Fairfield the heighest peal on tower bells (Minor, Triples and Major having been rung here), since Chelmorten bells are as yet unpealed. It is to be hoped that the prospective peal band at Chelmorten will not suffer from lack of oxygen, a rather unlikely situation, particularly in the fresh crisp air of the Peak District.—Yours sincerely,

Putney. BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

A CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—The 1,259 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original, submitted by Jean Buswell, does not state being false. However, the 'handstroke' of the 88th lead does repeat with the backstroke of the 41st.

A true 1,259 from the 'Original' can be produced by the following: Call from the start until the 79th lead, then call the 4th Before with a 'bob,' and the 2nd with a 'single.' The bells then run 'round' at 'Hand' in 5 plain leads.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS HEAD.

Maidstone.

PEALS THAT ARE CHIMED AND NOT RUNG

Dear Sir,—I should like to join in the discussion about the speed in Minor ringing. In this area, where much of the ring is close lead, it is generally accepted that the tenor man sets the pace, for he quickly assesses the 'go' of the bells, settles down to a speed which is comfortable to him and will produce the best striking.

We have a number of good ringers who never ring any other bell but the tenor, no matter where they go, and if you can get one of these specialists in your contest team you will be almost certain of success, providing, of course, the rest of the band can strike and are prepared to 'ring to the tenor.'

A good close lead tenor ringer will have his bell well up, ensuring that the full musical effect is produced by the bell. Some open lead ringers, however, when ringing at the speeds which are printed in the peal columns of the 'R.W.' arrest the bell well below the 360° mark, in fact in some of the peals the bells must scarcely rise above frame level: perhaps we should say that they have **chimed** a peal, not rung a peal!

I sometimes wonder if an open lead team do adapt their speed to a ring of bells of if they try to make the bells fit in with their own standard speed!

When your correspondent says that an attempt by the tenor to set a slower pace will leave a gap between him and the preceding bell, it is obvious that the smaller bell ringers are not in the least interested in good striking but merely to 'get to over with' as soon as possible.

I recall hearing about an open lead ringer putting a fast man on the treble whilst he shortened the tenor rope by wrapping it around his hand in order to get a peal over quickly!—Yours faithfully,

Cawthorne, Barnsley. N. F. MOXON.

LANFAIR P.G.

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the Loughborough ringers on their latest method, Lanfair P.G., it might be as well to point out a slight spelling error. The correct spelling is:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwll-llantysiliogogogoch.

Dare I ask for a translation by any of the band who rang it? How about some more starting with Llan, something like Llanfairmathafarneithaf or even Llandefaelog-Tref-y-Graig, should be quite interesting!—Yours, etc.,

Glasbury. C. A. L.

Dear Sir,—To my mind the spelling of the name of the new method rung by the Monday Night band at Loughborough on June 4th, is somewhat suspect.

I have always seen the name of the village, after which, I understand, this method is named, spelt Llanfairpwllgwyngyll. . .,' not 'Llanfairpwllghyngyll. . .,' as it appeared in the peal report.

This may appear to be quibbling over a minor detail, but I think that if a name like this is given to a new method, there should be no doubts as to the way in which it is spelt.—Yours faithfully, 'A DRUID.'

Disley, Stockport.

Dear Sir,—I see from last week's 'Ringing World' that, inevitably perhaps, a method has been christened 'Llanfair P.G.' It seems only fair to keepers of records to point out that there are two errors in the full name as printed. It should, of course, read: 'Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch.' A third more trivial error has crept in to the setting-out, in that a syllable has been divided—the division would have been preferable between the double Ls.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

Harston, Cambridge.

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MORE LETTERS

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must write to you about your recent report on the discussion on the 'Christmas Bells' broadcasting at the Council meeting at Cardiff, as my remarks, as reported, are so condensed as to give an erroneous impression of what I actually said.

I had explained that the broadcasting of bells, live on Christmas Day, had presented the B.B.C. with certain difficulties, unless the broadcast could be tied in with the Church, from which the following service was coming, either by being from it or from a neighbouring church. If it could not, then a separate unit had to be found and with other demands on Christmas Day, it was not always possible. Hence the B.B.C.'s preference for pre-recordings.

As will be appreciated, live broadcasting also limited the choice of towers, which, particularly, in the case of Northern Ireland, meant that many towers in areas away from Belfast were unlikely to get many chances of a Christmas Day broadcast. The present practice of pre-recording the broadcast has meant a wider measure where possible we will of ringing, although where possible we will still seek a live broadcast.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, Co. Down.

YATE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. William Shepherd for correcting my impression, that the ring at Yate were cast by Rudhall.

I obtained my information from the 'Chipping Sodbury Official Guide,' published in 1948. This states:

'The beautiful tower of Yate Church is late 15th century work and is as good as any of this period in the country. A peal of bells by Rudhall, of Gloucester, hanging in it are particularly mellow and sweet. Strange that the founder, who also cast Chipping Sodbury bells, could produce peals of such different qualities: one so pleasing and the other so comparatively harsh. But they do say that a great lady in days gone by gave all her silver for melting in the crucible when Yate bells were made. They have been recently rehung on steel girder frames and anti-friction axles.'—Yours truly,

A. J. GOULD.

Portishead.

ARTICLES ON OLD BELL FOUNDERS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frederick Sharpe's article on the Rudhalls, of Gloucester, was indeed an interesting one, and well worth printing.

I am sure most of us realise that Mr. Sharpe, as president of the Central Council, must have an almost inexhaustible supply of interesting and enlightening topics to relate on both bells and bellringing.

Naturally, with consent from Mr. Sharpe and also space provided by 'The Ringing World,' a weekly article, such as the last one, would make excellent reading, and be of great value.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. BRUCE.

Oxford.

WHITSUN IN SOMERSET

GOOD weather, good bells, good food and good company, what more could any ringer want? All these were in abundance when a party led by Mr. Alan Pink, of Oxford, spent Whitsun week-end around the Mendips.

Alan was giving many of his party their first taste of some of North Somerset's heavy metal, and those of us who had rung in some of the towers before were looking forward to our visit just as eagerly. The pungent scent of new mown hay wafted into our minibus as it sped into the West Country, and we had ample time to admire the sunset and the promise of another fine day on the morrow.

It was obvious, from the moment we arrived at the Golden Lion in Wrington, that our hosts, Don and Doreen Bone, were out to make us welcome, and we feel sure our presence over the week-end has done nothing to mar their high opinion of all the ringers they have met.

Next morning dawned fine as anticipated, and Herbert Knight, from Wrington, with friends from Yatton and Winford, led us over the western extreme of the Mendips to Axbridge. This fine heavy six produced some rich music, but it was a little too early in the morning for Double Bob. The navigator-cum-reporter made further mistakes en route to Dinder, which resulted in some uncomfortable perambulations round the one-way streets of Wells. An hour at Dinder gave us time to lounge in the sun and view the splendid copper beeches and dutch oak on the adjoining estate. After lunch in Shepton Mallet we enjoyed the music of Ditcheat's octave, but couldn't live up to our reputation—Double Norwich just wouldn't go, despite Alan's splendid efforts to sort it out. They had forgotten we were coming to Queen Camel, but spirits were again uplifted by some Cambridge and Plain Bob on this famous six, once we were let in to the belfry. It was thirsty work, however, and tea at the Sparkford Inn was most welcome. Our party was then strengthened by the arrival of Philip Gray and Dennis Layton, just in time to witness the terrorists' efforts to get a good cup of tea out of other people's pots!

At Bruton, the band was completed with Noel Waite arriving from Wimbledon, and methods rung included London, with Spliced Cambridge and Primrose. This well modulated heavy six is rather spoilt by an odd-struck tenor. Back at Shepton Mallet, Double Norwich was polished off, but the best beat was found with Stedman. Herbert Knight calling a long touch.

'THE GHOSTS'

We were soon back over the hills and down Burrington Coombe to Wrington. In fact it was still light when we parked the bus in the middle of the High Street and did justice to a turkey supper. Chris Clarke, who recently became known to some of his friends as 'The Ghost of Deddington Vicarage,' must have wished he could have done the vanishing trick as he emerged from the Golden Lion with his fellow terrorists sometime later. It was now dark, and the minibus lights were not on. There emerged from the shadows the figure of the local constable, with the inevitable question, 'This your vehicle?' Fortunately it was not long before he had been convinced that you didn't need lights to park there, and the terrorists were off to their hide-out.

On Whit Sunday at Wrington we were shown Major Hesse's grave, with its aubretia just coming into full bloom in the sun. Those who heard the bells outside left with a much better impression of this fine old ten. Our route to lunch at the Star Hotel, in Wells, took us up Burrington Coombe and down Cheddar Gorge, thick with trippers. The Suffolk Tenor King did not aspire to Wells Cathedral tenor (orange squash is not recommended as a cure for blisters), but Alan turned it in to half a course of Cambridge Royal, which sounded well.

After tea Tony Sanger met us at Evercreech. This famous ten were a little disappointing inside the tower, where the second is a bit loud. Following service, Tony led us to Milton Clevedon, a choice ring of five, just down the road. We could not agree during the rise whether the third was sharp or the fourth flat. Music was forgotten, however, as we tried to get an extent round—finally managing it. The third is odd-struck to a fantastic degree, and helps its ringer along with a liberal shower of dirt at every pull. The fourth rope gets jammed in a pully block at just the wrong moment, and the tenor has to be swung on at both strokes. We understand the locals are prepared to wager that they can't be pealed!

ON THE EDGE OF THE MENDIPS

Next morning, having duly recovered, there was a certain reluctance to bid our hosts farewell, before the terrorists' hide-out was unearthed on the way to Blagdon, a mellow octave, rather spoilt by rope rattle. Yorkshire came round, but St. Clement's Triples didn't.

Our run along the northern edge of the Mendips brought us to Compton Martin, where the church has more Norman work in it than any other in Somerset, and a handy 15 cwt. six, which go well for their weight. The route to Hinton Blewitt caused us to engage first gear for the second time that day, and afforded some fine views of Chew Valley Lake. A variety of Doubles methods was rung on this good five, a new tower for Herbert Knight.

After lunch, Chewton Mendip's bells lived up to their good name, and we managed a course of Bristol. Some backseat navigating didn't help us to find Chilcompton, where methods up to London were rung on a rather mournful six, and those of us who knew him went off to see Joseph T. Dyke.

Farewells then began, and ringing finished at Radstock. We were loath to go home after being spoilt all week-end. The friendliness with which we were received everywhere served to put the finishing touches to a fine week-end's ringing.

Somerset is Alan's favourite county for bells and scenery, and we thank him for organising the tour to show us what the county has to offer.

R. K. R.

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West Country Way of Ringing Down

By MISS EUNICE D. OVEREND
(Bath & Wells Association Instructor)

IT'S good to see an article in 'The Ringing World' on lowering a bell, particularly in a part of the country where the pulling up of the tenor singly by visiting bands is liable to bring local inquiries as to who has died.

On only a couple of minor points do I disagree with Mr. Chaddock. I have found that some instruction on raising and lowering a bell is best given right from the start. After the potential learners have seen the bells with one ringing (set at backstroke, out of the way), they should be encouraged to pull the sallies and start them swinging (two bells tied, or too heavy to strike).

This enables them to judge the weight a little and to practise keeping a tight rope, pulling the instant the rope slackens. The instructor can then discover who naturally pulls left-handed.

Coiling and uncoiling a rope can first be practised on a lowered bell, walking towards and backing away from the ringing position to keep the tension constant. Later a tugging partner can simulate a ringing bell, till the whole job can be done at any rhythm without looking.

Particular care must be taken not to lose the place with the top hand. The left hand making the coil wraps the rope around the knuckles (loose, but that side), and grasps the double rope **below** the right hand, not above (as Mr. Chaddock says).

Similarly, when a tight coil around the knuckles is slipped, the left hand **immediately** slides up the rope to its position, touching the right. There must be no habit of taking in a bit too much and letting it out again, or letting out a whole turn at once, if good striking is to be attained later.

As soon as a learner can pull steadily at backstroke he should be taught how to shorten a rope (right-left when hands are down) and how to lengthen it (a little slipping through when hands are up), and the effect this has on the bell. While this is happening another couple can safely coil their ropes and raise their bells till the sallies scarcely begin to bob, practising tight ropes and making and unmaking single coils. Soon the learner will be able to pull up his own bell on the back-rope (with perhaps a little help at frame-height) and to drop it, the instructor sallying, without getting lifted up or letting the rope flap loose. Having done this he will know what to do if the bell drops while he is ringing it.

PRACTICE TO GIVE CONFIDENCE

In between his turns on the sally, the learner can practise 'sally-to-back' and 'back-to-sally' on a lowered bell, in slow-motion at first, getting all the fingers round the sally, rope in crook of thumb, etc. In particular at 'sally-to-back' the left hand should turn the rope downward at the lowest point so that the right hand can find it quickly and easily. A hand fumbling later for the rope as it rises can be picked up by a twist in the loop and skinned in a flash. In addition speed at this moment enables the rope to be shortened without 'climbing up' it and gives confidence when the speed begins to quickens as a bell is lowered.

At this stage the learner must be taught how to pull and check to keep the clapper of a chiming bell the right side, essential for a neat beginning and end to the rise and fall—the five-minute bell is useful practice. Confidence and safety are increased by instruction and practice on how to deal with a rope dropped while ringing—catch sally, slack grip to let the bell pull through what rope it needs, coil the rest, pull up again.

When he can ring rounds and rise and fall a bell neatly he must learn to follow another bell up and down. The bells must be open for this, or only quietened by car-tyre muffs, so that they can be heard down the stairs but scarcely outside, since a good rise and fall depends more on the ear than the eye. At first the instructor keeps just in front of the beginner whatever the speed, so that he learns what to look for. Then the instructor sets the pace, explaining as they arise those puzzling differences between a bell at the right height, but in the wrong place, and one too high or too low, striking one blow right and then wrong again. Next the beginner should be the middle bell of three, learning to listen to the bell behind as well as the one in front.

When rising and falling in peal the aim is to keep in the right position between treble and tenor so that the treble can go at a comfortable speed for the tenor. In going up the beginner should be prepared for a smart get-away so that the tenor can get started, and all the bells should remain close till they are striking both sides, then there need be no overlapping of rows. Going down the treble tries to keep the tenor just checking his bell all the way. If the front bells close in too much and the tenorman is lifted his clapper swings with the bell and stops striking, if they open out and he freewheels the same thing happens, so all the ringers must listen to all the bells.

Probably the standard of raising and lowering is noticed more by the general public than the ringing itself since the rise first draws attention to the bells and the fall comes just as the churchgoers arrive. A good rise or fall is skilful and satisfying, with the bells running as quick as a stick along railings and a wonderful roar coming down the stairs. Let's hear more of them!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at Netherbury on the last day of June. The attendance of members was the lowest for some years, which might be accounted for by the fine weather, hay-making and village fetes.

The bells were rung up in peal and some of the youthful members were able to have their first ring on a heavy-going six. Ringing was from call changes to a touch of Cambridge.

The Rev. P. D. May conducted the service and gave the address, the lesson being read by the Branch secretary. Netherbury ringers gave the tea, the home-made cakes being much enjoyed.

Mr. C. W. Powell, Branch vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. J. T. Barrett was elected an honorary member. It was decided to entertain the Guild for the annual festival at Beaminster on May 11th, 1963. In connection with the 80th anniversary of the Guild, notice was given that a Ringers' Sunday would be held at Beaminster on September 16th, when the Rev. R. L. Longridge, Master of the Guild, would preach at 11 a.m. The band of West Dorset ladies who rang a quarter peal on June 13th were congratulated by the chairman. He suggested to other towers to attempt quarters and peals. Mr. D. Bishop was asked to arrange a Stedman Triples peal attempt by Branch members.

The next meeting was arranged for Lyme Regis on September 22nd. This was an alteration to the programme, as Thorncombe bells would be in Loughborough at that date, being augmented to eight. J. T. B.

WEEK-END COURSE AT BRISTOL

The week-end course at Redlands College, Bristol, from September 7th to 9th, will be divided between the beginner and those more advanced.

Mr. A. York-Bramble will speak on 'teaching to ring' and lecture in the even-bell field to the advanced course. 'Bells, their fittings and maintenance' will be the subject of Mr. Ranald Clouston, technical adviser on bells to the Central Council for the Care of Churches. The Rev. R. O. Fry will speak on 'Ringers, the Church and the local Association'; Mr. Albert Tyler on odd-bell methods, and Mr. Brian D. Price on the construction of methods.

The total cost of the course, including accommodation and meals, is £2 15s. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and s.a.e., to P. J. Bird, 17, Counterpool Road, Kingswood, Bristol, before July 31st.

WEDDING

DONALD E. COBB—SALLY P. OATES

Mr. Donald Cobb, of Shiplake-on-Thames, and Miss Sally Oates, of Chichester, two well-known members of the Society of Raving Ringers, were married at St. Mary's, Lavant (near Chichester), on June 23rd. Don and Sally are also very well known to West Country ringers, as they have both been working in Bristol for several years.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white ottoman silk, which had a short train. She carried a bouquet of lilies. The three bridesmaids, in short yellow dresses of wild silk and, wearing in their hair flowers to match their bouquets, were the bride's sister Alison, the bridegroom's sister Diana, and Claire, friend of the bride. The best man was Mr. Ralph Stenner and among the four ushers were the brothers of the bride and bridegroom.

A very fine reception was held at the bride's home attended by 160 guests. Don and Sally are spending their honeymoon touring Scotland.

As Lavant Church has, unfortunately, but one bell, the many ringers present had to content themselves with handbells, rung as the newly married couple left for their honeymoon. M. H.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

June 24th marked the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the back eight bells of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. These bells, known throughout the country for their fine tone and excellent 'go,' were the first to be tuned in Leicester on the present five-tone principle. They still hang on the original plain bearings.

The present Ringing Master and steeple keeper (Mr. S. Harrison) is the third in order. The first was the late William Wilson, who held office for 34 years, resigning owing to ill-health in 1936. He was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Clarke, who was in charge until 1946, when Mr. Harrison was appointed.

The excellence of the bells is due to the weekly attention of all three steeple keepers, which Mr. Harrison regards as essential where plain bearings are concerned.

Unfortunately, a quarter peal attempt to mark the anniversary was not successful.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North-West Branch

At the well-supported branch meeting at Ingham on July 7th, Mr. L. Wright, who presided, extended a welcome to a ringer from Massachusetts, U.S.A., now studying at Cambridge, on the great strides he had made in campanology since coming to England a year ago.

Forthcoming events are: Practice meetings, Great Barton (6), August 11th, and Eriswell (5), September 8th; and next quarterly, Elveden, October 13th. The second annual dinner, in conjunction with the S.W. District, will be held at Cockfield on October 27th.

Thanks were passed to the Rector (the Rev. M. Dale) for taking the service, to the excellent organist, Miss Joan Ivings, and to Mrs. Timms and her helpers for the tea.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. E. G. R.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 19th, 1912.

Success to the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town today! Many of them are travelling far to participate, and we hope they will not again be disappointed. The torrid weather, however, will not make their task any the lighter.

The first Oddfellows peal in Wales was rung at Talgarth, Breconshire on Sunday.

OUTINGS

LOUGHBOROUGH

A good programme had been prepared for the 1962 annual outing of Loughborough Parish Church ringers on June 30th and, accompanied by friends, left at 8.30 a.m. At the first official call, Harrow Weald Parish Church, a wedding was on at the time we arrived. When the 'all clear' was given the bells were soon set in motion and full justice was given to this pleasant light ring. The learners were given a chance to try their hands and soon a couple of stays went like ninepins, to the utter bewilderment of the two novices responsible, who thought the world had come to an end! The more experienced ringers assured them not to worry as such things can happen to the most experienced ringers; now they were qualified 'stay bashers,' but it was a bit of a come-down for Loughborough ringers to 'bust' a couple of stays.

Ringing on the new ring at Harrow-on-the-Hill followed lunch and, as at Harrow Weald, the ringing was enjoyed. Those who were not ringers took the opportunity of enjoying the view which is presented to all who visit Harrow-on-the-Hill Church.

Rickmansworth, with its ten bells as against the eight bells of the two previous churches, was next on the list and as we approached the church we could hear the bells being rung very well. It so happened that the ringers of Stowmarket Parish Church, Suffolk, were also on their annual outing and, like us, had chosen Rickmansworth as one of their calling places. Mutual greetings were exchanged.

From Rickmansworth we journeyed to Watford, a short but tricky journey. A little late in getting the 10 bells under way, we made up for it with some decent ringing. By this time those famous words, 'I could do with a cuppa.' were to be heard on all sides, but this did not disturb the organiser, as tea had been arranged for at a nearby cafe.

Our last tower of the day was Leighton Buzzard (another ten), but on arrival it seemed that no one had prepared for our visit. Someone said that the tower door was locked. Yes, the door was locked, but the key was in the door, a point the first investigator had overlooked and next time he goes up a dark spiral staircase, perhaps he will take a torch with him! The bells had been raised and soon after we started to ring, the representative of the local ringers arrived, full of apologies. We told him not to worry as the Vicar had come to the rescue. Visitors to Leighton Buzzard will be able to envisage what the proposers of the alterations at Loughborough Parish Church have in mind, for here a similar scheme has been carried out successfully.

The journey home was by way of the A.5, whose doubtful glory has departed since the M.1 came into being. Now it is a quiet road, its noisy and endless stream of traffic has deserted it. Prosperity seems to have deserted its many hostelries, cafes and petrol stations.

We entered Loughborough soon after 10.30 p.m., but not before we dropped someone off at Quorn, who was spending the night under canvas with the Girl Guides. Some sleepy good-nights and another successful outing was concluded. All wish to thank the various incumbents and those who made the trip so enjoyable. J. P. F.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

A very full day, during which 260 miles was covered during 20 hours, was the programme of Stonham Aspal ringers on June 30th. The start was at 6.40 a.m. and the morning's ringing was at Market Harborough and both rings of bells at St. Andrew's, Rugby. Then came Southam and Daventry (also tea) and finally Holy Sepulchre, Northampton.

The ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise and Stedman, and for the first time finished with a course of Grandsire Triples. Thanks are accorded incumbents and those who met the party, also Miss Carol Urry, of Rugby, for her most helpful assistance.

WARMINSTER, WILTS

For the seventh year in succession the Warminster outing was arranged by the ringers' old friends, now at Haslemere, 'Pop' and Mrs. Pearson.

The party met their hosts at the beautiful church of Warnford, Hants, where the setting, in a private park, could hardly be surpassed. The six bells here are a magnificent ring, and good touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were greatly enjoyed.

An open air lunch was enjoyed by the lake at Petersfield, and Ernie and his wife, who catered, had remembered everything, even the pickled onions! Another pleasant setting was the next church, Stedham, with a reasonable six, and then came the grand eight at Pulborough. There was time for a short visit to the Hastlemere tower, where the light ten were much to the liking of the experienced but frightened off some of the young ones.

At the School House Mrs. Pearson was waiting with the usual ample spread, the highlight of the outing. After tea, a somewhat original game of rounders was played, handbells were rung and tape recorded, and the party set off for the last tower of the day, Froyle, where the remains of a jumble sale had to be cleared from the belfry before ringing could take place. The first pull on the bells brought down showers of dust. Another surprise was the sudden appearance of an angel at the belfry door! It turned out to be one of the young ladies of the party (and she could hardly have chosen a more effective disguise) who had found a box of costumes in the gallery.

The gauntlet had to be run of a series of forbidding 'No Coaches' signs before the final rite of the day could be performed, and a tired but happy party arrived at Warminster just after midnight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Owing to business commitments, Mr. W. H. Riddle is unable to continue as hon. secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. At the half-yearly meeting at Worsley on June 23rd, his resignation was accepted with regret and thanks were expressed for his work during recent years. Mr. Neil Bennett, of 12, Union Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, was elected acting Branch secretary for the remaining six months of the year.

Coupled with the parish of Weston Favell's gift of a cheque of £177 to the Rev. D. Hopkins on leaving the living for Empingham, was a manuscript book of 'The Church Bell of Rutland,' by P. Amos.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood, who rang her first peal at Barking, Suffolk (recorded this week), was the first of Mr. G. R. Goodship's band, which started at Offton in 1959 when the bells were restored, to score a peal. She rang extremely well, comments the conductor.

The six lovely-toned bells of Empingham, Rutland, need the attention of a bell hanger. A peal attempt to welcome the Rev. D. Hopkins, formerly of Weston Favell, to the Deanery failed because of the bad 'go' of the bells. An attempt is to be made at Burrowden, a neighbouring village.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd is retiring at the end of this term and hopes to make his home in Warminster not later than September. He writes: 'It will be strange after being an ordinary member of St. Martin's Guild for 44 years to become a life member!' We regret to learn that he has been troubled with a recurrence of fibrositis and hope he will shortly be fully recovered.

The half peal rung at Swaffham Prior, Cambs, was originally planned as a first peal attempt for Alan Durfee, an American schoolboy in this country (hence the choice of Independence Day). Unfortunately a false start made it impossible to go the full distance, owing to the lack of lighting in the dark ringing chamber. Hopes are high of Alan ringing his first peal before returning to the States in August.

Mr. Oliver G. Barnard, secretary of the Stowmarket ringers, in a letter to 'The East Anglian Daily Times' with regard to the Bishop of Dunwich's observations concerning ringers in general, concludes: 'With all respect, I say that the Bishop was wrong in his assessment of the situation. It would be taken as a very generous act on his part if he would withdraw his remarks so that the whole thing could be forgotten.'

By the peal of Kent T.B. Minor at Blithfield, Richard J. Warrilow and Derek P. Jones completed peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

In answer to Mr. W. B. Kynaston's question, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, captain of St. Mary's Church bellringers, Swansea, informs us that the correct weight of the tenor bell at his church is 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Regarding the various letters that have appeared concerning Alfred Bowell's bells, a reader suggests that the information should be collected and published in book form. He also similarly pleads for Henry Penn's works, the Bilbys and other bell founders.

The Dereks, who rang a name peal at Earl Shilton, would like to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Newton, who entertained them to a marvellous tea afterwards. A previous attempt was arranged for last December, but had to be cancelled owing to very adverse weather. On that occasion also, those who arrived were treated to a similar tea. This time the band feel they did rather more to earn their tea.

An interested spectator of the ringing at Cottingham, Yorks, on July 8th, was Professor Thomas Canning, Professor of Music at the University of Rochester, New York, U.S.A. He has just completed a year as visiting Professor of Music at the University of Hull and wished to take some bellringing information back with him to the U.S.A. He was furnished with the history of Cottingham bells and other information and hopes to obtain literature from the Central Council for Rochester University Music Library.

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TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

Ronald H. Bullen	*Treble*	David W. Parkin	6
David J. Marshall	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
J. Frank Smallwood	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Burley P. Morris	4	Michael R. Blore	9
David K. Walklate	5	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by Denis R. Carlisle. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Robert A. Southwood	*Treble*	V. Mary Matthews	6
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Arthur F. Burley	7
Anthony Locke	3	*Graham D. Carter	8
Alan Carveth	4	Anthony J. Davidson	9
David J. King	5	Geoffrey W. Taysom	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar Guise. Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.
* First peal of Caters 'inside.' First 10-bell peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of five and eight.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., July 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*Margaret A. Shepherd	*Treble*	William G. Lavers	6
Yvonne C. Porter	2	Frederick E. Day	7
Thomas G. Myers	3	A. William Myers	8
†Alan J. Collings	4	D. Roy Bould	9
Sidney F. O'Shaughnessy	5	H. Frederick Myers	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Day.
* First peal in the method, and first on ten. † First on ten. First as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Brian J. Wylde	5
*Barbara Stephens	2	David W. Friend	6
Neil Bennett	3	Dennis Motiershead	7
Charles A. S. Webb	4	†Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal in the method. † 50th of Surprise Major. First of Bristol as conductor.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

David Vincent	*Treble*	John Ashcroft	5
Joseph Thornley	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
Maryl Crossthwaite	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	4	John F. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal of Stedman as conductor. First of Sedman on the recast bells (1956).
Rung in honour of the birth of the Earl of St. Andrew's.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 29, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Terry Owen	*Treble*	John Lunham	5
Robert Larkey	2	George Skelland	6
Robert Guy	3	John McKee	7
Thomas S. Horridge	4	William H. Deacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Deacon.
In memoriam Sydney Flint, over 20 years a service ringer at Sefton.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, containing 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,632 Superlative; with 86 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert T. Lambert	*Treble*	*Monty W. Gilbert	5
*Reginald E. Lambert	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
*Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	*Andrew M. Macve	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of 3-Spliced. First of 3-Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, on June 26th, to T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Bryn A. Taylor	*Treble*	Peter J. Shipton	5
*Adrian F. R. Hartley	2	William J. Goodfellow	6
Thomas Yeomans	3	Roger G. Havard	7
*Edmund J. R. Hartley	4	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Davd J. Llewellyn.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*John O. Freeman	*Treble*	*T. Michael Freeman	5
*Edna M. Poulter	2	H. David Holland	6
*Mrs. H. D. Holland	3	*William H. Riddle	7
*Peter W. Horn	4	Peter T. Dale	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal in the method.
To welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Horn.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Cyril S. Jarrett	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Andrew J. Corby	3	Andrew M. Macve	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 21).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Michael R. T. Lambert	*Treble*	Martin L. Howe	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
John W. Coleman	3	Andrew M. Macve	7
Robert T. Lambert	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Thomas Yeomans	*Treble*	Adrian F. R. Hartley	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Roger G. Havard	6
Peter J. Shipton	3	Bryn A. Taylor	7
Magnus Peterson	4	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,
A PEAL OF 5024 CHELMSFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

JAMES L. TOWLER	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
PETER J. EVES	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 62).

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	2	DEREK TAYLOR	6
DEREK M. SAWYER	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by D. KNOX. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
MARY C. POYNER	2	EDWARD W. COLLEY	6
HARRY POYNER	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
JOHN C. BALDWIN	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
Rung as a welcome to Stephen Richard Colley, born July 4th, 1962.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	PETER DALE	6
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	3	BASIL JONES	7
GILES B. THOMPSON	4	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	5
*OLIVE D. TESTER	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
ROBERT W. HINDE	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First of 3-Spliced Surprise Major for the Association.

CHELMSFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4.58—56.38.14—14.3.14—14.3
8ths place lead-end. 6ths place bob.

SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*MRS. E. J. LOCKWOOD	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	3	ERIC HOTINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal.
A wedding anniversary peal for the conductor; also a coming-of-age compliment to Peter S. Bennett, of Bearley, Warwickshire.

ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and eight each of Grandsire, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

*NIGEL CROWTHER	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
†IAN UNSWORTH	2	‡DAVID J. ALLEN	5
GEORGE P. HAMMOND	3	DAVID J. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. ALLEN.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First as conductor.
Rung on the conductor's 18th birthday.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Nicholas', and two of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*H. DAVID HARRISON	*Treble*	*DAVID J. ALLEN	4
*KEITH F. GARDNER	2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*IAN P. UNSWORTH	3	‡ROBERT W. J. COLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. ALLEN.
* First peal in 11 methods. † First in 11 Doubles methods. ‡ First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bishop Mervyn Haig, who was Bishop of Coventry from 1931 to 1942.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN SHAW	*Treble*	DAVID MURCOTT	4
*GRAEME LANFEAR	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	DAVID EAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Court.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
DELIA E. SMITH	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes and Lester E. Taylor.

SULLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY	*Treble*	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY	4
*RUTH HAVARD	2	ROGER G. HAVARD	5
MAGNUS PETERSON	3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
* First peal of Minor, and first in three methods. First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented from five to six.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS S. CROSSLEY	*Treble*	G. R. HINER	4
M. MEADOWS	2	*G. PILKINGTON	5
B. HEPPENSTALL	3	H. MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.
* First peal.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two etxents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and St. Clement's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

John J. Prentice .. .. *Treble*	Robert E. Lester 4
*Margaret E. Egglestone 2	Eric Hotine 5
Hubert A. Mitson .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone *Tenor*

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.' 50th on the bells.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Joseph Prentice, father of the treble ringer, a former ringer and sexton for many years.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York, Primrose, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Keith R. Davey .. .. *Treble*	Albert W. A. Leggett .. 4
Frank Taylor 2	Cyril R. Burrell 5
Edwin T. Chapman.. .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung to congratulate John Thorley (B.A., Durham) and A. Roy Withyman (B.A., Cambridge).

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (2) College Bob IV and Willesden Delight, (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (4) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Pamela Cox .. .. .. *Treble*	*John M. Blaikie 4
*Delia Smith 2	George E. Feirn 5
*G. Leslie A. Lunn .. 3	†A. Robin Heppenstall *Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal in 22 methods. † First of Minor in 22 methods; 111 changes of method.

BICKEN HILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., July 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

E. Bankes-James' Plan. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Maurice C. Hughes .. *Treble*	*Phillip J. Rothera .. 4
*Susan Funnell 2	‡J. David Atkinson .. 5
Ann E. Fellows 3	Geoffrey Davies .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor. ‡ First in the method.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being an extent and two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 151–153)
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Joseph W. Cotton.. .. *Treble*	Richard J. Warrilow .. 4
William F. Woodward 2	*David Eames 5
*David Murcott 3	Derek P. Jones .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Alan G. Payne .. .. *Treble*	J. Martin Thorley 4
Frank Taylor 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Roger B. Sanders 3	Roger D. Bailey .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

First peal as conductor.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in six methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Rev. C. R. Chad Coussmaker	Henry C. Lewis 4
Treble	*James R. Taylor 5
E. Winifred Keys 2	Bernard E. Matthews.. *Tenor*
Robert Wake 3	

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* 100th peal.

Rung for the ordination as priest of the Rev. H. K. G. Bearman in this church on Sunday, July 1st, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MAJOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

Raymond J. Ballard .. *Treble*	Michael Wilshaw 4
David J. Danby 2	M. Keith Swingewood .. 5
K. Peter Jones.. 3	Geoffrey Davies .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

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

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Peter F. Romney .. .. *Treble*	Raymond P. Wood 4
Charles B. Skinner .. 2	Benjamin W. Farhall .. 5
Henry C. Weaver 3	Leonard Stilwell .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

David K. Putnam .. *Treble*	John W. Coleman 4
*Martin L. Howe 2	Trevor A. Cross 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fifth

HANDBELL PEALS

ALTRINCHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At 52, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith .. .. 1—2	John Worth .. .. 5—6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3—4	William H. Dowse.. .. 7—8

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat.–Sun., June 23–24, 1962, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
At 10, Belle Vue, Garden City,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 12 in C.

Geoffrey Davies (Bir.) .. 1—2	David W. Friend .. .. 5—6
Charles A. S. Webb (Bir.) 3—4	(Nottingham)

Umpire: Thomas Stephens. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At 9, First Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5036 SPLICED ROYAL

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HALF PEALS

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 14th, 2,520 Little Aston Bob Doubles: E. Winkworth 1, R. W. Smith 2, J. Knight 3, G. C. Paul (cond.) 4, D. M. Trueman 5. First half peal for all. First long touch in the method for all. Rung by the Northampton Grammar Schools Bellringing Society.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBS.—On July 4th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: C. Johnson 1, A. Durfee 2, Claire Dillamore 3, T. R. Dennis 4, D. G. Taylor 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. Rung on Independence Day.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella G. Price (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Frances Gilbert 3, S. W. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. Rung with good wishes to Ann King and Ronald James Mepham on their recent engagement. Also on July 8th, 540 Bob Doubles, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Frances Gilbert 2, Susan Waterhouse 3, Ann Sharpe 4, Valerie Mepham (cond.) 5, D H. Paine 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding on July 7th of Michael Sharpe and Janet Stemp.

ARMITAGE BRIDGE, YORKS.—On June 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Rogers 1, P. Spencer 2, W. Hutton 3, Arlene Flatter 4, R. Armitage 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 5. Rung by members of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire): F. G. Beddow 1, F .Cattell 2, R. H. Newton 3, C. A. Barron (cond.) 4 J. N. Lindon 5, F. Mason 6. For Reg Newton's birthday.

BARROWIN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Richins 1, J. E. Burles 2, A. Metters 3, D. Ellisdon 4, J. Bagnall 5, A. Brooksbank 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. L. Exton 1, M. Sinden 2, H. Heard 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, C. Sangwin 6, C. Taylor 7, J. D. Clarke 8. Rung after a peal failure, as a farewell to C. Taylor.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral on June 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Bridle 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first of Surprise) 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. C. Exell 5, P. J. Bird 6.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Gosling (first away from cover bell) 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts (15, cond.) 3, W. R. Papworth 4, D. G. Papworth 5, F. Gosling 6. First attempt for Bob Doubles 2 and 6. For morning service.

CAMBRIDGE.—On June 28th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (R.C.), 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. W. R. Quinney 1, Miss C. Dillamore 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, P. J. Bergdhal 6, H. Foster 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On June 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. Lightfoot 1, Miss V. Holtby 2, B. Forsyth 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, J. Ling 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Dean Rashdale

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. E. Lanaghan 1, Mrs. S. Betts 2, R. Harris (first quarter) 3, T. N. Lanaghan 4, W. Sidwell 5, S. Osborne 6, E. Busby 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to mark the retirement of the Rector (Rev. H. H. Nash) after 19 years.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandisre Doubles: M. E. Dodd 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, R. F. Mack 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, E. C. Birkett 5, T. M. FitzGerald 6.

CURRY MALLET, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): A. H. Reed 1, E. H. Langley 2, J. E. Brewer (first as cond.) 3, J. Baker 4, W. H. Tarr 5, N. J. Maggs 6.

DARTFORD KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, R. Constant 2, S. Sobel (first in method) 3, S. Ball 4, H. Audsley (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6, A. Hall 7, G. Clarke 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke (members of local band) on their first wedding anniversary.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Ivings 1, E. A. Daniels 2, E. E. Pearson 3, J. Ivings 4, W. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stephens 1, Miss M. E. Pryor (first in method) 2, Mrs. A. Bruten 3, B. Werry 4, D. Bruten (first in method) 5, M. J. Pryor 6, J. M. Alsop 7, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 8. Rung for the engagement of Jennifer Stephens and Alan Evans, both ringers at this church.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Cotton (cond.) 1, P. Morgan 2, E. Morrall 3, H. R. Toogood 4, A. Morrey 5, L. Barber 6. For the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ELY, CAMBS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: N. Greenacre 1, S. Elsey 2, W. W. Cousins 3, F. Wigmore 4, G. J. Mann 5, R. Reed 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8. First in the method 1, 5 and 6. A wedding compliment to Patricia Keen and Anthony Dobrashian.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Dennis J. F. Oakshott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, Margaret N. S. Taylor (first in method) 4, W. Parrott 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6, D. Herschell 7, R. E. Fentiman (first in method) 8. For Confirmation service.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, J. E. Elliott 3, J. R. Maple 4, C. Gower (first as cond.) 5, J. Charman 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Darby (first quarter) 1, A. Pickering 2, H. Shilvock 3, Miss M. Tromans 4, B. Elsmore 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, A. Hackett (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pountney (nee Greenhall) who were married at this church the previous day.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Hoare (first quarter) 1, Susan White 2, Lorna Simpson (first 'inside') 3, Patricia Laycock 4, C. W. Simpson 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. For a local wedding, and a compliment to Mary Hoare on her forthcoming marriage to Mr. T. Fawcett.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Bills 1, Pamela Bird 2, Joyce Drury 3, J. Martin 4, J. King (cond.) 5, C. Hudson 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM. — On June 30th, 1,260 St. Mark and St. John Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for the christening of Mary John, son of Ralph Harrison (a local ringer).

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, Mrs. S. M. Drew 3, D. Newcombe 4, Miss P. Sturdy 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on June 24th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: G. Paul 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, G. R. Parker 3, Mrs. M. A. Parker 4, S. A. Chambers 5, L. Wilders 6, H. Lowman 7, W. Tomlinson 8, G. A. Randles 9, J. Walder 10, H. L. Pask 11, R. F. Smith 12. For St. John the Baptist Day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. S. Bagworth 1, Mrs. E. Bagworth 2, T. S. Horridge 3, C. W. Ottley 4, M. Uphill 5, C. Mew 6, R. Harris 7, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 8, C. Walters 10. For Evensong.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. P. M. Gray 1, P. Bridle 2, D. E. Cobb 3, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 4, M. J. Horseman 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. Brain 7, P. M. Gray 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John H. Gilbert and Miss Barbara Tarrant, on their engagement.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Cunningham 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, R. Seeley 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. Rung for Confirmation.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain and Grandsire): Maureen P. Stammers 1, Barbara M. Payne 2, D. Cubitt 3, R. Ducsbury (cond.) 4, H. W. Barrett 5. For Sung Eucharist.

NORWICH.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. M. Payne 1, D. Cubitt 2, W. Clover 3, Mrs. B. Willgress 4, T. E. Spight 5, H. W. Barrett 6, B. Willgress 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and the Festival of St. John.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Beebe 1, Miss M. Northover 2, Miss K. Greenway (cond.) 3, H. Steed 4, Miss J. Broadgate 5, R. Bates 6, A. Blackmore 7, M. Newcombe 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Miss A. Blofeld, who had been a Sunday School teacher for over 60 years.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Clarke 2, J. A. Harland 3, Miss C. J. Yarrow (first quarter) 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Carr (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Sadler 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, G. Bacon 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. For a wedding.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hanning 1, E. G. Talbot 2, G. Olliver 3, T. Bird 4, D. Dunn 5, W. Inwood 6, K. Game (first in method as cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Holroyd 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, S. Chaddock 3, N. Donaven 4, S. Armeson 5, G. S. Lee 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock 8. First of Cambridge 1, 3, 4, 5. For Morning Eucharist.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Harrold 1, R. W. Smith 2, A. A. Paul 3, M. R. Harvey 4, G. C. Paul (cond.) 5. Arranged for John Harrold, an ex-ringer, who is on leave from Germany.

ST. ASAPH, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): W. H. Lewis (cond.) 1, E. V. Woodcock 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, H. A. Price 5, W. Price 6. Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. P. B. Jones, curate of Hope.

SALISBURY WILTS.—On July 3rd, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lucas 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, J. C. Alexander 3, R. Haines 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, E. C. Read 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On July 8th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: L. Watkins 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, B. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins. Believed to be the first quarter of London Minor rung by a Sunday service band in Leicestershire.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Cowan (first in two methods) 1, Miss M. Petts (first in two methods 'inside') 2, Miss D. J. J. Wilson 3, Miss J. N. E. Clifton 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. Rung for the centenary of the Church School.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, J. Benfield 4, B. Hall 5, A. Leach 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, I. Harris 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to J. Keyte (ringer of second).

SILCHESTER, HANTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butler (13) 1, G. D. Weston (16) 2, P. Watts (15) 3, C. Osler 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Minor) 1, J. F. Bowler 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On July 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Bartlett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, L. Way 4, M. Bartlett 5, D. Pickett 6. For afternoon service.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On July 1st, 1,296 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Thelma Johnson 1, Pauline Lansley 2, Christine Lansley 3, R. J. Purnell 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lansley, parents of 2 and 3.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. J. Smith 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Davies 6. A compliment to J. Parry, a faithful member of the local band on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, Jennifer Reeve 2, C. J. Aldridge 3, E. R. Gotham 4, D. G. Rowlands 5, F. Bedford 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, M. Sheehan 8. For Evensong.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Juliet Stamper 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, R. W. Winstanley 3, M. R. North (first quarter) 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Miller 6. For Evening Prayer, and as a compliment to Rev. A. Linning, ordained priest on Trinity Sunday.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burbidge 1, J. Linford 2, G. Linnell 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): T. Barker 1, T. Turner 2, J. Parsons 3, P. Jackson 4, B. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6, K. Stainton 7, J. Jackson 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4th.

WISHFORD, WILTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Haines 1, L. F. Cobb 2, R. Haines 3, G. Moore 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5. Believed to be the quarter on the bells.

SUSSEX YOKELS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

FOLLOWING the success last year of a week-end in the West, a similar three days was planned this year by Frank Hicks and his Sussex Yokels, this time northwards to Leicestershire. After rising uncomfortably early, the main body was inspected and checked off by Gaffer Frank, at East Grinstead, and the hired minibus was soon swinging through a strangely-altered Hyde Park under the expert hands of Fred Roberts. The sun shone and shone, and the folk in the back of the bus baked and perspired and wriggled as they made faces at Leslie Weller and George Francis, with their wives in the following car.

Two members of the Hatfield College Youths met us at our first call, where we provided the overture to the Christian Stewardship Campaign. At the second touch there was a yelp from Harold Reynolds as 60 ft. of rope coiled itself at his feet. A spare rope was fitted, and Harold allowed to take hold once more, under guidance! After Stedman and Grandsire Caters, plus Treble Ten, we left Hatfield and bowled along the peaceful Hertfordshire lanes in company with half-a-million other motorists to St. Neots (Hunts), and the majestic eight (tenor 29¼ cwt.), were soon resounding to Cambridge and Double Norwich Major.

At Rothwell we were half-an-hour late, but thoroughly enjoyed ringing on this pleasant octave (21 cwt.), introducing Oxford Treble Bob into the repertoire. We met Canon Turner and discovered several mutual acquaintances.

AT PETERBOROUGH

We ate tea at Kettering, in the company of the local twistin' teenagers, while John and Peter Howard persuaded the juke-box to produce the music of Mr. Acker Bilk. Then on to try Peterborough's 26½ cwt. tenor, where Stedman Triples failed miserably, but Major methods, including Little Bob, were brought round. We wandered over the copper-sheeted roof to view the magnificent three west front arches of Peterborough Cathedral, and bemoaned the fact that its heaviest five were still unable to be rung. Passing through Skeffington, a suspicious-looking badge turned out to be that of the Leicester Guild, and its owner was approached. He introduced himself as Mr. Wale, of Blaby, and his kind invitation to ring there was taken up on the following evening.

Soon after this we had our first sight of Leicester, and the conversation, too, turned towards this famous ringing centre. Did the policemen really have special sections in their note-books for new methods? And was it true, said a voice from the back, that there were three females to every male? We started to count, but lost interest as the towers came into view. At 11 p.m. the jail-like doors of the George Hotel swung open to admit the van and its saddle-sore prisoners. Later, Ron Pankhurst was released, leading out a small party to eat half-cooked hot dogs before being locked in for the night.

The next (Saturday) morning we went direct to that 'must' for all tower grabbers, the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Mr. Paul Taylor, affable and informative, whistled us round his foundry and we instructed him to take good care of West Hoathly bells, due for a visit. We goggled at the 12 ton bass bell, and some of its 52 companions already housed in their frame and labelled 'Carillon, Washington, U.S.A.' Evelyn Hicks tried the practice clavier. There was a rush to tap out a course on the upturned bells of Northallerton —and eight red faces a minute later as the bells 'fired out.' However, the 'Bells of St. Mary' came triumphantly into rounds.

'FREEDOM OF THE CAMPANILE'

Mr. Taylor then gave us the freedom of the campanile and took his leave to welcome another party. Some of us tried, with little success, to get Eddie Rapley to talk of his part in the 16½ hour record attempt last year. Other reverently inspected the wooden shelves fixed to the walls. Frank then exhorted us to catch hold and away we went into Grandsire Caters, to be followed by Bob Royal and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Minor and Major. We then reluctantly gave way to the ringers of Ashton, Birmingham, and piled into the bus for Quorn.

Having raised the back six, we found the second, at least, to be odd-struck, and our Double Norwich and Kent suffered. Returning to Leicester and its Cathedral, we were made welcome by Herrick Bowley and several of his ringers. While Cinques and Treble Twelve were tapping out, those not engaged pondered over the profusion of famous names on the peal boards, and commented on the well kept ringing chamber. We found the bells delightful to handle and, as far as we were concerned, the striking was very satisfactory, although what the twelve-bell experts watching us thought was not recorded!

Across the town to St. John-the-Divine, where Sidney Harrison introduced us to his ten charges, tenor 21 cwt. We were well pleased with the Yorkshire Surprise Major, less pleased with the touch of Grandsire Caters which threatened to continue well into the night. At St. Mary's we rang a touch of Plain and Little Bob Spliced before three leads of Kent and down in peal. Another famous name, St. Margaret's, appeared next on the programme, and here the ladies came back from their shopping in time for Kent Treble Bob Maximus and, by special request, call changes, Whittington's of course.

Brian Warwick, that excellent P.R.O., was waiting for us at South Wigston and showed us, with some pride, the competition trophy won by the tower two weeks previously. Stedman Triples nearly came round and three leads of Bristol completed the ringing before rushing off to Blaby (5, 10 cwt.) behind Brian. Permission to ring was granted at a very late hour, and we went up into the tiny tower in relays to ring six spliced, among other things. Back at the hotel, handbells could be heard into the early hours of Sunday morning.

AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

On Trinity Sunday we ate a hurried breakfast, settled our bills and departed at top speed for Southwell Minster and its now left-handed twelve. 25¼ cwt. Time allowed for ringing was short owing to other services, but we were happy with our Grandsire Cinques and we hope that the congregation and ordinands appreciated it, too. After the service had commenced, a sidesman was startled by a strange bearded figure signalling frantically from the tower. John Howard and Derek Slater had been, not unlike the three old ladies of legend, locked in the belfry, and it took some time to trace a key and release them.

In Leicester for the last time we dined at the Chinese Restaurant, this time on English food—as nature intended—and went off towards Kingsthorp's six. The Sunday service band here, numbering 23 and ringing advanced methods, is also energetic in other directions, having themselves raised the ringing chamber from floor level, and fitted oak doors, screen and panelling. Included in the ringing were Norwich Minor, Single Court and Plain, Little Bob and Cambridge Spliced. We left the bells up for Evensong and piled once more into our transport, careering down the M.1 to St. Albans. The Cathedral tower and flag pole were in splints for restoration. The famous beams between the back bell ropes became the subject of some discussion before we embarked on Cinques and a service touch of Stedman Caters.

We rang lots of handbells, including several methods frowned upon by the Central Council, on the homeward journey. As we swept past the Buckingham Palace sentries counting their paces, 'Jim Hawkins' Nagging Wife' was brought round. Alan sang 23 verses of 'A hole in my Bucket,' and Derek decided at the 22nd verse that he had heard it before. And at East Grinstead we tottered off to our beds, tired but happy.

The gang would like to thank all the tower captains and secretaries, particularly Peter Staniforth who arranged the Leicester ringing. A special thank you goes to Fred Roberts, who drove nearly 500 miles, and a big bouquet to Frank Hicks, who organised everything.

H. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Although the attendance was not very good at the meeting at Knebworth on July 7th, nine new members were elected. They were: F. J. C. Robinson, A. E. Jones, C. H. Bott, R. Eaves and D. Copps, of Benington; the Rev. D. E. Smith, P. Crane and Susan Bradshawe, of Knebworth, and Ann Durent, of Welwyn. The Rev. David E. Smith was chairman of the meeting, which followed an ample tea. He had also conducted the service held earlier, with Mr. Besley at the organ.

The church stands in the park which surrounds Knebworth House, and there is a clear view of the ringing from either churchyard or church, so that members of the public visiting the house were able to watch the ringing in progress. As usual, there was a wide range of methods to suit most tastes, from rounds and call changes to Surprise Major.

J. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

After the Guild's Whit Monday meeting at Mytholmroyd, it was felt that some good work had been done in encouraging local ringers. There was a good attendance, and many methods were rung ranging from Plain Bob to Surprise Major. The Archdeacon of Halifax (the Ven. J. F. Lister) joined the party before tea, which was provided by the ladies. A short business meeting followed.

Next meeting, Kirkheaton, July 28th.



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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

DYER—ROBERTSON.—The marriage between Michael and Mary will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Chesterton, Cambridge, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, July 28th. All friends very welcome at the church. 619

DEATH

WHEADON.—On July 8th, 1962, at Wilmslow, Cheshire, Caroline, J. Wheadon, wife of John Wheadon, formerly of Dartford, aged 90 years. 621

RETURN THANKS

MRS. A. BOXLEY and family tender sincere thanks to all ringers and friends for kind expressions of sympathy and letters of condolence in their sad bereavement, also for floral tributes. 615

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—Blanche, loving mother of Tom, Will, Arminel and Fred, mother-in-law of Sam and Barbara, grandma of Malcolm and Graham, who died suddenly, July 24th, 1961.

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. Also Phyllis, passed away March 20th, 1958. With love and gratitude we remember them. 618

PERSONAL

'THE spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity.' (Proverbs xviii, 14.)

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

A fine, warm day was a pleasant surprise for the meeting on July 7th. North Collingham bells were set going merrily just before 3 o'clock and ringing throughout the afternoon was of a reasonable standard. The Vicar, the Rev. M. Stevens, had arranged tea in the Vicarage, where we were his guests, a gesture very much appreciated.

During the business meeting, it was announced that the District Ringing Master wished to resign, due to domestic difficulties, and since there were only two more meetings in the year, it was proposed that a Ringing Master be appointed at each of the meetings, and leave a permanent proposition until the annual meeting.

The mournful five bells of South Searle were available for the evening, and the Vicar went with the company to conduct a short service prior to the ringing.

This was the first meeting since four towers had been lost to help form the new Bingham District, and it was encouraging to see that, though small, the District still has some enthusiasm. B. N. R.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quiet but pretty village of Heydon was the venue of the Northern Branch meeting on July 7th. While the attendance was disappointing, the six bells were rung from rounds to London Surprise, under the watchful eye of the new Branch Ringing Master, Peter Adcock. The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Dickinson) conducted the service, and his wife acted as organist. Norwich lady ringers served a delightful tea.

At the business meeting Mrs. P. J. L. Purser (Cromer) and Miss B. Payne (St. George's, Norwich) were elected ringing member, and the following belfry elections, prior to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, were ratified: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Messrs. R. N. Marlow, R. N. Rex, J. Hartless, P. N. Tubbs, L. F. Cobb, R. Haines and G. E. Evenden.

A report on the striking competition, organised by Mr. F. C. Goodman (Assistant Ringing Master) and members of the Branch committee and held at Buxton on June 19th, was presented by Mr. Goodman. Five teams took part, three from Norwich and one each from the Aylsham and Wymondham Districts. No prizes were awarded and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

Owing to the Ladies' Guild meeting at Dereham on September 27th, Mulbarton was suggested as an alternative to Dereham for the meeting on October 13th.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Jeater has received an envelope, posted at Highbury, on June 28th. The envelope was unsealed and contents missing. Will the sender, please communicate with Mr. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

OBITUARY

MR. A. C. BOXLEY

The tragic death of Mr. Alfred C. Boxley, of Stourbridge, in Upton Snodsbury (Worcs), belfry, on July 7th, removed a very well known and popular figure from the Worcestershire Association, Northern Branch.

In company with Mr. William Cooper, the Association's librarian, he had joined the Belbroughton ringers on their annual outing, which covered several towers in South Worcestershire, Upton Snodsbury being the first.

'Alf' collapsed after taking part in a touch of Stedman, and the efforts of two first aid men in the party, Messrs. S. Bridge and J. Raybould, while an ambulance was being obtained, failed to bring him round. He was taken to the Worcester Royal Hospital, but found to be dead upon arrival.

Apart from taking the arranged tea at Bretforton, the outing was abandoned.

Alf had taken part in approximately 80 peals, 46 of which were for the Worcestershire Association, but he kept no personal record. He found his chief pleasure in visiting towers where meetings were being held in various parts of the Midlands and had a wide circle of friends.

As one of the 'Friday Gang' he was a regular visitor to the instruction tower at Hartlebury on Friday evenings, where he had rendered much assistance in teaching beginners from various towers in the area, and was also an accomplished member of the Friday Gang handbell team—the North Worcestershire Handbell Ringers—whose recitals in the area for many years are very well known, and to whom his passing is a serious loss. Among his favourite tunes in the team's repertoire were Tosselli's Serenade, Brahms' Lullaby and Percy Grainger's Country Dance.

The funeral was at Lye Church on Thursday, July 12th, followed by cremation at Stourbridge, and Lye bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Association.

The sympathy of all his friends goes out to his widow, son and daughter. B. C. A.

MR. W. LANCEFIELD

Mr. William J. Lancefield, of Willesborough, Kent, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 8th, at the age of 67. He had been in poor health for about a year, but before that he had been a regular member of the famous Willesborough band for over 50 years.

Mr. Lancefield was the father of a distinguished ringing family, and he early transmitted to them a love of ringing and a sense of duty and responsibility, which they have worthily maintained. The names of Mark and Bert Lancefield have become household words in Kent ringing circles, and nobody was more proud of them than their father. He rang many peals just after the war, and once rang in a peal of Minor with four of his sons.

Mr. Lancefield was an engineer with the railway until his retirement. He served in the 1914-18 war. A quiet, friendly man, he was a loving husband and father, and his passing is much regretted by the Kent County Association, especially the Willesborough ringers. C. T. H.

QUARTER PEALS

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Wells 1, P. Sapwell 2, D. Phillips 3, J. Pumphrey 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, W. Dumolo 6, M. Postle (covering, first quarter) 7. Rung for the 5th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Smithson and D. Cantrill 1, J. Smith 2, A. Smithson (cond.) 3, W. Steele 4, P. Eastland 5, W. Riley 6. Rung for 'Clypping' of the Church and Procession of Witness.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. Sear 1, T. E. Roberts 2, B. Saunders 3, W. A. Yates 4, T. Fortin 5, C. E. Truman 6, J. Linnell 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First in the method 2, 3, 5 and 8.

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Sileby on Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Pochin Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 25th to Mr. M. White, Swan Street, Sileby, near Loughborough, Leics. 622

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