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PHEW!

LIFE is full of surprises. The Editor had one when he received the report of the annual meeting of St. David's Guild, which was held at Carmarthen on July 15th. Here a suggestion was made to the Bishop that he would encourage clergy to take a greater interest in ringing. The Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, replied that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry. This kind of observation, coming from a responsible and high official of the Church of Wales, leaves one gasping. It is true that the Archdeacon's long service to the Church has been spent in Wales and, as Rector of Merthyr Tydfil from 1921-41, he was in contact with the grimness of industrial life, particularly during the long years of depression, but we feel that his observation cannot be permitted to pass unchallenged, and it constitutes a slander on the general body of ringers.

There is one thing the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been contesting from its earliest days, and that is the impression very widely held that those who ring bells are a dissolute body of men and that an essential qualification for being a good ringer is to drink to excess. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the various Guilds and Associations have been continuous in their endeavours to remove such impressions from the minds of the public and to insist that conduct in the ringing chamber shall be most orderly and dignified, as fitting in God's House. It is, indeed, sad to reflect that the hard work of 50 years, both among Guild members and in educating the public, has not reached South Wales.

We do not attempt to deny that in the middle of last century and after there was cause for very much concern as to the conduct of ringers in many towers. The objects of the Lancashire Association, which was established in 1876, give a definite pointer in this direction. They state: 'The chief object of this Association is the promotion of belfry reform. As it is obvious that a great deal of good may be accomplished thereby, this Society has been established. It directs its attention, among other points, to the following:—

'The furtherance of good and peaceable behaviour in the Belfries of our Churches, it being remembered that the Belfry is an integral part of the Church, and therefore consecrated to the service of God; while the bells and ringers are intended to be exercised equally with the

organ and choir, for His glory and worship, and not for recreation and self-pleasing only.

'The encouragement of care, and attention being given to the cleanliness and comfort of the Belfry and the proper condition of the bells, as in both these respects the grossest neglect is too often apparent to the degradation of the ringer and his work.

'The obtaining of full recognition of the ringer's office as essentially a branch of the Church work, that he and his service, which demand much time, labour and mental skill, may be placed upon a true and acknowledged basis.'

Now, the above objects were drafted 75 years ago when conditions were not satisfactory. We have examined the objects of a number of associations, and there is not one that does not emphasise that ringers are church workers. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association start their objects with these words: 'To recognise the true position of ringers as church workers.' The Essex Association summarise their outlook as follows: 'Objects of the Association shall be to secure the recognition of ringers as church workers, to encourage ringing for Divine Service, to promote the art of change ringing and to supply, when required, practical information concerning bells and fittings.'

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association bring into their objects the relationship of clergy and ringers. Two of their objects read:—

'The recognition of the true position of ringers as church workers and the encouragement of the preservation of church bells in an efficient condition.

'To promote in co-operation with the incumbents of the churches a proper appreciation and observance of the belfry as part of God's House.'

The besetting sin of this age is not drunkenness. Recently the writer was reading the report of the National Society for Preventing Cruelty to Children, and there it was stated that drunkenness, which was once the main cause of child neglect, is not responsible for the Society's work, the majority of cases arising from broken homes. An examination of police reports presented at Brewster Sessions indicate that we are a sober nation. There are in the South of England a number of Petty Sessional Divisions with a population of 75,000 that do not average more than six cases of drunkenness a year.

Sobriety in the belfry has been firmly inculcated into the Exercise, and we would go so far as to assert that

ringers as a body are just as sober as choirmen and other church workers. No ringing master would tolerate the presence in a belfry of anyone who showed the slightest sign of being under the influence of drink, and we feel certain that there is a recognition throughout the whole of the Guilds and Associations that the belfry is a part of God's House.

We can only hope that the Archdeacon of Carmarthen was either jesting or that his observations had been misheard. If they were uttered in earnest then we feel that the Exercise as a body has been gravely slandered. Of all the sins of ringers of this age drunkenness is not one. We are all conscious of our shortcomings, but our experience has been that ringers are as sober and God-fearing people as any cross section of the community.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON 2	*E. CHARLES TURNER 7
JAMES F. CLARKE 3	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 9
ALFRED BALLARD 5	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	REUBEN CHARGE 6
ALBERT W. COLES 2	HARRY MILLER 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
JOHN F. GOODALL 4	SIDNEY WADE 9
JOHN G. NASH 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Wright, who reached his 90th birthday the previous day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part	Tenor 14 cwt.
*NANCY E. MARKLEW ... Treble	EDWARD A. SOWMAN 5
FRANK K. MEASURES 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
*ENA LAWSON 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
RALPH MAYNE 4	E. CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER ... Treble	LESLIE S. BAINES 5
WALTER AYRE 2	TERENCE G. MORTON 6
*DAPHNE W. BARKER 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. J. F. Fisher (Kings Langley) and Miss Rosemary Sterling-Hill, of Northwood, which took place on July 8th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	*FRED DUNKERLEY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of Eastcote, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Wembley, Lindum, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*NOEL J. DISERENS 5
MARGARET L. TUTT 2	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 16 methods.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY 5
AUBREY D. MILLS 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 6
CHARLES C. RAWDING 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
*REV. A. A. MUXLOW 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. D. R. Whitton and Miss Jean Plummer.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' peal.	Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.
RAYMOND LYDSTER ... Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	*GEORGE GARDNER 6
JOHN BRAMLEY 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
JOHN W. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Frogget, a member of the local band.



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On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR C. PEARSON	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... ..	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method on tower bells.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FREDERICK SHERATON ...Treble	*ERNEST WALLACE	5
†JOHN ANDERSON	RICHARD A. GOFTON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	ROLAND PARK	7
W. NORMAN PARK	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal in the method as conductor. The 50th peal on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*PERCY SWINDLEY ...Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	5
†DAPHNE LLOYD	BRIAN HARRIS	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	R. GORDON CORBY... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
JOHN O. WELLER	4	THOMAS E. SONE	Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker and the conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...Treble	H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	ALBERT W. COLES	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... ..	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... ..	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HILLSBOROUGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN SAVAGE	Treble	HARRY BROWN	5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	NAT SAVAGE	6
JAMES RUSH	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	LESLIE WEIR	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to Hillsborough.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. W. J. APPLETON ...Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
*DAVID E. PARSONS	SIDNEY F. CARTER	6
FREDK. G. SPRINGHAM... ..	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	7
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... ..	†WILLIAM BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation by Mears and Stainbank.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*ANN WORTH	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
JUNE HENSHAW	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
JOHN WORTH	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. KEN. LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL	Treble	ROY WILKINSON	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... ..	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... ..	6
THOMAS COLLINS	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	W. NORMAN GENNA	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. A farewell to the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Willesden, on his appointment as Bishop of St. Albans.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Liverpool Branch.)

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT	Treble	THOS. S. HORRIDGE	5
JULIA PRESTON	2	FRED ALMOND	6
THOS. W. HAMMOND	3	THOS. W. HESKETH	7
WM. COURT	4	WM. H. DEACON	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Price.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ALAN ELESMORE	Treble	†JOHN R. COTTERILL	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER... ..	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	JOHN N. LINDON	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method on a 'working' bell. † First peal in the method and of Major.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER	5
GIBSON JACKSON	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSE	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK E. J. THURLOW ... Treble	*ERNEST F. NEWSON ... 5
JOY RAWDING ... 2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 6
WALTER KERRISON ... 3	RICHARD S. PAYNE ... 7
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... 7
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method 'inside' and 25th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, College Single, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
*JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 2	†WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 5
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WRIGHT.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of Valerie Wallis and Peter Carter, both members of the Kent County Association.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

PETER BARNES ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ... 2	NOEL FOAKES ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A 70th birthday compliment to G. W. Moss and rung on the 52nd anniversary of his first peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF SINGLE COURT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.	
*DONALD H. METTAM ... Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	WALTER WESTON ... 5
JAMES W. HAW ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. A birthday compliment to Lucy E. Musson, wife of the conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	URBAN W. WILDING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Birthday compliment to George Moss, Manningtree, and the conductor.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all except the 5th ringer.

BRADSHAW, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Stedman, followed by six six-scores of each in turn and repeated. Tenor 8 cwt. 12 lb.

ALBERT HANCOCK ... Treble	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 3
GORDON TURNER ... 2	ALBERT W. BOND ... 4
JOHN PEARSON ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Doubles for all.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELLIS R. SHINGFIELD ... Treble	FRANK PEARSON ... 4
JOHN S. BARNES ... 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. E. King on his return from Australia, and a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt 14 lb.

ALLEN MORGAN ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

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On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College and Sandal Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DORIS MARSHALL ... Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ... 4
*†MARY WEBSTER ... 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3	FREDERICK FLINT ... Tenor

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* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Webster.

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On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ELLIS D. SILLS ... Treble	*HARRY SPRINGATE ... 4
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together.

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On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Childwall, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*RONALD CHAFER Treble	*GEORGE E. MANSER ... 4
JACK BRAY 2	*HARRY HALL 5
*JOHN I. SMITH 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	*PETER HALLAM ... 4
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	REGINALD C. TIPLER ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5016 CHANCES;

Being 31 methods: Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

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On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, being 4 extents Reverse Canterbury, 12 Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D

*ANTHONY R. PEAKE (16) 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
*BRIAN BLADON (16) ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on handbells (both ringers are from Swindon). A 19th birthday compliment to Beryl J. Strange, also of Swindon.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8
†KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Royal away from the 'tenors.' † First peal of Spliced Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY ... 7-8

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REDEDICATION OF RING OF TEN AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FULHAM

AN OLD RUDHALL TEN.

On Sunday, July 9th, at evensong — a glorious summer evening with the sun streaming through the west windows of the church — the Bishop of Kensington rededicated the well-known ring of ten, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the eighteenth century for Fulham Church, being one of the nine rings of ten by this founder. It is fine both in tone and weight and also in the beauty of the bells themselves, which are decorated with the Rudhall running ornaments.

The bells have been tuned and rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, which has been strengthened by numerous vertical bolts and heavy angle brackets by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers expressed themselves highly delighted with the splendid 'go' and the great improvement in the tone and timing of the bells, and all agreed that Gillett and Johnston had made an excellent job of it.

At the conclusion of the Office, which was sung in the presence of a very large congregation, the churchwardens, choir and clergy conducted the Bishop to the tower while the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. The churchwardens then received the bell ropes from the Master of the Bells, Mr. Hugh M. Page, and presented them to the Bishop for dedication, who thus renewed the service to the Church which this fine ring has already given for more than two centuries.

A most unusual and happy feature of this ceremony was the fact that it had been arranged for the trap door between the church and the ringing room to be open, thus symbolising the close connection between ringers and service. From a practical point of view, it also had the advantage that it enabled the team to pull off into rounds at precisely the right moment, while the procession returned to the east end. After the dedication and prayers, the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' was sung.

The Bishop in his sermon spoke of bells having always been used to call attention to something of importance, instancing the town crier, the fire engine and the telephone, and spoke of the message sent out by the bells in times of joy and in times of sorrow and as a reminder of the triumphant hope of life beyond the grave. The Bishop quoted Psalm 19, 'There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them,' emphasising the important part ringers play in the work of the Church in sending out through their bells the Christian message.

Before the Blessing, the hymn, 'Thy Hand, O Lord, has guided,' was sung while the choir, churchwardens and clergy preceding the Bishop, who was vested in cope and mitre, moved in procession round the church.

After the service, a chosen band of ringers, drawn partly from the local Fulham band and also from St. Paul's Cathedral, rang a perfectly struck three courses of Stedman, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon, conductor of the St. Paul's band, who has been a ringer at St. Paul's for fifty years. A number of ringers were present.

HUGH M. PAGE.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In letters recently published in your columns reference has been made to articles on bells in 'The Daily Telegraph' and 'Punch' as well as to 'sordid articles in the daily newspapers commenting on the moral failings of one or two of our number'! I shall be much obliged to any of your readers observing anything in the Press of exceptional interest to ringers if they will cut it out and send it to me—that is, unless they wish to keep it themselves. Any such matter will be of value to the Literature and Press Committee.

—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.



FULHAM PARISH CHURCH.—From an old print more than 100 years old. The bells were originally cast or recast by Rudhall in the middle of the last century. The inscriptions were typical of those on Rudhall's bells, such as, 'Peace and good neighbourhood,' 'John Ruddell cast us all,' 'Prosperity to the Church of England,' 'Prosperity to the parish,' and on the tenor 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave I summon all.'

Mr. J. T. Smith, in his book, 'Book for a Rainy Day,' gives this quotation: 'The Thames is famous for bells,' observed a Thames waterman, in 1820, to a gentleman whom he was carrying from the Temple to Hungerford Stairs. 'You like bells, then?' was the answer. 'Oh, yes, sir! I was a famous ringer in my youth at St. Mary Overies. They are beautiful bells; but of all the bells give me those of Fulham, they are so soft, so sweet. St. Margaret's are fine bells, so are St. Martin's; but, after all, Fulham for me, I say, sir. But lor', sir, I forgot where you said I was to take you to.'

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting was held on July 8th in beautiful weather at Southam. The Rector (the Rev. R. T. Murray, former president of the Guild) returned from a fete in a neighbouring village to conduct the service. The organist was Miss A. Timms, a ringing member from Allesley.

Tea at the Craven Arms followed and then the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. F. E. Pervin. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Mrs. L. J. Hinde (hon. member), Miss J. Griffiths, Messrs. J. H. W. White, L. J. Hinde, A. J. Hinde, F. W. Perrens, J. E. S. Moreton, R. J. Edden, L. Trevor and L. Callow.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. and Mrs. Vann (St. Andrew's, Rugby) reported having gone to Bilton with a view to assisting the local band (following a 'Ringing World' letter from the captain there complaining of lack of instructors). They were completely ignored and would, therefore, not proffer their services as instructors there again. Mr. F. E. Pervin had not been able to arrange the June meeting of the Coventry District there owing to lack of time, but would endeavour to fix one there shortly.

Monk's Kirby was selected as the meeting place for October.

Ratification of election prior to peals was made in the cases of G. E. Large (Claines), J. D. Johnson (Sedgeberrow) and N. J. Goodman (King's Norton).

Ringing to suit all with emphasis on instruction for learners of the local band continued until 8 p.m., when three car loads went on to visit Ladbroke, in the heart of 'leafy Warwickshire,' for a ring on the five bells there under the guidance of Mr. R. J. Edden. These bells proved much more difficult to manage than the eight at Southam, but members were glad of the opportunity to ring there. A tour of the beautifully appointed church and a sing song round the organ completed the sojourn to Ladbroke, and the journey home through lovely lanes brought to an end a grand trip.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 2nd, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the son of H. D. Butler, who was married at Kenton the previous day.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. Verrill 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, E. Brown 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron (first of Major 'inside') 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 2. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Verrill, mother of treble ringer.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On July 16th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. C. Ayres 1, W. Edwards 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, J. Townsend 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band to celebrate the marriage of Mr. T. A. W. Haddon (nephew of the 3rd ringer) to Miss M. Hickson, with the ringers' best wishes for their future happiness in India.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Lomas (first quarter) 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, E. C. Aldridge 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Weller 1, Eileen Wyles 2, P. J. H. Small 3, W. Palin 4, A. Butler 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, T. H. Holmes 7, T. Ellender 8. First of Stedman Triples by 5 and 7.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Walters 1, R. Faithfull 2, B. M. Boyle 3, B. M. Faithfull 4, G. F. Oakshortt 5, A. H. Hayward 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, C. Rook 8. Rung at the thanksgiving service for the ninth centenary of the Diocese of Exeter.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. W. Sayers 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, G. E. Large (cond.) 5, A. Morgan 6, R. Woodvatt 7, T. W. Lewis 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, Daphne Smith 2, Iris M. Jarvis 3, R. L. Hughes 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, B. Booth, sen. 6. First quarter in two methods by 2 and 3. First quarter on the bells in which local ringers have taken part.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Thomas on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Munday (first quarter) 1, J. Hosgood 2, F. Wreford 3, F. Wills 4, C. P. Yates 5, E. A. Truman 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. J. Willey 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 9th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, F. Goodfellow 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to R. E. W. Wenban.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Mitchell 1, C. Clark 2, R. B. Roberts 3, H. W. J. Butt 4, T. G. Bartlett 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, H. Mitchell (first quarter) 8. Rung for the nona-centenary celebrations of the Diocese of Exeter and the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Weller (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gumbrell 2, C. Hone (first as cond.) 3, W. Garner 4, B. Farhall 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On July 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, Audrey Barker 2, C. E. Lankester 3, A. Bone 4, Renata Buchthal 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6, R. Meadows 7, N. G. McCrum 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 5, 6 and 7.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—On July 9th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles, 7.6.8 covering: C. P. Chalk 1, H. Bigmore 2, F. G. Springham 3, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 4, W. H. Rogers 5, J. Warner 6, W. Bird 7, A. Walsh 8. First quarter 2, 5, 6, 8. First quarter on the bells. Rung by an all local company.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church on July 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. Holland 1, A. C. Watson 2, C. A. Brown 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, P. E. Sampson 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Daphne Weston (first quarter, age 14) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. Weston 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5, H. P. Collin 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Miss E. H. C. Raynor (first of Treble Bob) 2, R. S. Payne 3, Francis Kirk 4, C. Ainger (first quarter) 5, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday complement to Mr. R. J. Woods and to Mr. J. W. C. Blythe.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On July 14th, 1,234 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Infield (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harding 2, Mrs. Houghton 3, R. Houghton 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, B. Sims 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering (after meeting short for Triples): Dorothy A. Walden (13) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. O. Day 3, F. Haysom 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. A. Welsh 6, I. Read (14) 7, R. J. Walden 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. B. Randall and Miss F. S. Porter, an office colleague of the conductor.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Summers (first quarter) 1, P. Stephens 2, W. T. Adams 3, S. Manning 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

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An unusual accident happened at Dunsfold Parish Church, Surrey, on Saturday, in ringing after an unsuccessful peal attempt. The guide ring of the tenor rope became detached, slid down the rope and struck the ringer, Mr. Ernest Warner, of Woking, formerly of Cranleigh, on the head. He received a nasty cut, and after receiving attention from the village nurse was taken to the Woking Hospital by car.

We have received an inquiry as to which tower has had the greatest number of peals rung in it during the last 50 years.

The peal at Caston, Norfolk, on July 15th, was a bachelors' peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are from the home tower, and 4, 5 and 6 members of the Bunwell company.

A correspondent writes: Another peal ascribed to two associations (Lancashire and A.S.C.Y.). There was a similar instance a few months ago. This is contrary to a Central Council ruling surely! If not, it ought to be. In any case, the conductor is a member of the Council and should know.

We regret that in sub-editing the report of the peal at Windermere last week we missed a slip by our esteemed contributor that one ringer was credited with ringing two bells. Mr. E. Jenkins, of Bradford, writes: I have been accused of many things in my time, viz., of climbing up the rope like a monkey, trying to get through the sally hole or jumping off the box to peer in some handsome young ringer's face, but I must disclaim the performance attributed to me in this week's 'Ringing World' at Windermere of ringing the 4th and tenor (shades of Jim Washbrook). The 4th on that occasion was rung by that firmament explorer, Mr. Fred Dunkerley.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Leicester Diocesan Leaflet contains a notice from the Archdeacons stating: Mr. Ernest Morris, who is well known in Leicestershire in connection with the Diocesan Bell Ringers, is ready to visit churches if invited by the incumbents, to make a record of all church registers and other documents, thus bringing up to date the work of the late Mr. Hortop. Mr. Morris is well qualified for such a task. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and of the Royal Geographical Society, he has recently been made a member of the Royal Society of Literature and we understand that his name has gone forward for election to a Fellowship in the Society of Antiquarians. He is also an active member of the Central Committee for the National Register of Archives—Leicestershire and Rutland.

Work has started on Maulden, Beds, bells. The present ring of six is to be rehung and two new trebles added.

An indication of the regard of the community for church bells was found in the village of Melbury Osmond, Wilts. Here it was proposed to restore the church bells as a memorial to those who fell in the two world wars. A referendum was held among all those over the age of 18. The results was 188 in favour and 30 against.

Mr. D. T. Matkin writes: The footnote to the peal of Spliced Royal, rung on handbells at Bournemouth on July 7th, should have the words 'in hand' added thereto. The first peal in four Spliced Royal methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, was rung on tower bells in 1936, conducted by Charles H. Kippin, who, I trust, will accept my apology for an incorrect claim.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE NEW BISHOP MEETS HIS RINGERS.

HEAVERY showers did not deter the ringers of the counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen and Cardigan from attending the annual general meeting of the Guild at Carmarthen (St. Peter's) on July 15th.

Special interest lay in the fact that Dr. W. T. Havard, enthroned Bishop of St. David's in June, had consented to be president of the Guild following his predecessor, Dr. Prosser, and would give the address at the special form of service and preside at the meeting.

Some 54 ringers and friends, including a good muster of ringers from Llanbadarn Fawr, now famous locally for its two bands, attended the service, conducted by Archdeacon J. Richards Pugh and the Rev. Jones, with the ringing organist, Mr. T. D. Williams, of Llanstephan. Lady Dynevor and the Rev. Tudor Hughes, Llanbadarn Fawr, supported their bands.

The Bishop, in a sermon composed of well-chosen quotations and easy language, reminded the ringers of the words of St. Paul, 'ye then as workers together with Him,' and explained that being fellow workers with God they had an important part to play in the Christian life. The rules of the Guild seemed admirable and he was impressed by the idea that members should be recognised as church worshippers.

He spoke of the age of bellringing and quoted Freud, who said that when they heard church bells they could hear something which they could have heard in the same place 800 years ago. He told of the way in which the Mediaeval ages had cherished art and architecture and thought that although the originals had been copied and modified since, nothing in our modern world could surpass their beauty.

Church bells and in particular a ring of church bells were beautiful things and, like most beautiful things which they inherited, they took them for granted. Ringers proved that they cherished the lovely bells when they exercised upon them in their act of service and worship.

The Bishop went on to warn his listeners that it was not enough to be a Christian so that they might serve their fellow-men the better or to make the world better for having lived in it, nor be a Christian as a means to an end. Religion was adoration. They should be in the state described in the hymn, 'Lost in wonder, love and praise.' If they professed Christianity without worship the next generation might repudiate the whole basis of Christian life. As the late Archbishop Temple said, 'It is sometimes thought that conduct is supremely important and that worship helps it. This is entirely wrong. The truth is that worship is supremely important and conduct tests it.'

Dr. Havard closed with a blessing upon the Guild's work and that of the ringers in whatsoever parish they were so that they might be the means of bringing Christ's people to worship at His feet.

After the service tea was provided by St. Peter's Church in appetising variety and the meeting followed.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Dr. Havard thanked the Guild for honouring him by making him president and welcomed the ringers to Carmarthen.

The report of the hon. secretary stated that the Guild was now five years old. Quarterly meetings had been held in various parts of the diocese. The membership now stood at 144, out of which 88 were ringers. A peal of Doubles and Plain Bob Minor had been rung and seven quarter peals. Two peals had been rung on handbells at Lampeter College. He urged members to 'put their backs into ringing and let us have a better standard of ringing in the diocese.'

The hon. treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £15 and £16 in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Master of the Guild, Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby); hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanelli); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port); hon. auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port). Messrs. D. H. Betts (Haverfordwest) and T. Griffiths (Tenby) were proposed for Ringing Master; the former was elected by show of hands.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Mr. D. Betts (Haverfordwest), Miss Trehearne (Llanstephan), Messrs. R. Scudamore (Llanidilo), T. Griffiths (Tenby), W. J. Harries (Llanbadarn Fawr), T. Owen (Carmarthen), G. Francis (Llanelli), and V. Martin (St. David's). Llanstephan was chosen as the church for the 1951 bellringing competition.

A discussion took place on the question of paying for teas at meetings. Mrs. J. Thomas, of Burry Port, proposed that all members should pay 1s., but it was eventually decided that members should pay the actual cost of the tea and that the secretary should advertise this cost before the meeting.

The secretary was asked to obtain the cost of producing certificates of membership from a sketch he exhibited to the meeting.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 6s.

Pembroke Church was selected for the place of the next quarterly meeting (September 9th).

Mr. A. Hoare, of Swansea, was elected delegate member to the Central Council.

NO RINGING CLERGY.

A request was put to the president by Mr. D. H. Betts, of Haverfordwest, that as the Bishop went about the diocese he would do his best to encourage the clergy to take up ringing. He thought it a pity that there were no ringing clergy in the diocese and deplored the ignorance of the public in bellringing in general. He suggested that the clergy would be the means of encouraging persons of a good intellectual standard to take up ringing so that there should be a higher standard of ringing than now. Mr. W. J. Harries, of Llanbadarn Fawr, supported.

The Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) took the opportunity of stating that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry.

Mr. Betts rose to state that there were good and bad in all walks of life and that the presence of clergy in the belfry would keep the atmosphere right and he repeated that the ringing society wanted a higher level of intelligence and more enthusiasm.

Mr. T. Griffiths said that during his 40 years at Tenby the belfry had always been regarded and used with as much reverence as the altar.

After the meeting the ringers returned to St. Peter's and practised standard methods on the eight bells.

BRAY RINGING MASTER BEREAVED

Mrs. Frances Alice Russell, of 49, Ray Mill Road West, Maidenhead, wife of Mr. F. J. Russell, Ringing Master at St. Michael's, Bray, for 26 years, died on Wednesday of last week, aged 52. She had a long illness.

Born at Denchworth, near Wantage, Mrs. Russell came to live at Bray in 1915 and learned to ring in 1919. She and her husband moved to nearby Maidenhead 12 years ago.

The funeral was at Bray on Monday, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman), who is chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There was half-muffled ringing during the evening.

LETTERS

SPANNERS IN THE WORKS

Dear Sir,—The implication contained in Mr. C. W. Woolley's letter is so serious that we crave the indulgence of your columns to reply at once. He warns would-be writers to the Decisions Sub-Committee that unless their views coincide with that committee, they will be ignored, as that is his experience. Mr. Woolley did write to us last year, and suggested that the existing decisions of the Council regarding record lengths should all be scrapped, as they were obsolete and unnecessary.

We could well understand his taking this view, as some time previously he had taken part in an alleged record performance of Double Norwich on handbells without the conditions laid down by the Council having been observed. We would point out to him, and others, that one of the primary reasons for bringing the Central Council into being was to formulate standards and conditions under which peals were to be rung.

Mr. Woolley apparently is of opinion that no such rules are necessary, and it would appear on re-reading his letter to us that he would prefer a state of things where everyone can be free to do and ring whatever they please, and when rules and standards are not convenient they should be abolished—that is a kind of reasoning which is sadly all too familiar these days.

It is generally understood that the Council has no power to enforce its decisions, but to secure recognition, performances should conform to the rules and standards laid down.

We, as a committee, are not making any decisions—the Council will do that—our job being to report on existing decisions and make suggestions for modification. In order to test the feeling of the Exercise we have made several requests for viewpoints, and we quote Mr. Woolley's so that a general idea may be formed as to its value.

As a responsible officer of the Council he should know better than hamper the work of this committee, already difficult enough, and we trust that those interested will not be influenced by his 'warning' and will write to us when, as previously stated, viewpoints will be collated and considered sympathetically.

Whilst we are writing on the subject of the Decisions may we briefly reply to Mr. Butler, who champions peals rung without a cover? He will find there is no need for the committee to publish its recommendations on these performances—they have already done so. If Mr. Butler will use such words as 'idle and nonsensical to bleat, etc.' he must not be surprised if we are stung to retort that perhaps most people would prefer bleating to braying.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, London, S.E.3.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am informed that Arthur Knights rang 207 peals on Chesterfield bells and his son, Benjamin A., 125.

This was stated in 'The Ringing World' when peal ringing there was suspended about 20 years ago when the spire became unsafe.

Mr. Whitehead, in giving 270 as the number, had the right figures, but the wrong way round.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OLDSWINFORD TENOR

Dear Sir,—The weight of the tenor at Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Worcs, is 11½ cwt. in F sharp, and not 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. as given in your peal report ('Ringing World,' dated July 14th, 1950).—Yours truly,

THOMAS HEMMING (Conductor of Peal).
Brierley Hill, Staffs.

THE BANISTER FAMILY

Dear Sir,—On May 12th, 'The Ringing World' published a letter from Mr. A. R. Botting, of Ashfield, N.S.W.

Commenting on my letter of April 1st, he says that William Banister had recorded all the College Youths' peals from 1724 to 1873. Among others, Mr. Botting particularly mentions the four noted peals rung at Woolwich, namely, the Superlative and London Surprise peals of 1849, the Grandsire peal of 1852 and the Stedman peal of 1861.

Records of these peals are in the belfries—there are two, the upper one being the present ringing chamber—of St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, and are well preserved, legible and clear.

Mr. Botting presumes that the Grandsire peal is famous because it was rung in 2 hours 53 minutes.

This peal is known as 'The Banister Peal,' and the peal board is headed, 'St. Mary's Society,' Woolwich, with a sub-heading, 'A Family Peal,' in larger type. A footnote reads as follows:—

'This is the only peal on record, which was rung by a father and his six sons, who rang the changes, and were stationed in their places according to seniority.'

It was conducted by Henry Banister (father), who rang the 7th, and his son, William, rang the 4th. Edward West, who was Henry's son-in-law, rang the tenor and completed the band.

I leave your readers to satisfy themselves why this peal is regarded as being famous.

A COLLEGE YOUTH PEAL.

Mr. Botting also says that as the Stedman peal of 1861 is not recorded by Banister, it was not a College Youths' peal. The peal boards reads:—

St. Mary's, Woolwich. On Wednesday, February 1st, 1861, the following members of 'The Woolwich Branch Society of College Youths' rang on these bells a complete peal of Triples of Stedman's Principle of 5,040 changes in 2 hours 52 minutes: William Banister treble, Jas. Banister 2, F. H. Banister 3, Thos. Banister 4, Hy. Banister 5, Jno. Banister 6, Geo. Banister 7, Hy. Bright tenor. Conducted by William Banister.

I cannot determine what connection (if any) Hy. Bright had with the family, but the following footnote reads:—

'This is the greatest performance ever achieved by one family.'

I would point out that the peal board for this peal, and also that which records the Surprise peals of 1849, show that they were rung by members of 'The Woolwich Branch Society of College Youths,' so I submit that the Stedman peal was indeed a College Youths peal.

Seeing that this peal was a family affair and that he conducted it himself, it is surprising that William Banister did not include it in his records, mentioned by Mr. Botting.

A tribute to William Banister on the occasion of his 88th birthday was printed in 'The Ringing World' of March 1st, 1912, in which the writer says: 'Unfortunately, he (Banister) has no complete list of his peal.' And again in a further tribute at the death of William Banister at the age of 92, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of February 16th, 1917, the writer says: 'It has always seemed a pity to us that he kept no record of his peals.'

Of Banister's ringing activities and of his public life these two tributes, together with another one which was printed in 'The Ringing World' of March 7th, 1913, give a detailed account, far too long for me to repeat, but it appears that when Mr. Banister arrived in Devon he was sought out by Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte.

Col. Troyte wrote a book called 'Change Ringing' for the use of beginners (I have a copy of this book), and in the conclusion he acknowledges the help given to him by Messrs. Banister, Haley, Musket and Wood, which enabled him to publish it.

This book was supplemented later by another publication by Mr. Banister, who carried on to eight bells the work which Col. Troyte had written for the instruction of ringers on five and six bells. This, no doubt, is the 'Treatise on Ringing,' which has been the subject of several letters in 'The Ringing World,' recently and which prompted Mr. Botting to write from Australia.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Of the Banister family I have been able to gather some information which I hope will interest some of your readers.

Mr. Henry Banister, at the age of seven, commenced his service under the Crown, serving during the reigns of George III., George IV., William IV. and Queen Victoria. In 1797 he entered Woolwich Arsenal as a cartridge boy and remained in this employment until 1799 when he obtained a situation in Woolwich Dockyard as a caulker's apprentice, serving eight years until 1810.

He then joined the Royal Navy as a caulker and left for the East Indies in H.M.S. 'Chichester.' She was wrecked in a hurricane and Banister was saved 'only by a miracle.' He was then drafted to the flagship, H.M.S. 'Illustrious,' and was present at the capture of Java in 1811, for which he was given a medal.

He returned to Woolwich in 1813 and re-entered the Royal Dockyard as a caulker. In 1841 he was promoted to Inspector of Caulkers, a post he held until his retirement on pension at the age of 70.

It was no doubt during this period that he was so active in ringing circles, together with his six sons. He, his sons and 'a few others,' comprised the Woolwich Band of Ringers, and their activities brought fame to the town, not only by their ringing in the tower, but also their performances with hand-bells, said to be of their own manufacture, at concerts, etc., whereby they raised a considerable sum of money for charity.

Notwithstanding the overthrow of church rates, and the abandonment of gratuities, the Banisters continued to meet in the belfry at the church, morning and evening, and 'chime in' the congregation. I have heard stories, locally, that on occasions they would climb the tower and sit among the bells and ring hymns and tunes on them with hammers.

Henry Banister was a ringer at Woolwich for well over 50 years and boasted that he could still ring a peal after his retirement from the dockyard. No doubt the Exercise would have read more about him and his five other boys had they not been so overshadowed by William.

With the departure of William to Devon in 1865, it seems that the family peal ringing came to an end, although the name does appear on other peal boards in the tower of later years.

AN ALDERMAN AND J.P.

Down in Devon William made his presence known, not only as a ringer, but as a public servant as well. He sat as a member on the Corporation, also as an alderman and J.P. His aldermanic seat was left vacant for five years while he was in South Wales, but he did not return to Devon to occupy it again. He retired in 1912 and returned to London to reside with his daughter and son-in-law at Fulham.

His wife predeceased him by some 40 odd years, and towards the end of his life he must have felt somewhat lonely, for he was in his 70's when he proposed to his sister-in-law, who was the widow of his brother James, when she was in her 80's. He was refused, but the old lady allowed him to share her and her husband's grave in Woolwich Cemetery. He died on January 31st, 1917, at the age of 92.

At the funeral in Woolwich Cemetery, College Youths rang a course of Stedman Triples over the grave: T. H. Taffender 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, W. A. Alps 5-6, H. R. Passmore 7-8. On

the following Saturday the College Youths rang a funeral peal at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Champside. The whole pull and stand was rung to represent the deceased's age. The band contained some well-known ringers, some of whom are still with us and are ringing to-day.

The last link with the family was broken when the widow of James Banister passed away in Woolwich at the great age of 97 in 1929.

I would like to give this extract from a letter written by one of William's three granddaughters quite recently. After stating that she remembers him quite well, she writes:—

'You will probably imagine from the eulogies written about him that William Banister was a charming and genial old gentleman. The truth is that, like a good many other noted men, he was not at all easy to live with. He kept his charm for out of doors, and was a morose autocrat in the bosom of his family. He had his good points, of course, and was very generous, and we think that in his funny way he was attached to us.'

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mrs. D. Leslie, now of Blackheath, the great-granddaughter of James Banister, who so kindly gave me access to letters and other details of the family history.—Yours truly, ALFRED GROVE.

Abbey Wood, S.E.

[Note.—The Editor of 'Ringing Towers' might find the above letter of interest to Australian readers.—Editor.]

MINOR WITH A COVER BELL

Dear Sir,—On reading the letter from the pen of Mr. Butler on the above subject I was much struck by one or two points contained therein.

Concerning the Sefton peal of Minor rung with a cover bell, I also am of the opinion that this peal would have been duly credited had not the question of a peal of Major with a cover bell not been implicated.

Previous to this Sefton case peals of Minor with a cover had always been accepted, and then suddenly without any warning, and certainly without any rule or decision of the Council, this peal was disqualified.

I notice also in this particular case that the Lancashire Association are not in agreement with the Council, as they recognised the peal in their annual report.

To disqualify all peals of Minor with a cover bell as is suggested would, I think, be a mistake and likely to create a feeling that the Council is out of touch with that great body of ringers who through various reasons do not get much opportunity of advancement.

A peal of Bob Minor with a cover to these people is a very good performance and much better in many cases from the point of view of 'striking' than if they rang it without.

I cannot see that any harm whatever will be done to the cause of ringing by recognising these peals, whilst if we disallow them as is suggested great disappointment will be felt by a large number of ringers whose chances for peal ringing in the higher methods is so remote.

It also seems to me to be a mistake in refusing to publish these (so-called) unorthodox peals before the decision to do so has been ratified by the Council.—Yours, etc.,

'40 YEARS AMONGST LEARNERS.'
Lancashire.

17 SPLICED MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the composition published last week in 17 Spliced Major methods. Richmond Bob and New London Court should be interchanged throughout. For each course that was printed, Wellington, Richmond, New London, Gainsborough, Little, Plain, it should read Wellington, New London, Richmond, Gainsborough, Little, Plain. Also the — at H should be omitted in the first course.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.
Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough.

THE BELLS OF NEW GUINEA

By the Rev. N. E. G. CRUTWELL, former Curate of Basingstoke.

I do not know whether the psychologists classify a complaint Campanophobia. But if they do so, we New Guinea missionaries ought to be among the sufferers from that complaint, for if anyone's life is more punctuated by the cacophony of cheap and improvised 'bells,' I should like to know who it is.

We are awakened at a quarter to six by a rapid clanging from the big bell in the red-flowered Poinciana tree. Dawn is just breaking as the boys emerge from their dormitory, rubbing their eyes, before kneeling down for their morning hymn and prayer. Soon more clangs announce time for Holy Communion, and those who have put their names down the night before go up to church, while the others get their sariffs and cut the ever-growing grass. At 6.30 the Angelus rings—a pleasant mellow sound if the sawn-off iron girder is hit in the right way, but a horrible 'clink' if it is not. Some people may be surprised that we observe the Angelus, but is it not a whole-some custom to pause for a couple of minutes three times a day to recollect the presence of God? Within the church at the 'Holy, holy, holy,' and again at the Consecration, the Sanctus bell rings a soft 'boom' produced by a brass shell case acquired in the war.

We are hardly out of church again when the big bell clangs to tell the children that it is time to knock off work and go for a swim. Then comes a rapid 'tinkle' from the mission house, announcing that our breakfast is ready, followed shortly afterwards by a deep 'bonk-bonk!' from an old kerosene drum, which indicates that the boys' breakfast of cooked bananas is awaiting them.

So it goes on all day—'Clang! Boom! Bong! Clink! Ting-aling! Bonk!' Time for dispensary. Time for matins. Time for school. Time for break. More school. Lunch. Playtime. Afternoon school. Even-song. Dinner. Evening prayers. and, finally nine clangs at 9 o'clock, after which all boys must be in bed. Then—at last—silence.

However, without all these 'bells' we could never keep our routine going, for New Guinea people have no clocks and very little sense of time. And without routine we could never fit in all our activities. Let no one imagine that a missionary's life is an easy or a restful one. He is on the go all the time. We get a good deal of fun out of improvising bells. Menapi is lucky enough to possess one, though its tone does not exactly ravish the ear. The great 'bell' of Dogura Cathedral, which can be heard for many miles, is the plate of a large boiler, which, when struck in the right place, is as sonorous as and highly reminiscent of the great gong that precedes so many of our film productions.

If you feel 'I want to ring bells,' come to Papua. I guarantee that we can keep you busy. We cannot promise you Campanology, but plenty of Tinnabulation.

Wall Plaque in Surrey Church

A picture of the plaque on the wall of the west end porch of Walton-on-Thames Parish Church, which was dedicated at the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at Walton on June 24th.

A company of 31 ringers and friends made good use of the bells till service time. The Vicar (Rev. G. Crichton Melville) performed the dedication ceremony.

A nice tea was provided by four of the ringers' wives, the company being joined by the Rev. Crichton Melville, Mrs. Melville, Mr. Rees (people's warden), Mrs. Rees and Mr. Price (organist).

At the meeting two ringing members and five compounding members were elected. The date of the next meeting for September 24th was altered to September 9th to allow for holidays. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies for the tea was enthusiastically given. Ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

R. L.

Midlands Meet Middlesex

A successful and very happy day was spent by members of the Midland Counties Guild on their visit to Middlesex. Some months ago Mr. George Hart and friends visited the Midlands and successful peals were rung and this 'return visit' arranged. The secretary, with Messrs. Trotman and Whitehead, set out by road in good time on their 100 mile journey, arriving at Harrow Weald to find 'Ernest' already there. The Mayne family and members of the local band were there to give the welcome, and Ernest was particularly delighted to meet once again 'the man who wanted land' (see 'Ringing World,' October, 1924), who heaped 'Coles' on him by reminding him of the time he rang the tenor at Whitechapel to a peal.

Harrow Weald bells soon settled down to a brisk pace and nothing happened save now and then the 7th gave a beatific smile to the tenor as some well-known part end came up. The peal coincided with the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne, and all concerned will wish them continued happiness.

An excellent lunch, then off to Pinner— noted for producing James George!—where we met several friends. Here, 'Go, Double Norwich,' simply didn't, so Trotman trotted out the 'old faithful' and this went along at a fine pace, the 7th just putting it where it ought to be according to the time allowed by the tenor, and being ably backed up by the 6th. The youngster on the treble (80 not out) rang like the veteran he is and a grand peal resulted which must be one of the quickest on these bells.

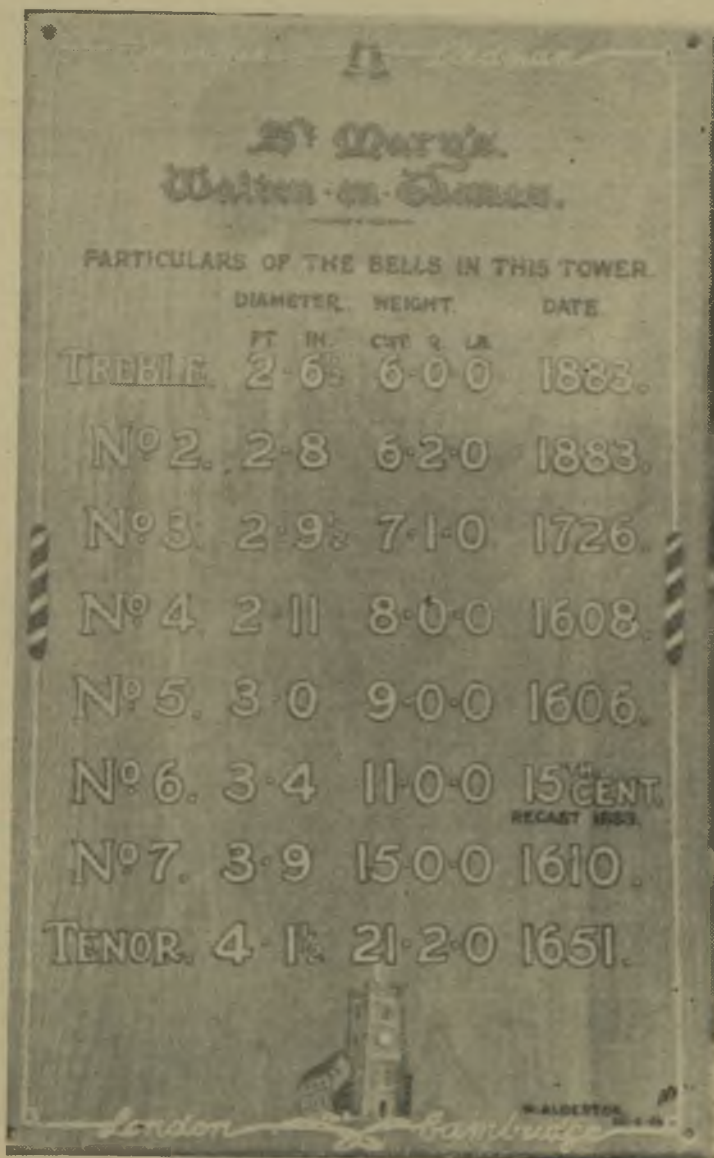
Considerable difficulties had to be overcome to get Pinner bells fixed up. First the clock people had erected a scaffold through some of the bell wheels and not without a lot of diplomatic argument was this dismantled. Then at the last moment more scaffolding was erected in the ringing room to enable death-watch beetle preventive treatment to the ceiling to be carried out. Again much fact was needed to get this so moved to enable the ropes to be manipulated.

Tea awaited us at the Old Oak Cafe in a delightful and quaint 'maggie' building—a real bit of old Pinner—and several friends joined in. After Ernest had voiced the thanks and appreciation of the Midlanders, to which Mr. Genna replied, the secretary trio set off on their long journey home, and so ended a grand day's proceedings.

FALSE PEAL CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the false peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Lincoln Cathedral on June 30th, 1949. I find on proving the composition given in 'The Ringing World' of June 30th, 1950, that the wrong and 10th leads of the ninth course are respectively false against the 1st and 5th leads of the third course, and the wrong lead of the seventh course is false against the 2nd lead of the first course.—Yours truly,

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Bradford.



A SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR

EIGHT PEALS SCORED FROM 14 ATTEMPTS.

A WISH to turn in the tenor at Sherborne Abbey to a peal of Surprise Major started the idea of a tour in that area this summer, so on Saturday, July 1st, eleven ringers, six from Ashford (Kent), three from Bedfordshire and one each from Swindon and Stanmore converged on Yeovil, which was to be the week's headquarters.

West Coker was the first town to be visited, and here a good peal of Superlative was rung. Those not in this peal went to Chard, where one stood in a peal of Stedman Triples rung in honour of Josiah Morris' 83rd birthday, conducted by his son George, Josiah being one of those listening outside.

Sunday morning found us at Yeovil Parish Church, where we were welcomed by Mr. Tom Setter, whose help and advice made the job of organising the tour much easier. This grand ten was soon going to well-struck Caters, Cambridge Royal and Bristol on the back eight. A run through Glastonbury brought us to Wells, where we were due to ring at the Cathedral at 2 p.m. for evensong. Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal went quite well, considering the majority had never encountered bells of this weight before. Almost everyone attended the service afterwards. For evening ringing we joined the local band at Shepton Mallet, where a very good course of London was rung.

AMONG THE HEAVY SIXES.

Heavy rain greeted us on Monday morning. At our first tower, Kingsdon, we encountered the first of a series of fine heavy sixes, which had been booked for the week. Here the Kent men found that the Rector had previously been a curate back at Birchington. At Drayton an attempt for Yorkshire failed about half-way through. Having an hour to spare after lunch we visited Fivehead, and after delay in getting permission to ring, two very short touches on this six, which are rung from the ground floor without guides, was all there was time for. A very good peal of Yorkshire on the lovely eight at Curry Rivel made up for the loss earlier in the day. In the evening two octagonal towers were visited. Barrington (6) and South Petherton (8), with its nice, airy, well-kept ringing room.

An attempt to raise the six at Queen Camel in peal on Tuesday morning was not very successful, but some good Cambridge and London Minor and Stedman Doubles were enjoyed. The 'lower' was done quite respectably. At Castle Cary a peal of Painswick was rung, and the best lunch of the week was found there at the Britannia. Short calls were made later at Bruton and Evercreech, a fine new Taylor ten. Ditchat was the next port of call, and after some refreshment this lovely ring was soon going nicely to Ashted, but this ended in a fatal trip about half-way through. Mr. Lintern, the local captain, very kindly offered us the bells for an attempt later in the week, but, unfortunately, this could not be fitted in.

There being only one peal attempt booked for Wednesday (afternoon), the morning was spent on light sixes. Hardington Mandeville was the first, a village off the beaten track having a very well-kept little church and a keen local band. Whilst we were ringing here Mr. Rendell, the local captain, kindly phoned for permission to ring at the next village, Haselbury Plucknett, where we were met by a very jovial vicar. Here we found a recently augmented six by Mears, tenor 63 cwt., a very nice job indeed. On to South Perrott, where there is a very old clock, one wheel of which has twice as many teeth as the others, which still keeps very good time. A peal attempt was made at Beaminster with New Cambridge. Some good ringing on bells, which all seem odd-struck, was maintained until about the half-way mark, when the seventh left the front too soon and the peal was gone! A short ring

at Netherbury, then on to Lyme Regis, where some of the local ringers joined us for Yorkshire, London and Bristol.

WITH LYME REGIS RINGERS.

More rain came on Thursday morning, and after a short ring at Broadwindsor, we made our way through very narrow lanes across country to Whitchurch Canoniconum, where the church contains the tomb of its own patron saint. Canon Davidson and the captain of the local ringers welcomed us. The tower contains a ring of eight, tenor 17½ cwt. in D, which sounds more like 25 cwt. Ashted was again attempted, but proved one of our unlucky methods, for, after nearly three hours, the conductor had to call 'Stand' through missing a 'Middle.' After lunch at Bridport the party were joined by George Morris, Cuthbert Powell, Harry and Roger Keeley, from Lyme Regis, and Joe Barrett, from Beaminster, making two eights.

One party tried New Cambridge (another unlucky method) at Bradpole, which was lost after an hour's good ringing, while the others scored a good peal of Bristol on the very nice eight at Bridport. Further ringing was enjoyed at the only tower in Devon we visited—Axminster—where the bells have recently been rehung and are much above the average in tone and go.

The first call on Friday morning was at Stoke-under-Ham, where we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Powell. Everyone agreed that here was an ideal six in every respect, and the striking did them full justice. On to Martock, where a good peal of Yorkshire was rung, followed by a good lunch, thanks to Mr. Farrant. Leaving Marlock half an hour behind schedule, we next tried North Cadbury, where Mr. W. A. Osborn awaited us. This six was much admired for tone as well as go.

Still behind schedule when we reached Wincanton, the choirmaster there kindly delayed the start of his choir practice until the peal of New Cambridge was over. However, during the first hour someone started to play the organ, making ringing difficult. Mr. Chilcott, the local captain, came to the rescue after a while and once more the new Gillett and Johnston eight could be heard properly. An early night was decided upon in view of the heavy programme arranged for the following day.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE AT SHERBORNE.

The last day of the tour (Saturday) was reserved for peal attempts only, and at East Coker, Lincolnshire was scored easily before lunch in 2 hours 46 minutes. A return was made to Yeovil for lunch and collection of suitcases, and here the party split, three going to Dorchester to join five from Lyme Regis for New Cambridge, which again proved elusive. The rest went to Sherborne for Yorkshire, the main object of the tour. One ringer, so impressed by the note of the tenor when the clock struck two, on seeing the tenorman later, said, 'You're in for a job. The clock struck two and Big Ben wasn't in it!' Anyway, a start was made soon before three, and after a couple of courses the bells settled down to a steady beat and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours 52 minutes, everyone rather tired but very happy. On adjourning to the local for some refreshment we had the pleasure of hearing the bells outside, as a rehearsal was in progress for a broadcast due to take place the next morning.

Three of the party, Harry Parkes, Bill Wenban and Tom Cullingworth, decided to travel home next day: the remainder, in two cars driven by Henry Harding and Fred Hucklestep, set out for Bedford and Ashford respectively, a distance of nearly 180 miles, Ashford being reached about 3 a.m. The three coming back on the Sunday, still in search of new towers, joined the local band at Stockbridge for morning ringing.

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Letters (continued)

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—There are still some associations affiliated to the Central Council from which no list of members for the Ringers' Roll of Honour has been received. It would be of the greatest assistance if these outstanding returns could be sent in at once.

If any association has been fortunate enough to have sustained no loss of members by enemy action, it would be a great help if a nil return were sent in.

The final date for the despatch of these returns is September 30th, 1950.

I should like to take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to the associations which are not affiliated to the Central Council to co-operate in the compilation of the Ringers' Roll of Honour by sending to me the names of any of their members who lost their lives by enemy action. This would make the roll more complete. This information should be sent to me on the proper forms, copies of which I will gladly send to any secretaries who let me know how many they need.—Yours sincerely,

H. MILES.

Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay,
St. Ives, Cornwall.

THE COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to your leading article, the matter of the Coleridge Memorial is to be discussed at a special committee meeting, after which steps will be taken to obtain the approval of the general Guild for whatever scheme is suggested.

We entirely agree with you that it would be most unfortunate if the matter had to be shelved entirely until next July, and your readers may rest assured that this will not be allowed to happen.—Yours very truly,

Wavendon Rectory. ELLIOT WIGG.

SHOULD RECORDINGS BE PROHIBITED

Dear Sir,—Three times every Sunday I have to put up with the monstrosity of amplified gramophone records grating from my church. We have no tower, hence three of the speakers are bolted blatantly to a chimney stack, and a fourth decorates the ridge of the west end. I noticed one day with horror that the amplifier is only using one-tenth of its possible output. Every service I hear the same trip in striking, the same scratch as the needle reaches the end of a record. Twelve bells often hiss forth in a county that hasn't even got a ring of ten.

A considerable sum of public money was spent in purchasing this fiendish system, yet there exist plans for a tower and ring of bells to complete the church, and this money might well have been devoted to a better purpose.

What can be done? I believe ringers must make a definite stand, and refuse to make recordings unless they are sure they will not be misused. What pride can there be in having one's bells rung from another's chimney stack? There exists a firm which supplies recordings for our amplifier. If the ringers who made the recordings for the firm were paid for it, they should be deeply ashamed of themselves. The Central Council must advise ringers not to make recordings under any circumstances unless they are sure they will not be sold.

'HORRIFIED.'

(Continued from previous column)

During the eight days of the tour 34 towers were visited, and 14 peals attempted, of which only eight were successful. A good standard of striking was maintained throughout the week, and the many fine rings encountered will long be remembered, as will the warm welcome received from clergy and local ringers wherever we went. The willing advice and help of Messrs. J. T. Dyke, T. J. Setter and H. G. Keeley ensured that everything went off as planned.

T. C.

CRAWLEY RINGERS TOUR DEVON & CORNWALL

TRAVELLED 1,011 MILES AND RANG
15,090 CHANGES.

ANOTHER very happy tour arranged by the Crawley, Sussex, ringers was brought to a successful conclusion when the coach that conveyed us over a distance of 1,011 miles came to its final halt of the tour outside Crawley railway station.

An early start was made from Crawley on Sunday, July 2nd, and the journey to the West Country was made via Petersfield, Wimborne, Dorchester, Bridport and Ottery St. Mary. Here we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick from Porthcawl. The bells of Ottery St. Mary were rung for evening service, and despite long draught and new ropes some excellent ringing was achieved, and this appeared to set the standard for the remainder of the week. Thence to the Golden Lion, Ashburton, our headquarters for the week.

Monday morning and afternoon found us at Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's) and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel). At Plympton (St. Maurice's), where the church contains a memorial to Sir Joshua Reynolds, some of our ringers visited the old pre-Norman castle nearby. Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, joined in the ringing at Plympton St. Mary's and at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. At St. Andrew's we were met by Mr. T. Myers and the touches rung included some excellent Stedman Caters. The last tower of the day was Buckland Monachorum, the Vicar and local ringers giving the visitors a warm welcome.

On Tuesday morning the first tower visited was Alphington. Here is a stone pulpit presented in 1881 by the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, 'one of the greatest authorities in the kingdom upon campanology,' in memory of his father, who had been Rector there. Next, to Silverton, where the ringing included a course of Bristol.

After an excellent lunch—which was usual throughout the week—we journeyed to Winkleigh. Here we were met by a number of local round ringers, and our standard of striking and the concluding fall in peal received most favourable comment from them. This was considered praise indeed, for the high standard of striking of Devon round ringers is known to all.

At North Tawton we were met by the incumbent, and our interest was aroused by a peal tablet recording a peal of 2,861 call changes in four hours. After tea at the Ring of Bells we went on to the delightful town of Chagford, where some our ringers made the acquaintance of the parish clerk, Mr. F. E. Cox.

IN CORNWALL.

On Wednesday morning we set out for Cornwall. A delay of about half an hour in crossing the Torpoint Ferry enabled us to take a trip by motor launch around Devonport Dock, where considerable interest was shown in the naval vessels, including H.M.S. 'Amethyst,' 'Anson,' 'Howe' and some U.S. ships. We reached St. Germans and were again delighted to meet Mr. H. Miles, who showed us the magnificent Norman doorway of the church. Our route then took us to Liskeard for lunch and to ring. The church is one of the largest in Cornwall, and after climbing the steep hill to the church we were met by the Rector. The methods rung included Cornwall Surprise Major. After ringing at Altarnon the return to Devon was made via Saltash Ferry. A delay here of some 20 minutes enabled us to stretch our legs and view the famous Saltash Bridge, constructed to the design of I. Brunel in 1859.

On Thursday, after ringing at Wolborough, we journeyed to Torquay, and after lunch, by way of a pleasant variation, we enjoyed a sea trip by motor launch across Torbay, around Berry Head and up the River Dart to Dit-

tisham. Then by coach to Totnes, and here, on the magnificent eight—said to be the best for their weight in Devon—some good ringing and an excellent fall again drew favourable comment from the local ringers.

On Friday a journey across the moors via Dartmeet took us to St. Stephen's, Launceston. Werrington and Holsworthy were visited after lunch. At Holsworthy the recast octave by Gillett and Johnston were found to be very good, both tone and 'go' being excellent. Unfortunately, the ringing of the electro-pneumatic carillon, which rings every three hours, did not coincide with our visit. At Moreton Hampstead we were met by Mr. F. Myers, who had journeyed from Plymouth to ring with us. We journeyed back to Ashburton over the moors.

NORTH SOMERSET COAST.

Saturday saw us undertaking the longest journey with probably the most beautiful scenery of the week on our way to the north coast of Somerset. Ringing took place at Dulverton, referred to in 'Lorna Doone,' and Dunster, a quaint old town with its famous 12th century castle. At Dunster the church was filled with masses of beautiful flowers, and non-ringers in the party had the opportunity of visiting the Cloister gardens. At Minehead the very good ten were soon set going and the ringing here included Cambridge Royal.

Each evening, on returning to headquarters, various social activities were pursued after the evening meal. Handbell ringing figured largely, of course, but mention must be made of swimming in the hotel swimming pool and dancing in the ballroom and the strange game of skittles called 'Devil among the Tailors,' at which the Master of the Sussex County Association showed such uncanny skill.

In all 23 towers were visited and 15,090 changes were rung in 16 methods. These included various plain methods, the four standard Surprise methods, Cornwall, Norfolk and Yorkshire Surprise, as well as Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

At breakfast on Sunday morning before our departure from Ashburton a presentation was made to Miss F. Wyman and Mr. Oliver Sippetts in recognition of the work involved in the organisation of the tour.

We were all very pleased to see such a marked improvement in the health of Mr. Sippetts, this improvement being noticed almost daily.

The journey home was made through Crewkerne, Shaftesbury, Salisbury, Winchester, Petersfield to Crawley. T. G. F.

Bedfordshire Association

A FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL.

To most people the word festival conjures up a picture of a glorious sunny day with crowds of people merrymaking. On the occasion of the Bedford District's Five-Bell Festival—held on St. Swithun's Day—those present certainly did enjoy themselves, but the persistent rain deterred all but the 'keen-plus' ringers.

Ringling started at Keysoe, which possesses a magnificently toned ring, the tenor weighing 17 cwt. in the key of E. These bells have an unfortunate reputation of being hard to ring owing to a 35ft. draught of rope with no guides; however, nobody seemed to find any difficulty in catching the right sally, so it is hoped that this reputation has been killed.

Tea was next on the programme, and 23 members and visiting ringers from Hatfield, Great Staughton and Burton Latimer went to the Vicarage, where they were entertained to tea by the Rev. S. G. Western, an old Chichester Cathedral ringer. At the business meeting following it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bromham on August 5th; also four probationary members were elected—the Misses B. Stapleton, J. Hull (Keysoe), J. Pell and Z. Ruff (Wilden).

Cars, motor-cycles and pushbikes were then put into operation to convey the company to Little Staughton, with its useful anti-clockwise ring. A set of handbells was discovered here, and after a few minor adjustments, both tower and handbells were ringing. Up in the ringing chamber proceedings suddenly came to an end when the treble rope broke, and so the majority travelled to the last tower of the day, leaving the handyman to make a good splice—to the evident relief of the Vicar.

Colmworth bells proved to be no trouble to either tyros or experts and some good ringing was enjoyed there. Throughout the meeting plenty of assistance was given to the new members, and, in addition to the 'standard' methods, others rung include St. Nicholas' and Ravensingham Slow Course.

AMATEUR BELLHANGING!

Dear Sir,—During a recent visit to Neuadd Fawr Youth Hostel (five miles north of Llandovery, Carmarthenshire), I was given a most unusual task. When staying at youth hostels, hostellers are generally given some task every day, such as washing up, sweeping, etc. The job two of us were given was that of rehanging a bell! Neuadd Fawr (literally 'big hall') is a large country mansion, and over the large garage is a turret clock set in the roof, still functioning and 120 years old. There were formerly two clock bells, but one was removed last year for safety, and is now in the entrance hall. It is cast with canons and has a wooden headstock. It probably weighs about 1½ cwt.

When we arrived at the hostel it was supported by two rough wooden tripods about 2ft. high. These collapsed during our stay, and on July 19th it was our job to repair them. Rather than do this we decided to rehang the bell altogether, so we made a new tripod, much larger and about 6ft. high, and suspended the bell by thick copper wire under the wooden headstock and tied on to two of the tripod legs. It looks a little more respectable now, but I doubt whether the leading bellfounders would pass the job!

The old and beautiful church at Gilycwm, a mile distant, has one bell hung for ringing, but with no stay. It is swung by means of a long chain attached at the summit of the wheel by a staple! We also explored Llandinog Church, in Llandovery, and I was pleased to find the ring of six in excellent condition, in a steel frame with pits for two extra bells. Oh for five more ringers!

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Dedication

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.

The little Church of St. Peter, Hutton Cranswick, was packed on the afternoon of July 15th, when a ceremony was observed that notched a place in the history of the village. Three old bells, which had hung in the church for more than 300 years, had been recast and were rehung recently with three new bells, the parishioners subscribing over £1,500 towards the cost.

The hallowing and dedication of the bells was performed by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in a simple service. Proudest man at the ceremony was the Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, the Rev. G. Storer, who had worked since the early 1930's to raise funds for the renovation of the bells.

ART PRESERVED.

In his address, the Archbishop referred to 'the great day in your parish.' He congratulated the Vicar and all the parish on the way they had brought to fulfilment a scheme which needed so much money.

Bells, he said, were a striking feature of the English countryside. 'We in our Church of England are thankful that we have preserved the art of ringing bells,' he added.

It was 3.30 by the church clock when, after the dedication ceremony, the bells, weighing a total of 3 tons 4 cwt., rang out their new greetings over the sun-drenched fields and lanes.

*PICKED RINGERS.

They were rung by eight men from Beverley and District Association. These ringers, who were specially picked for the service, were: Mr. G. F. Williams, president, Holy Trinity, Hull; Mr. C. Barker, hon. secretary, Beverley Minster; Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master, Patrington; Mr. L. Daggat, Ringing Master, Beverley Minster; Mr. H. Rodmell, St. James', Sutton; Mr. P. Speck, All Saints', Hessle; Mr. G. Dowling, Beverley Minster; Mr. A. E. Sellers, Beverley Minster.

Among the many present were five Rural Deans, the Rev. R. Newsam, North Holderness; Canon Hope Scott, Hull; Canon Smallwood, Beverley; Canon Richardson, Pocklington; the Rev. G. Storer, Harthill. The organist was Mr. A. H. Fox, Kirkella Parish Church.

THE BELLS.

Particulars of the new bells and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—1949, weight 6½ cwt., note C sharp. To the memory of Jesse Barker, Parish Church Clerk, who died May 1st, 1924, and his wife, Frances, who died January 1st, 1946. This bell is given by their daughters, Kate, Dora and Elsie.

'We praise Thee, O God.'

Second.—1949, weight 7½ cwt. Note B. The Farmers' Bell. 'O come, let us worship.'

Third.—1949, weight 8½ cwt., note A. 'The cost of this bell and fittings was raised by the Sunday School as a thankoffering for the preservation of the Parish Church from enemy action, and also in memory of Joan and Mary Severs, two scholars, who with their parents lost their lives, March, 18th-19th, 1941.'

'We will remember them.'

Fourth.—1678, recast 1949, weight 10½ cwt., note G sharp. Ancient inscription: Venite Exultemus Domino.

Fifth.—1678, recast 1949, weight 12½ cwt., note F sharp. Ancient inscription: In Excelsis Gloria Deo.

Tenor.—1635, recast 1949, diameter 3ft. 11in., weight 18½ cwt, note E. Ancient inscription: Deo Gloria, Pax Hominibus. Modern inscription: These bells were restored by public subscription in memory of the men from this parish who fell in the Second Great War, 1935-45, and also as a thankoffering for victory and peace.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN'S, READING.

On June 24th, the St. Mary's ringers, with their wives and fellow-ringers from St. Laurence's, Cholsey, Hurst and Twyford, made a tour into Surrey for their annual outing. Leaving Reading at 7.30 a.m., and going via Bagshot and Guildford, the first stop was at Shalford, where this very nice ring of eight was set going in methods up to Cambridge.

A run through some fine Surrey scenery then brought us to Leatherhead, where some members of the party were glad to meet and ring with old friends. The first touch of Stedman Caters here came to grief owing to a broken rope on the second, which was quickly spliced and put on again. Meanwhile touches of Triples and Major kept the ringers occupied. All needs had been catered for by the time we left for Ashted, after which a return was made to Leatherhead for lunch.

An hour on the fine ring of eight at Banstead followed, where we all felt very much 'at home,' these bells and those at St. Mary's, Reading, being very similar. At Beddington, our next stop, the ringing was disappointing after the first touch of Stedman Caters.

From here we seemed to go several times around the proverbial 'mulberry bush,' eventually arriving at Kennard's, in Croydon, half an hour late for tea, but justice was done to the sumptuous meal awaiting us.

Ringling at St. John's, Croydon, for an hour and a half was fully appreciated, the tone and 'go' of these bells being all one could desire. Grand sire and Stedman up to Cinques, Double Norwich and Cambridge satisfied the needs of all.

After some refreshments a start was made on the return journey, Reading being reached at 11.30 p.m. The thanks of the party are expressed to all tower captains and steeple-keepers, who played no small part in the smooth running of the programme, and to Mr. P. Dyke and Mr. and Mrs. Diserens for all they did to make it a very enjoyable day.

R. S. H.

GREAT TEY.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, left home at 7.40 a.m. for their annual outing on July 15th. The first halt was at Halesworth, followed by the good ten at Beccles.

After lunch at Norwich ringing took place at St. Giles' and St. Miles'. After tea Stoneham Aspal's nice ten were set going. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., and all agreed it had been a very enjoyable day.

Arrangements were made by Mr. J. W. Dyer, and Mr. Bailey, of Beccles, accompanied the party. During the day Grand sire Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

West Suffolk was visited by the Warmingford and district company on the occasion of their annual outing on July 15th.

Cavendish was the first stop, when members of the local company joined the visitors in ringing. Kedington Church proved to be very interesting. 'The Westminster Abbey of Suffolk,' it is called, owing to its fine series of monuments. After allowing all to have a pull on these bells, a move was made to Haverhill for tea. Some good touches were brought round on the bells of St. Mary's, including Treble Bob at Stoke-by-Clare. The incumbent and local ringers greeted the party.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. The company wishes to thank all those who made this tour a success, especially Mr. F. Bensley for making the arrangements.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

An enjoyable day among the hills and dales of Derbyshire was spent by Gamston ringers and their wives and friends on July 15th. A start was made at 8 a.m. and the first tower visited was the fine eight at Dransfield, where ringing continued for an hour.

The route was over the beautiful Main Tor to Hope, with a pause at Hathersaye to inspect Little John's grave. After a pleasant hour's ringing at Hope, the party left for the easy-going six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where the bells were raised in readiness for the visitors. After ringing at Fairfield, the party left for Buxton for tea.

At Great Longstone, another six, the ringers were in competition with the brass band from the nearby fete. Darley Dale, the last tower of the day, was reached at 7.15. Here the peal boards proved that other exponents of the art had made good use of this fine octave. Gamston was reached at 11 p.m. An enjoyable time was spent by all, although the weather did dampen everything but the enthusiasm of the ringers.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Grand sire, Oxford Bob Triples, Oxford, Kent and Sandal Treble Bob, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Single Oxford. E. P.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

A coach tour in the Cotswolds by the Coleshill Ringers' Guild, with relatives and friends, took place on July 15th.

The first stop en route was at Salford Priory, where touches were rung on the fine modern ring. After calling at Norton to sample fruit and bells, the party proceeded via Evesham to lunch at Cheltenham.

Afternoon drives through beautiful countryside enabled visits to be made to Northleach and Stow-on-the-Wold for ringing and looking round these old places with their interesting mediaeval churches. At Northleach, American tourists were delighted on being invited to see bellringing and inspect the bells.

Tea was served at Bourton-on-the-Water and the well-known model village attracted several of the party in spite of the heavy rain. The last call of the day was at Mickleton, where local ringers rang with the visitors.

Co-operation of the church authorities concerned, and efficient organisation by the Guild secretary, ensured a successful outing.

OBITUARY

MR. J. J. ALLEN.

Mr. J. J. Allen passed away at Bushey on Tuesday, July 11th, aged 71, after a long illness.

He stopped ringing some years ago, but he will be remembered by the older ringers, as he had been a member of the Hertford County Association since 1895. He rang his first peal in 1896.

CONDUCTED PEAL AFTER TWO PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to Alan Hough, of the Barwell band, upon ringing and conducting his first peal 'in hand' on his 19th birthday?

This accomplishment is particularly praiseworthy for two reasons. First, because Alan's experience of handbell ringing has been very short and limited to, I believe, only two really good practices. Secondly, owing to his business, his ringing experience has been confined to his own tower, which reflects much credit upon himself and Mr. Whitehead, who has been unselfish in his efforts at Barwell.—Yours sincerely,

TOM C. BELTON.

Barwell, Leics.

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MARRIAGE

FREEMAN—ADDISON.—On Thursday, July 20th, 1950, at St. James', Louth, John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, to Alice Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Addison, of 47, Legbourne Road, Louth. 7380

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MEETINGS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halton-Holgate, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7323

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business to follow. Bells of Monken Hadley also available in evening.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7315

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, July 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7349

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7170

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Yaxley, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7346

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 7344

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Blo' Norton bells evening.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 7345

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherwick (6), Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7342

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7343

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7356

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 4 p.m., not Bell Foundry.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7382

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—All ringers welcomed at Bromham (8) on Aug. 5th. Bells 3. Tea at Vicarage 5.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 7367

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7362

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7371

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Aug. 5th, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Matthews' Cafe, Marlborough Street, 5.15 p.m. Advice before Aug. 2nd Mr. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol.—A. Bennett. 7360

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6.—S. Hoare, 56, Asme Road, Watford. 7355

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Rishton, Aug. 5th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7361

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 5th, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Business meeting, election of officers. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 2nd.—J. Burns. 7381

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 7375

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7364

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7370

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p.m. No tea available.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7366

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Aug. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, in The Farmer, 5. Names by Aug. 2nd to S. J. Harding, Cambria, Glamorgan Road, Catherington, Portsmouth.—John H. Hunt. 7376

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Romsey 11 to 1, Hursley 2.30 to 5, Twyford 6 to 8. Names for tea by Aug. 2nd to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7365

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) at the Institute for those notifying before Aug. 3rd G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 7347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hartlip (6) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Aug. 9th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7383

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Acton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Rectory garden. Further ringing until 8.30. Names for tea by Aug. 9th to F. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13.—H. Matthews and F. Finch, Hon. Secs. 7386

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, c/o H. V. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, Aug. 5th.—F. W. Hancock. 7369

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashover (8), Aug. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—A. B. Cooper and D. J. Dunn. 7377

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Braughing, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 7368

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Laking, 46, Main Street, Harthill, Kiverton Park, Sheffield, by 7th.—H. Denman. 7374

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Oliver, 2, Council House, High Road, Whaplode, Spalding, before Aug. 12th. 7373

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Aug. 26th. Provided sufficient support is forthcoming, a coach will run from Wolverhampton. Applications, together with deposit of 2s. 6d., not later than Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 7378

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting, Reading, Saturday, Sept. 9th. St. Laurence's (12) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Laurence's Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. R. Burton, 940, Oxford Road, Reading.—A. B. Peck. 7384

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

On July 15th, Portsmouth Cathedral ringers, with relatives and friends from neighbouring towers, held an outing in Dorset. As it was St. Swithun's Day, everyone should have been prepared for inclement weather, but several came without raincoats, with the result that they were rather wet by the end of the day.

Leaving Portsmouth at 7.30 a.m., and proceeding via Southampton and the New Forest, the first stop was at Wimborne for refreshments, after which came the first ringing of the day, on the eight bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester (tenor 21 cwt.). Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major comprised the ringing here. Lunch followed, which everyone agreed was first class.

The little village of Wool, with its thatched roofs, was the next stop, and the six bells or Holy Rood (tenor 11 cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge.

The journey continued via Wareham to the Isle of Purbeck, passing Corfe Castle. Kingston, with its magnificent church, built in 1860 entirely by local labour and materials (and without a single nail in the whole structure) was the main target of the day. Mr. M. Butler and Miss J. Cox, both of Southampton, who were holidaying on the island here, joined the party. The eight bells of St. James' (tenor 28 cwt.) were made full use of and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

After tea at Swanage a visit was paid to St. Mary's Church, where Mr. G. Frank Haysom met the party. The eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) were rung to standard methods and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. F. W. Burnett, for a good day, the only disappointment being the weather, which no one could help.

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