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A GENTLEMAN RINGER

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

RECENTLY a slim, black-covered notebook came into my safe-keeping. Inside its cover were written a name and date: 'G. H. Phillott, Jan. 1872.'

George Henry Phillott was born in 1852, the son of the Rev. W. H. Phillott, and spent his early years in Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire. In 1871 he went up to Christ Church, Oxford, and in the following January he began to learn change-ringing. The notebook he started at this time covers a period of 16 years, and contains details of his ringing up to June, 1888.

It does not disclose where he learnt to handle a bell; the first entry is dated February 6th and runs:

'Several peals of Grandsire Doubles at Horspath. First time of going out to ring—J. E. Troyte, R. H. D. Troyte, Gardiner, W. H. Poole, H. du B. Hill, Bampfylde (and) G. H. Phillott, tenor.'

Gardiner I cannot identify further, and his name appears only once more in the notebook, but the others were all members of the University. The two Troytes were the brothers of the well known C. A. W. Troyte, who had written his 'Change Ringing' three years previously, and Phillott's association with the family, formed at this time, was to stay firm for many years. Together with C. C. Knollys, who was at Magdalen, this band rang regularly together at various towers in and around Oxford during the months that followed. About the same time they founded the Oxford University Society, 'not so much with a view to bringing the art to any pitch of excellence among undergraduates, which would be almost impossible owing to their short and intermittent stay in Oxford, as to promoting among them such a love for a knowledge of change-ringing as would enable them, when scattered throughout the land at the end of their University career, to spread the art and make it more universally known and appreciated.'

Beneath a manuscript date of June 5th, 1872, there is pasted a cutting that reads:

'Oxford University Society of Change Ringers.—The above Society had a very successful meeting at Appleton last week, where some long touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers were as follows: Treble, C. C. Knollys, Magdalen; 2, G. H. Phillott, Christ Church; 3, F. G. Bampfylde, Magdalen; 4, R. H. D. Troyte, Trinity; 5, A. du B. Hill, Magdalen; 6, W. H. Poole, Magdalen; 7, J. E. Troyte, Christ Church; tenor, A. W. A. Pollcock, Brasenose; conducted by J. E. Troyte.'

Phillott's comment was: 'Supposed to be 1st touch of Triples rung entirely by Gentlemen.'

The next report of interest is dated February 20th (1873), and runs:

'St Thomas 360 Grandsire Minor. Phillott treble, Pridden 2, Hill 3, Bampfylde 4, J. E. Troyte 5, Poole 6. First touch of Minor rung by Society.'

Eleven days earlier virtually the same band had rung a 720 of Grandsire Minor on handbells, single-handed, but as this was apparently for practice it evidently did not count as a 'first.'

The notebook goes on to record more ringing at Drayton, Appleton, and St. Thomas', Oxford, and for May 1st there is an entry: 'A short touch of Triples at 5.15 a.m. at Magd.' The band was a mixed one, with Phillott, Hill and Poole of the University Society, and the rest (Field, Mills, Rogers, Bayliss and Charles Hounslow) from the Oxford Society, which, to judge from contemporary accounts in 'Church Bells,' was flourishing at this period.

From then until he took his B.A. in December, 1874, Phillott seems to have rung with two bands—the University men he had learnt his ringing with and the mixed band we first hear of at Magdalen on May 1st. The ringing was mainly Grandsire Triples and an occasional course of Stedman. In June, 1873, they apparently had an outing to Worcester, and at the Cathedral rang 'a touch of Triples 330, with also some rounds on the ten bells with the Revds. H. T. Ellacombe and Cattle; the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe ringing treble.' The Rev. Ellacombe has left his name to posterity through his chiming apparatus, but Canon Cattle also did much for ringing. He was an old Oxford man, and was largely responsible for the augmentation of Worcester Cathedral bells to twelve, and was also instrumental in procuring for St. Paul's their 62 cwt. tenor.

The following year on December 19th, having taken his degree and appearing proudly in the report cutting as 'G. H. Phillott, Esq., B.A.' he rang the treble at Kirtlington, Oxon, to his first peal, Holt's Original, conducted by J. Field; for practice the same band had earlier rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Witney. His comment about peal was: 'My first peal; true; deep snow.'

In June, 1875, George Phillott came down from Oxford and moved to Cheltenham, where he was to live for the rest of his life. He seems to have done little ringing of particular interest that year, for the next entry is a report of 5,364 Grandsire Caters at Appleton on March 4th, 1876, conducted by F. White. There followed Holt's Original at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on July 21st, when he got his old friends Field and Hounslow to join him from Oxford, and on the 29th he went to London and at Bethnal Green rang his first peal of Stedman Triples with the College Youths—and what a band it was: Greenleaf, Matthew Wood, Mash, Muskett, Horrex, with Cooter conducting.

Appleton was, it seems, a great love of his, and he often went there for the Ringing Day. In 1877 he stood in a 5,079 of Stedman Caters, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson; the ringers of the treble and second in this peal, F. S. White and E. Holifield, were claimed to be 'the youngest ringers of Stedman Caters on record, being respectively of the age of 14 and 15 years.' In 1880 an almost identical band rang 6,264 Stedman Caters there, 'a first clap peal and perfectly true.' George Phillott and the Rev. F. E. Robinson had already rung the same peal once, with the College Youths at St. Clement Danes' in the previous December, after an earlier attempt for the peal at St. Clement's in the July of 1879 had broken down after more than 6,000 changes had been rung. In 1882 they rang two peals over the week-end—the usual Stedman Caters on March 3rd, and then a peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight three days later. In 1884 they rang 5,035 Stedman Caters, but 1886 was not so lucky.

'Appleton, 4th of March, 1886. No ringing owing to illness of Mr. J. Wearing's children close to church. Also no dinner! What a 4th of March!! The bells were first rung, a peal of 68 years ago, and such a 4th of March has up to the present year never been known—no ringing!! and no dinner!!'

It is perhaps little surprise that Mr. Wearing's children were ill, for he goes on to write:

'Boys sliding in morning on pool at Appleton on 4 March '86—winter ever since Dec. 1885. No sign of alteration at present. Snow still remaining in the drifts everywhere here in Chelt. and elsewhere. Trains arrived up in the North on 2d and 3d of March, starting in Chelt. on March (presumably February was meant) 13, 15 and 17.'

To be continued

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD'S TRIBUTE AT A.G.M. TO MR. F. W. ROGERS

THE 1964 A.G.M. of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was held at Basingstoke on June 27th. Despite the repeated warnings of our old friend, George Pullinger, that much more favourable weather conditions occur on the first Saturday in July (the traditional date for the A.G.M. for many years), the last Saturday in June had been chosen, and proved to be a fine and warm day.

Ringling started at 9.30 a.m. at the extreme ends of two separate routes which converge at Basingstoke, thus giving a choice of a dozen or so towers for ringing before the business of the general meeting, scheduled for 2.30 p.m.

The meeting, held in St. Michael's Church Cottage, was opened by the chairman, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Guild, with a welcome to the 70 members and visitors present. The Master's welcome was necessarily tempered with a degree of sadness by the recent death of the Guild's Immediate Past Master, Mr. Frederick W. Rogers. The Master asked one of our oldest, long-serving members, Mr. George Pullinger, to say a few words in appreciation of all the valuable and loving service which Fred Rogers had given to the Guild and ringing over many years.

MR. PULLINGER'S TRIBUTE

Mr. Pullinger expressed his deep regret at the passing of one of the Guild's most faithful and devoted servants over so many years. Born in 1902, Fred Rogers was a choirboy at St. Mary's, Portsea, and used to sit up in the tower watching the Sunday service ringing. With him were the two sons of the tower captain, Mr. E. J. Harding, and as soon as the three boys were big enough Mr. Harding taught them to ring. Fred made rapid progress, ringing his first peal, Grand-sire Triples, at the Church of St. Thomas à Becket, conducted by Frederick A. Burnett, in June, 1919. Fred soon attracted the attention of such well-known conductors of that day as George Williams, Keith Hart and A. H. Pulling, and was soon a regular member of their Surprise peal bands.

In the early 1920's, Mr. Harding retired from the post of Portsmouth District secretary of the old Winchester Guild and Fred was elected in his place. Thus started what proved to be a period of over 40 years' continuous service to the Winchester, and later the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, in many and varied offices.

Later as captain of the St. Mary's, Portsea, band, Fred built up a very fine record with one of the finest Sunday service bands in the country. Many ringers rang their first peal under his conductorship, and the Spliced Surprise Major practices at Portsea were a feature of the Portsmouth District for many years.

IN OFFICE FROM 1926

Fred was elected Guild peal recorder in 1926, followed by Guild general secretary in 1931, which office he held for 25 years, before being elected Guild Master in 1956. Fred retired from Mastership in 1962, though still continuing to serve as one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, with a record of unbroken service in that office from 1932 until the time of his death. He was the last surviving member of the Guild Committee which had served continuously since the days of the old Winchester Guild, and so another link with the past is broken.

As mentioned earlier, Fred was in office at the time the old Winchester Guild was split up and the Guildford Guild formed in 1926, and he gave valuable assistance in re-forming the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. He later piloted through the Guild's 1939-45 War Memorial and the George Williams Memorial Library schemes.

Fred was a great ringer and safe conductor; taking part in a number of ringing tours in his early days he became well known to many throughout the British Isles. Altogether Fred rang 672 peals, his last being Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at his home

tower of St. Mary's, Portsea, on December 7th, 1963.

His passing means a great loss to the Guild and ringing. We appreciate his great love and work for our art, which will never seem the same without him.

The chairman thanked Mr. Pullinger for his kind appreciation, and added that he was sure the words spoken of Fred by the Vicar of Portsea at the funeral were echoed by all who knew him—'He was a gentleman in every sense of the word.'

The Master then went on to say that this last week we had lost another old member, who was to have been elected a life member of the Guild at this meeting—Mr. Robert Fisher, of East Meon, who had died at the age of 92.

The assembly then stood for a few moments in silent prayer as a mark of respect to these two past members.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Continuing the business of the meeting, apologies were received and the minutes of the last A.G.M. read and confirmed. The general secretary, Mr. R. R. Savory, read letters of thanks received from the Parochial Church Councils of Eling and Sopley for grants received from the Guild towards rehanging and augmenting these bells respectively.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. T. Chapman, was received showing a fairly steady financial balance. The peal recorder's report, presented by Mr. D. T. Matkin, stated that fewer peals were rung in 1963 (56) than in 1962, although there was a good variation in methods and plain and Surprise continued to be achieved. Four new Surprise Major and three new Surprise Royal methods had been added to the Guild's list, including the first peals to be rung of Christchurch Surprise Major and Royal. Of particular note was the Warnford Sunday service band's achievement with a peal in 14 methods of Doubles, conducted by Mr. C. E. Bassett. Seventeen members rang their first peal, and in one Mr. B. R. Walton conducted his first peal.

The librarian's report, presented by Mr. D. E. House, showed that all books were in good condition. A copy of all Central Council publications was now obtainable from the Guild library. It was agreed that in future the librarian present a written report, which would include an up-to-date library list. The Guild handbells were in good order and being put to good use.

Rule 17 of the Guild was then discussed and an alteration passed, which would enable the activities of December in any year to be included in that year's District report, instead of, as previously, having to complete reports by mid-December.

Grants to bell restorations were considered from Titchfield, Curdridge, Kingsclere, Fawley and Winchester Cathedral; the first four for rehanging and the fifth for hanging a newly acquired flat 6th bell. Donations of £10 to each of these appeals were granted.

The 1964 striking competition will be held on October 31st, St. Michael's, Southampton, being probably the most suitable venue. Canon F. A. Sanders rose to ask whether the band of St. Michael's, Southampton, would be entering a team this year. When informed that they would not, he agreed that the venue chosen was probably quite suitable!

In recognition of unbroken membership of over 50 years, Mr. George Noice was elected a life member of the Guild.

The 1965 A.G.M. will be held on the first Saturday in June at Christchurch Priory, upon the kind invitation of the Christchurch District.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

As Mr. D. E. House will be leaving Hampshire in the near future the Executive Committee have appointed Mr. J. R. Faithfull to act as honorary librarian until the triennial elections in 1965.

Due to the death of Mr. F. W. Rogers, the Executive Committee have appointed Mr. R. R. Savory to act as Central Council representative until the 1965 elections.

After the general meeting, the Guild service was held in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke. The 15 minute service touch was an excellently struck touch of Stedman Triples, rung by the following members: R. R. Savory 1, Mrs. T. Chapman 2, G. K. Dodd 3, M. J. Butler 4, D. E. House 5, M. J. Thomas 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, T. Chapman 8. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. N. J. Woodhall, and a very interesting address given by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the Ven. R. C. Rudgard.

Following the service, an excellent tea was served by the members of the St. Michael's, Basingstoke, ringers and lady helpers in the Church Cottage.

Ringling was resumed after tea in several towers in the District, to complete a very successful day. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Jack Chatterman, the District secretary, Mr. Andrew Taylor and Mr. Paul Holmes for tea and ringing arrangements, and clergy for the service and use of bells.

R. R. S.

POSTAL TROUBLES

With the uncertainties of post, this has been a difficult week for 'The Ringing World.' Fortunately those who obtain their copies through newagents should have received them at the usual time.

It was not until after mid-day last Friday that the Postal Authorities informed us that they were prepared to accept the journal at letter rate.

Unfortunately the weight was a shade over one oz. and necessitated 4½d. postage. There was no time to trim the copies as they were all bundled ready for franking. This involved 'The Ringing World' in an extra £20 but we felt in view of the continued generosity of readers we could not let them down: we regarded it as our duty to do everything possible to minimise any delay in distribution.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Coleshill was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, held on July 4th. The very fine crocketed spire is a landmark for miles around, and contains a ring of eight bells, hung anti-clockwise. The Vicar conducted the Guild's form of service in the chancel, which was followed by tea and the meeting in the Town Hall.

Miss Rosemary Tailby, of King's Norton, was elected a member of the Guild, and the tower elections, as life members, of Kenneth J. Hesketh (Liverpool) and Geoffrey Pearson (Cambridge) were duly ratified.

The secretary reported that the memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker was now complete and would shortly be fixed in St. Martin's tower. Notice would be given in 'The Ringing World' to enable anyone who wished to attend the unveiling ceremony.

The Master referred to the Guild's Tuesday evening practices, and regretted that in recent weeks they had been poorly attended. One reason for this might be that St. Martin's bells were not easy to ring, but the practice had served a useful purpose in the past, and opportunities still existed for ringers desirous of taking advantage of them. The secretary was of the opinion that learners would profit by learning to master the handling of awkwardly going bells, and advised them not to stay away from the practice because the bells did not run perfectly.

It was decided to experiment by holding a monthly practice at various towers in the diocese, in an endeavour to interest ringers who did not normally attend meetings of the Guild.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the ladies who provided an excellent tea.

A COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Compiled by
**GEOFFREY K. DODD and
ROY H. JONES**

This collection contains many of the 'variations' that have been rung. There is no doubt that some have been omitted. It is hoped that ringers will add these in due course.

Many of the names have been duplicated and several methods have more than one name. Where possible the original name has been traced and used. We hope that conductors will not be offended because the name they used has been disregarded.

Mr. Percy Amos sent many of the 'Saints Methods' and his names have been used. Information regarding 'names' which has appeared in 'The Ringing World' has been acted on.

Our grateful thanks to all those ringers who were kind enough to send their Doubles Methods or information to either of us. Without their help this collection would have been impossible.

We hope that some of the confusion with regard to 'names' and 'composition' will be ended by this collection. It is hoped also that it will be of use to ringers of Doubles.

PART A

This section contains the methods which have more than one name. It is not claimed to be complete but contains all the information we have at present.

CORRECT NAME	OTHER NAMES
Antelope	Old Antelope
Broadwas	Ham, Martindale
Campion	Costessy, Costessey
Chace	Fordingbridge, Marsham
Cowslip	Bredon
Dedworth	Chesterfield, Chester
Dove	Ault Hucknall, Xavier
Fortune	Morning Star
Honeysuckle	Shalbourne, Wollaston
Hudibras	Besthorpe, Dover
Kennington	Ludham, Morning Star,
	Evening Star, Riseley,
	Wootton
Lapley	St. Andrew, Willow
Litchurch	St. David, St. Cecelia
Longford	St. Basil
London	St. Blaise, St. Margaret,
	Westminster, Audley
Marston	Little Aston, Aston
Magdalen	Mieham
Marchington	Rushall, Thornton
New Bob	New Doubles,
	Ready Money
Newborough	Kingcup, Newington
Norfolk	Norfolk, Hodnet,
	Windermere
Northrepps	Honeybourne,
	Medbourne, Wallasey,
	Morning Star, Coltree
Nuffield	Norwich, St. Mary
Oldswinford	St. Katherine
Primrose	Woolton
Ready Money	Hudibras, Old Hudibras
Rushall	Newington, Northleigh
Slow Course Doubles	This is Cheersley Slow
	Course and should be
	called as such. (Named
	by Alan R. Pink?)
St. Alban	Barton
St. Ambrósé	Foremark
St. Austell	Shirland
St. Barnabas	Lathkill
St. Boniface	Brailsford
St. Cecelia	Heath, Wye
St. Chrysostom	Dove, Ault Hucknall
	Xavier

St. Crispin
St. David
St. Frideswide
St. George

St. Hilda

St. James
St. John
St. Jude
St. Laurence
St. Luke

St. Mary

St. Ninian
St. Patrick
St. Richard
St. Thomas

Salwarpe
Shipway's Place
Somerville
Southrepps

Thurlby Delight
Union Doubles
Wadham
Windrush
Wychbold

Chelmorton, Hanley
Stourbridge, Donnington
St. Paul
St. Michael, Uffington
(Amos: St. George)
Breedon, Colwall.
St. George
(Blagrove: St. George)
Pleasley
St. Luke, St. Francis
Doveridge
Elton
St. John, St. Rumbold,
Dalham
Winster, St. Cuthbert
(Amos: St. Mary)
Muggington, Halstow
Pentrich, St. Oswald
Osmaston, Rogus
St. Mary, St. Andrew,
Littleton
(Blagrove: St. Mary)
Ascension, St. Stephen
Place Boh, Old Boh
Shropham
Castle, Stoke,
St. Agatha (?)
St. Augustine
Flag Boh, Rothwell
Walsingham
St. Stephen, Woolaston
Stanford, St. Hugh,
St. Wilfrid (?)

ASCENSION

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	
2 1 4 3 5	
2 4 1 5 3	
4 2 5 1 3	4 2 5 1 3
4 5 2 3 1	4 5 2 3 1 Bob
5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
5 3 4 1 2	4 5 3 1 2
3 5 1 4 2	5 4 1 3 2
3 1 5 2 4	5 1 4 2 3
1 3 2 5 4	1 5 2 4 3
1 3 5 2 4	1 5 4 2 3
	5 1 2 4 3
	5 2 1 3 4

Plain Bob

BLUNDERBUS

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	*1 3 2 5 4
2 1 4 3 5	3 1 2 5 4
2 4 1 5 3	3 2 1 4 5
4 2 5 1 3	2 3 4 1 5
4 5 2 3 1	3 2 4 5 1
5 4 3 2 1	2 3 5 4 1
5 3 4 1 2	2 5 3 1 4
3 5 1 4 2	5 2 1 3 4
3 1 5 2 4	5 1 2 4 3
1 3 2 5 4*	1 5 2 3 4
1 3 5 2 4	1 5 3 2 4
3 1 2 5 4	5 1 3 4 2
	5 3 1 2 4
	3 5 2 1 4

Plain Boh Doubles

PART B

This section contains methods and bobs or singles which are used in { Part C }
to obtain 120's. { Part D }

ALL SAINTS

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	5 3 4 2 1
2 1 3 4 5	5 4 3 1 2
2 3 1 5 4	4 5 1 3 2
3 2 5 1 4	4 1 5 2 3
3 5 2 4 1	1 4 5 2 3
5 3 4 2 1	1 4 2 5 3
5 4 3 1 2	4 1 2 5 3
4 5 1 3 2	4 2 1 3 5
4 1 5 2 3	2 4 3 1 5
1 4 5 2 3	2 3 4 5 1

P.L. Rev. Canterbury

Bob takes two leads to complete

CHACE DOUBLES

1 2 3 4 5
2 1 3 5 4
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 4 1 5
3 4 2 5 1
4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2
5 4 1 3 2
5 1 4 2 3
1 5 4 3 2
1 4 5 3 2
4 1 5 2 3
4 5 1 3 2
5 4 3 1 2
5 3 4 2 1
3 5 2 4 1

CHACE BOB (3)

or GRANDSIRE EXTREME

5 2 4 3 1
5 4 2 1 3
4 5 1 2 3
4 1 5 3 2
1 4 5 2 3
1 4 2 5 3
4 1 2 3 5
4 2 1 5 3
2 4 5 1 3
2 5 4 3 1

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ANTELOPE

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	3 4 5 2 1
2 1 3 5 4	3 5 4 1 2
2 3 1 5 4	5 3 1 4 2
3 2 5 1 4	5 1 3 4 2
3 5 2 4 1	1 5 3 2 4
5 3 4 2 1	1 3 5 4 2
5 4 3 1 2	3 1 5 2 4
4 5 1 3 2	3 5 1 2 4
4 1 5 2 3	5 3 2 1 4
1 4 2 5 3	5 2 3 4 1

Single

3 4 5 2 1
3 5 4 1 2
5 3 1 4 2
5 1 3 4 2
1 5 3 2 4
1 5 3 4 2
5 1 3 2 4
5 3 1 2 4
3 5 2 1 4
3 2 5 4 1

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Ruth Gay 1, Rosemary Talby 2, C. P. Rice 3, K. C. Jones 4, G. Davies (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Rosemary Talby.

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Letters to the Editor

East Anglian Television

Dear Sir,—One further East Anglian item that appeared on television has not yet been mentioned. A short film was shown on the day after the birth of the Queen's fourth child on the 'East at six-ten' programme on B.B.C. There were pictures of Gresham's School boys ringing handbells in a cart which was towed round the town of Holt and a recording of Bob Doubles on handbells.

The ringing took place on a moving cart which toured the town as the parish church in Holt has but two bells and although these were raised and rung, it was felt that the music of eight handbells was probably better.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich Spa.
Droitwich Spa.

Jasper Snowdon had the Answer

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, writing about the nature of rows, seems to need sledgehammers with which to crack very small nuts.

Eighty odd years ago Jasper Snowdon settled this matter very simply in 'Treble Bob,' Part I. Just write out the row to be tested and bring it back to rounds one pair at a time. Only a few exchanges are needed to do this, and generally the nature of the row becomes evident before the job is completed. Perhaps this is unscientific.—Yours sincerely,

PETER LAFLIN.

Heaviley, Stockport.

Robert Roan

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if one of your more erudite readers would confirm or dispel my suspicions that the article on the origins of change ringing by Mr. Ernest Weatherby contains several inaccuracies.

Firstly, I can find no mention in any of the historical and topographical works I have consulted of the existence of a Benedictine monastery in Cambridge. The Church of St. Bene't was, for a time, the chapel of Corpus Christi college. The nearest religious house to Cambridge appears to have been Barnwell Priory, which was Augustinian.

The last of the monastic establishments was dissolved in 1540, so that Robert Roan must have been a veritable Methuselah if he was still alive in 1625, assuming, as Mr. Weatherby implies, that he was the monk in question.

According to Trollope, Robert Roan was sworn Clerk of the Pantry under the Board of the Greencloth (Lord Chamberlain's Office), joined the College Youths in 1647 and was Master in 1652. Thomas Roan was Master in 1689.—Yours sincerely, W. E. BOX.
Harborne, Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—Re the origin of Grandsire Doubles by Ernest Weatherby, I think that Armiger Trollope would turn in his grave if he could read it.

I have not read anywhere that there is any evidence to suggest that Robert Roan was a monk, but even if he was I find it hard to accept the fact that he sent the figures of Grandsire or Plain Bob to the College Youths 87 years after the suppression of the monasteries.

Really, Mr. Editor, Mr. Weatherby makes the most telling statement in his last paragraph, when he states that very few ringers know anything about Robert Roan. You're telling me!—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.

Stowmarket Appeal

Dear Sir,—I thank you most sincerely for the help given through 'The Ringing World' to the Stowmarket appeal. On July 2nd I sat at the south porch of our church from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. for what was to be one of the most memorable days of my life. At 7.30 a.m. the first caller brought a signed promise of a covenant scheme which would bring in £100—a fine worm for an early bird! We never looked back! I had callers at the rate of two a minute, on average, for most of the day until about 6 p.m. About noon the postman brought the letters—from as far away as Scotland, Ireland, Bath and Lewes. I cannot mention more. It was as exciting reading out the messages and announcing the donations to the little crowd who had gathered as the best man's duty at a wedding! We were thrilled! Among letters coming before and since were collected donations from 'the home tower,' where I learned the art as a boy, and from the tower where I was curate and often rang with the band. These most moving and heart-warming replies echoed in every letter.

The callers from the town filled fourteen pages of a book with their signatures. People from the surrounding villages came, too. I had a wonderful time playing an old phonograph with its round record of bell accompaniment, to the joy and amazement of many old hands as well as the young and curious!

There were smiles all round—the broadest on the faces of the ringers and the church officials. What a day! There was everything, from bun pennies to five pound notes and £10 cheques, and the total now stands at £245 for this appeal. What a cheering experience! If you wish to share it with your readers please do. They deserve it.—Yours sincerely,

A. ARTHUR MUXLOW (Rev.).

The Vicarage, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Striking Competitions

Dear Sir,—Following up Mr. Hall's letter about judging striking competitions ('R.W.' June 12th). I feel sure readers would welcome an informative article on the subject from one of our Devon or Cornish call change judges, who could give us the benefit of his experience, and explain the principles on which their system is based.

These competitions are obviously gaining in popularity, which is a good thing, but whilst most ringers have their own ideas on judging, information from an area where good striking is an established tradition could provide a useful pointer in formulating general principles, especially for Branches who may be considering the introduction of striking competitions in the near future.

Perhaps one of our estimable C.C. representatives in the area might be able to do a little missionary work on our behalf?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

Old Peals

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. C. W. Knight (page 464) the peal containing 194 bobs and 46 singles was of course a 'Bob and Single' peal, most likely Taylor's or Vicar's, and the other one with 98 bobs and 2 singles called from the second would doubtless be Holt's Ten-Part.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

'Spike' Stays

Dear Sir,—Those of us who make a habit of visiting ancient and dilapidated belfries are all conscious that 'spike' stays are by no means unusual. Sometimes they were used when the space is particularly confined.

Even more strange are the stays on the three bells at Stratford Toney, in Wiltshire. These are of conventional pattern, but roped and nailed to the wheels. At Winterbourne Gurney, in the same county, where two bells occupy an ancient three bell frame, the bells still have 4 wheels (but I think these are modern copies of their predecessors). One of the bells has a stay six foot long protruding from the centre of the headstock. Why? I can only guess that it is to prevent the bell being rung up too high.—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON

Tooting Graveney, S.W.

Doubles Methods

Dear Sir,—I worked out the Doubles variations using Antelope singles many years ago. The majority of them were rung during July of 1961. All of these variations have extents with the 2nd as observation.

We have also rung the following concotions in handbell peals.

Allestree—Grandsire with Antelope calls.
Alvaston—Plain Bob with Plain Bob hobs and Old singles. (I have a note of this being rung at Alvaston in 1956.)

Shardlow—Reverse Canterbury with Plain Bob bobs and Old singles.

There are also the following Doubles METHODS which are not in the Doubles Collection.

Spondon	Breaston	Breadsall	Alfreton
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21435	21435
23154	23145	24153	24153
32514	32415	42513	24513
35241	34251	24531	42531
34211	34521	42351	42351
35412	43512	43215	43215
53142	43152	34125	34125
51324	41325	31425	31452
15234	14235	13452	13425
12534	12453	14352	14352

—Yours sincerely,

DAVID K. WALKLATE

Derby.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

The attendance was lower than usual—probably due to the holiday season—at the Chesterfield District's meeting at Barlborough on July 11th.

Ringling during the afternoon ranged from rounds and call changes to Killamarsh T.B. and Cambridge before the company of some 20 members and friends adjourned to the nearby Church Hall for tea.

In his welcome, the Vicar told us of his experience of bell hanging in South Africa, which consisted of a large bolt striking a ploughshare hung from a tree!

David Nuttall (Staveley) was elected a new member, and the District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps) gave preliminary details of this year's outing—to Oxfordshire on September 12th. After the vote of thanks to the Vicar, local ringers and ladies for providing the tea further ringling was enjoyed on the 11 cwt six until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting: Bolsover (8) and Scarescliffe (5), August 3rd (joint meeting). M. P. P.

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1 2 3 4 5	2 4 3 5 1	2 1 4 3 5
2 1 3 5 4	4 2 3 1 5	2 4 1 5 3
2 3 1 4 5	2 4 1 3 5	
3 2 4 1 5	2 1 4 5 3	(c) 2 4 1 3 5
2 3 4 5 1	1 2 4 3 5	2 1 4 5 3
2 3 5 4 1	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 4 3 5
3 2 5 1 4		1 4 2 5 3
2 3 1 5 4	One bell is always	4 1 2 3 5
2 1 3 4 5	in the slow.	4 2 1 5 3
1 2 3 5 4	It remains there	
1 2 5 3 4	until a 'bob' is	Touch
2 1 5 4 3	called.	2 3 4 5
2 5 1 3 4		3 2 4 5 — 1
5 2 3 1 4		4 3 5 2 — 3
2 5 3 4 1	BOBS	5 4 2 3 — 3
2 5 4 3 1	(a) 2 3 1 5 4	2 5 3 4 — 3
5 2 4 1 3	2 1 3 4 5	2 3 4 5 — 2
2 5 1 4 3	1 2 3 5 4	
2 1 5 3 4	1 3 2 4 5	
1 2 5 4 3	3 1 2 5 4	There are others.
1 2 4 5 3	3 2 1 4 5	
2 1 4 3 5		
2 4 1 5 3	(b) 2 5 1 4 3	
4 2 5 1 3	2 1 5 3 4	
2 4 5 3 1	1 2 5 4 3	
2 4 5 3 1	1 2 4 5 3	

OLD DOUBLES or OLD BOB

Plain Course	Single (sometimes called Bob)
1 2 3 4 5	1 3 2 5 4
2 1 4 3 5	1 3 2 4 5
2 4 1 5 3	3 1 4 2 5
4 2 5 1 3	3 4 1 5 2
4 5 2 3 1	4 3 5 1 2
5 4 3 2 1	4 5 3 2 1
5 3 4 1 2	5 4 2 3 1
3 5 1 4 2	5 2 4 1 3
3 1 5 2 4	2 5 1 4 3
1 3 2 5 4	2 1 5 3 4
1 3 5 2 4	1 2 3 5 4
Plain Bob	1 2 5 3 4

OLD HUDIBRAS

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	5 3 4 1 2
2 1 4 3 5	3 5 1 4 2
2 4 1 5 3	3 1 5 2 4
4 2 5 1 3	1 3 2 5 4
4 5 2 3 1	1 3 5 2 4
5 4 3 2 1	3 1 5 4 2
5 3 4 1 2	3 5 1 2 4
3 5 1 4 2	5 3 2 1 4
3 1 5 2 4	5 2 3 4 1
1 3 2 5 4	2 5 4 3 1
1 3 5 2 4	
Plain Bob	

READY MONEY

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	5 3 4 1 2
2 1 4 3 5	3 5 1 4 2
2 4 1 5 3	3 1 5 2 4
4 2 5 1 3	1 3 5 4 2
4 5 2 3 1	1 3 4 5 2
5 4 3 2 1	3 1 5 4 2
5 3 4 1 2	3 5 1 2 4
3 5 1 4 2	5 3 2 1 4
3 1 5 2 4	5 2 3 4 1
1 3 2 5 4	2 5 4 3 1
1 3 5 2 4	
Plain Bob	

PISTOL

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	*1 4 5 2 3
2 1 3 4 5	4 1 5 2 3
2 3 1 5 4	4 5 1 3 2
3 2 5 1 4	5 4 3 1 2
3 5 2 4 1	4 5 3 2 1
5 3 4 2 1	5 4 2 3 1
5 4 3 1 2	5 2 4 1 3
4 5 1 3 2	2 5 1 4 3
4 1 5 2 3	2 1 5 3 4
1 4 5 2 3	1 2 5 4 3
1 4 2 5 3*	1 2 4 5 3
4 1 2 5 3	2 1 4 3 5

Rev. Canterbury

Bob takes two leads to complete.

ST BLAISE

Plain Course	Bob (sometimes called Single)
1 2 3 4 5	5 4 1 3 2
2 1 3 5 4	5 1 4 2 3
2 3 1 4 5	1 5 2 4 3
3 2 4 1 5	1 5 2 3 4
3 4 2 5 1	5 1 2 4 3
4 3 5 2 1	5 2 1 3 4
4 5 3 1 2	2 5 3 1 4
5 4 1 3 2	
5 1 4 2 3	
1 5 4 3 2	
1 5 4 2 3	
5 1 4 3 2	
5 4 1 2 3	

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or London Single.

Rev. St. Bartholomew

THURLBY DELIGHT

Plain Course	Bob
1 2 3 4 5	5 4 1 3 2
2 1 3 5 4	5 1 4 2 3
2 3 1 4 5	1 5 4 3 2
3 2 4 1 5	1 5 4 2 3
3 4 2 5 1	5 1 2 4 3
4 3 5 2 1	5 2 1 3 4
4 5 3 1 2	2 5 3 1 4
5 4 1 3 2	2 3 5 4 1
5 1 4 2 3	
1 5 4 3 2	
1 5 4 2 3	
5 1 4 3 2	
Rev. St. Bartholomew	(To be continued)
5 4 1 2 3	

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. L. H. Bywaters, the chairman of the Biggleswade District, and the local tower captain, was the Ringing Master when the Biggleswade District held an evening meeting at Henlow on July 11th.

Although it was only an evening meeting there was a good number of both District members and visitors present, and the nice ring of six was put to good use.

The varied ringing catered for all tastes and many different Minor methods were rung before the meeting ended just before 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Eaton Socon, August 8th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

About 40 members tried their handling on the long draught eight at Urchfont on July 4th, when the Devizes Branch held their quarterly meeting there. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Owen, a full choir attended and the organist was a local ringer.

After an excellent tea, the business meeting was conducted by the chairman, Mr. N. Knee. The members stood in memory of the Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, late of Bishop's Cannings, who had always been a great friend of the Branch.

The chairman drew attention to slack ringing habits which were creeping in among some of the junior members and appealed to everyone to check them whenever they appeared. The next meetings were fixed for Bratton, Upavon and Bishop's Cannings, subject to confirmation. After the votes of thanks ringing was continued. A. K.

Salisbury Branch

The practice meeting of the Salisbury Branch, held on June 27th at Britford, was made the occasion of a striking competition. This was the second organised by the Branch, but unfortunately entries were down on the previous year. Results: 1 Fittleton (Grand-sire), 2 Wilton (Stedman), 3 St. Thomas', Salisbury (Grand-sire). We are most grateful to the Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. N. Knee and G. Harding for their help as judges. G. A. T.

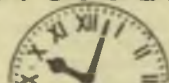
DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

This year's annual outing was held on June 20th, when five towers in Northumberland were visited. Rothbury, a town beautifully situated amongst the hills in the north west, was the first tower. Coffee was taken before ringing on the bells—a fairly good sounding 13 cwt. eight. It was a pleasant route over the moors to Bamburgh, where we had lunch. Some were daring enough to defy the cold wind and venture into the sea; others went for a brisk walk along the beach and admired the magnificent castle on the headland. Later the bells were raised in peal and a pleasant hour's ringing was spent on this good 13 cwt. eight.

A coast road was taken to Newton Hall, where it was planned to ring for three-quarters of an hour. It turned out to be a mission church without a tower and one small bell—there is another Newton Hall in the county. A relaxing hour was spent on the beach sunbathing. As we left Newton Hall there was a wet dress flapping from the sun-roof. (I hasten to add that the owner had been 'padding' and was now suitably garbed in a large raincoat.)

The bells of Embleton (6. 11 cwt.) did not prove to be as interesting or as beautiful as the church. The tenor rope broke as they were being lowered and this caused a 20-minute delay while it was spliced. Tea was taken at Alnwick, and then came the excellent eight at Morpeth Watch Tower, where the bells were rung for an hour. At Cramlington, the last tower, the Vicar allowed us to ring fully-muffled in view of the late hour from 8.15-9 p.m. Our thanks to incumbents and those who met us. B.R.

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MEDIAEVAL BELL FOUNDRIES OF NORWICH

By T. A. BEVIS

THE mediaeval bell foundries were equal to that at Norwich, which for a period of 200 years, through the excellence of its products, particularly from an artistic point of view, was in great demand with ecclesiastical authorities far and near.

The BRASIER family were largely responsible for the evident popularity of this flourishing business for in the course of its existence it had many managers. Members of the Brasier family enjoyed eminent positions in the civic life of Norwich city, and it is gratifying that a number of bells from this establishment can still be heard above the hustle and bustle of Norwich and over the Norfolk and Suffolk countryside.

The earliest Norwich founder, WILLIAM DE NORWYCO (also said to have practised under the name WILLIAM BRASIERE DE NOTTYNGHAM) was admitted to the Freedom of Norwich in 1376. He is credited with bells at Hellesdon, Barford, Little Melton, Thurne, Conington and one which hung in the cupola of the old St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich (removed in 1863). This bell is now to be seen in the St. Peter Hungate Museum of the city of its origin.

Following William de Norwyco's death, the business was continued by JOHN SUTTON, 'BELEZET', who in 1404 was admitted to the liberty of the city: unfortunately no bells have as yet been associated with Sutton as his work. The first accepted connection with the Brasiers—THOMAS POTTER—followed Sutton, the former name indicative of one who manufactured pots as well as bells, and whose trade-mark depicted a three-legged vessel. He also employed two very distinctive sets of lettering for his bells, both alphabets different to those used by the Brasiers.

The Brasiers or Brasieres (various spellings) were an old and esteemed Norwich family, and appear to have trodden in the footsteps of RICHARD BAXTER, who cast bells between 1416-1424. They are accurately recorded from as early as 1386. Robert Brasier, a city bailiff, is mentioned for 1391, 1398 and 1403, the latter year in which he was chosen to be one of the city's first sheriffs. In 1410 he was elected Mayor and Burgess, and represented Norwich in two Parliaments—1st and 5th of Henry V.

Robert Brasier, whose probable occupation was that of a mercer, directed in his will that his remains be interred in the Chapel of the Blessed Mary on the north side of St. Stephen's Church, Norwich.

PETER BONDE BRASIER (Sheriff in 1424) is thought not to have been a bell-founder, but a worker in brass. RICHARD BRASIER, who was admitted to the Freedom of the City in 1424 was without any doubt a founder. In the 'Free Book' of Norwich, is recorded 'Rics. Brasier Goldsmith, Robert Brasier Belzet.' In that entry there is an element of doubt as to whether he was admitted as a bell-founder or goldsmith. In 1450 it was decreed that the admissions should be entered under the various trades; consequently Richard is listed as a bell-founder and goldsmith. This man was an eminent figure in civic business, serving as Sheriff and Mayor (in the latter instance, twice, in 1456 and 1463). He served Norwich well and in 1452 received the city's thanks for his diligence.

Richard Brasier devised all his tenements called 'lez werkhouse' in the Parish of St. Stephen, to his son, who received all tools and instruments appertaining to the trade, except pots and bell-metal, which the father called 'pot-metal.' and the pots newly made, these to be sold. Richard junior had also inherited his father's prowess in civic affairs and was duly elected to the offices of Sheriff and Mayor. His will directed the executors to place a marble stone displaying his arms and an image of both him and his wife above the tomb, and also a stone for his father's tomb.

The Brasier establishment was situated at the north-east corner of St. Stephen's parish. A triangular plot of ground bounded by Red Lion-street and Rampart House-lane and Little Oxford-street in the King's Map of Norwich, 1766, is marked 'foundry'; it is also referred to by Blomefield as 'A Workhouse.'



Specimen of lettering and foundry marks

Norwich has about nine bells by the Brasiers: four at the cathedral, one at St. George, Colegate (and the crown of another), one each at St. Giles and St. Julian and two at St. Catherine, Mile Cross (according to information received).

Concerning this well-known enterprise, Walters (Church Bells of Essex) says: 'A surprisingly large number of these beautiful Brasier bells . . . are to be found in East Anglia. In Norfolk, out of over 300 ancient, at least 137 are by these founders . . . Dr. Raven reckons about 100 in Suffolk, and there are two in Cambridgeshire, and one at Ford Abbey, Dorset.'

The Brasier alphabet is an admirable example of artistic skill practised by a craft at a time when bells performed a more useful part between Church and laity than perhaps they do nowadays. The beautiful lettering employed by them is rarely surpassed; it may be seen in various sizes—the largest type generally used for large bells. There are at least two different shields displaying three bells, a crown and ermine, and sometimes sprigged. Another mark used by the foundry was that of a lion's head, sometimes incorporating a cross (see illustrations).

Inscriptions on Brasier bells are also worthy of note. All of course, are in Latin, a few translations being:

- 'I have the name of Gabriel sent from Heaven.'
- 'May thy offspring, Anna, feed us with celestial manner.'
- 'The sound of Giles rises to the vaults of Heaven.'
- 'I am, when rung, called Mary the Rose of the world.'
- 'May Nicholas strive to join us with Christ on high!'
- 'May this ring be blessed, by the function of the Baptist,' etc.

When the last of the Brasiers had died the business was taken over by William Barker (bells cast between 1530-1538) who used his predecessors' moulds and type. Thomas Lawrence, who, it is believed, had connections with the celebrated Culverden, acquired the Norwich premises after Barker's death in 1545. Lawrence expired in 1582, the foundry passing into the hands of John Brend 'who crowded his bells with the initials of subscribers and parishioners, and whose lettering is large and clumsy, and arabic numerals very misleading.' Brend died in 1582, 'greatly indebted to diverse men in diverse sums of money.'

Finally the ancient establishment was removed by William Brend to the parish of All

Saints. Thus the remaining link with a renowned medieval bell-foundry—the birthplace of fine Gothic bells for fine Gothic churches—was completely severed.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Last term the University of Dublin Guild of Change Ringers was started, under the auspices of the University Central Music Committee. The president is Professor F. E. Vokes, B.D.; the Ringing Master A. Vere Hodge, the secretary treasurer Miss E. A. Sadler (c/o No. 6, Trinity College, Dublin), and the committee member is Miss M. Bernard Smith. There are at present about 30 members and ringing for services and practice takes place in Dublin's four towers and others nearby. We have been on a tour of the southern towers in Ireland, and in October we are going on a tour of North Wales, at the invitation of the ringers of the Welsh Universities.

E. A. S.

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By T. B. WORSLEY

23456	I	B	4	W	H
23564	—	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—	—
752346	—	—	—	—	—
527346	—	—	3	2	—
352647	—	—	3	2	—
427365	—	—	3	—	—
34256	—	—	3	2	—
627354	—	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	3	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	—

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MELTON MOWBRAY

A happy choice of good towers was made by the Melton Mowbray ringers and friends for their annual outing. Leaving Melton at 7.45 a.m. an hour was spent at the first tower, the old Norman church of Melbourne, Derbyshire. Then came the beautiful eight at Uttoxeter, where the ringing was very good. An excellent lunch at the Meeting Point Restaurant preceded our visit to Stafford, where we had the pleasure of ring for a bridal couple. Alrewas bells (8) gave pleasure, and after a tea break a move was made to Atherstone, where there is a new eight, which are a delight to ring.

A warm welcome awaited us at Chilvers Coton, the last tower, from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beaumish, their daughter and lady ringers, who took part in the ringing. Melton was reached about 10.15; the excellent arrangements were by Mr. R. E. Manton.

J. H. C.

PETERBOROUGH

An enjoyable day was spent in Derbyshire on June 27th by ringers and friends of St. John's Church, Peterborough.

The coach left at 8.15 a.m. and Derby Cathedral was reached on time. The beautiful 10 were thoroughly enjoyed by all, and was the initiation into 10 bell ringing for some of the younger members who handled very well indeed. We then took a short walk to St. Alkmund's Church and spent half an hour on short touches of Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Stedman. We had lunch at Youlgrave before climbing the tower steps to tackle the heaviest ring of the day.

Then on to Ashover, Darley Dale, Matlock and, finally, Heanor: a welcome awaited the party at each tower and in two instances we found the bells raised. On the homeward journey, one call was made for hard-earned refreshments, and Peterborough was reached by 11.30 p.m.

We extend our thanks to our Branch president, Mr. J. H. Bluff, and to all who helped to make the trip so enjoyable. G. S. B.

OUTINGS**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON**

Not blessed with this year's usual fine weather but nevertheless in high spirits, two coachloads of ringers with their families and friends departed at 8 a.m. on June 6th for the annual outing.

This year it was to Somerset, with Bridgewater as the first stop. We did not really get to grips with this fairly heavy ring of eight and the striking left a lot to be desired.

Promising to do better at the next tower, Wrington, we certainly did on the very fine ten, with the aid of the local ringer who rang the tenor and kept things moving. A reasonable touch of Grandsire Caters (one of the best of the day) was brought round by Cyril.

Mr. Price, the tower captain, met us at Yatton and our thanks to him for conducting a very musical touch of Stedman Triples. A most enjoyable hour was spent ringing on the magnificent eight bells even though the Oxford Treble Bob Major came to grief.

Thank goodness the rain had stopped when we reached Weston-super-Mare. No ringing had been arranged here, and most of the party seemed quite pleased when we were on our way towards Taunton. Here, at St. Mary's, several of the local ringers were present and had kindly raised the 'back four.' With some help a plain course of Grandsire Cinques just about came round. A few more touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and it was time to lower for the last time.

The programme said we were due to leave Taunton at 9 p.m., but should we go on and leave the Arbury brothers and Edward behind? Eventually they arrived—apologies for taking the wrong turning—complaints about distances between church, 'pub' and coach—but your correspondent suggests that Jim had got involved with one of his fishing stories.

Our thanks include the organiser, Charles Turner, who once again produced an outing with first class bells, immaculate time keeping and good company. C. C. T.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP

The weather was beautiful as we left Coalbrookdale for the annual outing, on Independence Day. At Ledbury, the first tower, we had to wait while a funeral procession passed, and then while the Little Aston and Lichfield ringers rang. They made a far better job of their Cambridge and Plain Bob than we did of our Grandsire. The large amount of free rope rather disturbed our ringers.

We had lunch at Ross, but, owing to lack of time, had to leave the glorious eight after a course of Plain Bob Major and some Grandsire. Monmouth was a long climb for quite a reasonable eight, and we gave our non-change ringers some practice, and also rang Stedman Triples. Another long climb was necessary to the rather loud but fine ten at Leominster, where the only decent ringing was a course of Stedman Triples.

After dining at Leominster, our last tower was Eardisland. As generally happens, the best ringing of the day was enjoyed on the very fine light eight. It included Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and our promised course of Kent.

We thank Graham Rich for a well organised outing; also the incumbents.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET

An enthusiastic party of Ashcott ringers and friends enjoyed their summer outing to Weymouth to sunbathe on the beach and take the first dip of the year. On the journey down a halt was made at Evershot (6, 8 cwt.) to ring touches of Grandsire, All Saints and Plain Bob.

After Weymouth, the delightful village of Upwey was visited. Here we were greeted by the Vicar and a local ringer and the pleasant six bells were ably handled. As the bells were ringing others of the party made their way to drink of the crystal-clear waters of the famous wishing well. More ringing took place at Maiden Newton and there was a stop at a fish bar at Ilchester to renew acquaintance with former Ashcott people. Mr. and Mrs. K. Prime thank all those who made the day so successful and ask for their support next year.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Those who rang the peal at St. Michael's Cornhill, on Saturday, July 11th, would like to associate with it the name of the Society's senior Past Master, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, whose 79th birthday anniversary fell on that day. Mr. Hughes was for many years a regular Sunday ringer at Cornhill.

After an absence of 30 years Mr. Walter L. C. (Bill) Barlow's name is back in the peal columns with a peal by the Society of Windsor Youths. He was one of the band taught at St. Andrew's, Enfield, in 1930, by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Are any more of the band still ringing?

The peal in 21 Doubles methods at Whitney-on-Wye, for the Hereford Diocesan Guild (see page 423), was rung on Sunday, May 31st, in 2 hours and 42 minutes, now writes Mr. Colin A. Lewis.

A subscriber is asking for information concerning the Ernest Morris stained glass window which was to have been placed in St. Margaret's Church. Information from Leicester friends would be welcome.

On July 18th a party of German visitors from Darmstadt visited Chesterfield Parish Church for an organ recital by their organist. In honour of the occasion the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Diocesan Association were invited to ring the bells as a welcome to the visitors.

The Rev. Peter N. Bond writes expressing grateful thanks to many friends in Somerset for help and kindness during his recent holiday at Clevedon. He specially mentions Mr. and Mrs. Michael Horseman for ringing arrangements and hospitality, and Mr. Yates and ringers at Exeter Cathedral and St. Petrock's.

The meeting at Orton, near Penrith, on July 18th was the first meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association in the tower for at least 40 years. With the help of two ringers from Kirkby Stephen, 15 miles away, the new Vicar has got the bells going again and they have taught a band of young ladies. The Vicar's car travels 60 miles every Monday night.

BELFRY GOSSIP

During a South Midlands Peal Week, organised by Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, 12 peals were rung out of 18 attempts. Peals lost included seven Spliced Surprise at Usk after 2½ hours' good ringing. Conductors were Robert C. Kippin, George E. Thoday, D. John Hunt and Cyril A. Wratten.

Holt's Original was rung silent and non-conducted at Harrow Weald, Middlesex on July 16th.

Mr. Gordon A. Halls, who is bell consultant to the Derbyshire Association, is to be appointed adviser on bells to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes with knowledge on English handbell ringing in the current issue of the American magazine 'Overtones.' Another valuable article, with music, is 'Westminster Chimes' by Harry A. Sykes, First Christian Church, Galesbury, Ill., U.S.A.

The quarter rung at Ebbw Vale on June 28th was a farewell to both Canon Oliver Davies, B.A., who was largely responsible for the installation of the bells, and Mr. R. Stephens, and as a tribute to Mr. T. Stephens, who has retired after 25 years as tower Master.

If the person who lost a black silk headscarf at the Chesterfield District's meeting at Creswell on June 13th would care to contact the District secretary, Malcolm Phipps, 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield, Derbys, it will be returned.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a farewell peal for Malcolm M. Powell and John H. Taylor, who have graduated at Southampton University this year and are now leaving Hampshire. They have both learned quite a lot about ringing during their stay in Southampton and returned this 'in kind' by very regular attendance for Sunday service ringing at St. Michael's, Southampton. The latter has been much appreciated by a local band which is currently at a low ebb through recent losses caused by ringers leaving the area. Our best wishes go with Malcolm and John, in their future careers and in their ringing, writes P. R. S.

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CYRIL A. WRATTEN'S PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL J. HOBBS Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
CAROLYN VIBERT 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN 7
PETER BRIDLE 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

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

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., July 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.) Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*CYRIL A. WRATTEN Treble	§D. JOHN HUNT 5
†CAROLYN VIBERT 2	*GORDON W. LAND 6
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	GEORGE E. THODAY 7
††ANTHONY R. KENCH 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 25th of Surprise Major. § 125th of Surprise Major.

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5126 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE T. COUSINS Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
CAROLYN VIBERT 2	ANTHONY R. KENCH 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In two methods, being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire; with 27 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*†GORDON W. LAND Treble	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
*‡VICTOR GRIFFIN 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
*BRIAN BLADON 3	D. JOHN HUNT 8
*PETER BRIDLE 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 9
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5	*GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Royal. † 100th peal. ‡ 100th for the Association.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

CAROLYN VIBERT Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
*VICTOR GRIFFIN 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3	GORDON W. LAND 7
PETER BRIDLE 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 75th peal together.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., July 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

GEORGE T. COUSINS Treble	†GORDON W. LAND 5
*ANTHONY R. KENCH 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
PETER BRIDLE 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY (No. 1).

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

ASTON INGHAM, Herefords.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Wed., July 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, as follows: (1) London Surprise. (2) Cambridge. Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. (4) Plain Bob. (5) Double Oxford. Thelwall and Pinehurst; (6) St. Clement's. Childwall and Buxton; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

CAROLYN VIBERT Treble	*PETER BRIDLE 4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
ANTHONY R. KENCH 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in 13 methods.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefords.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Wed., July 8, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	GORDON W. LAND 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

BISLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
GEORGE E. THODAY 2	PETER BRIDLE 6
*CAROLYN VIBERT 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
*ANTHONY R. KENCH 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

BRETFORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

VICTOR GRIFFIN Treble	†ANTHONY R. KENCH 5
*D. JOHN HUNT 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	*GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 25th peal together. † First of 4-Spiced.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

MICHAEL J. HOBBS Treble	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	*PETER BRIDLE 6
CAROLYN VIBERT 3	GORDON W. LAND 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER BRIDLE Treble	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
*ANTHONY R. KENCH 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
*CAROLYN VIBERT 4	*BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside,' and 75th of Major.

TWELVE AND TEN BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.

On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

BROOKE K. LUNN Treble	JOHN CHILCOTT 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	DAVID T. DARBY 8
WILLIAM T. COOK 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 10
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 11
JOHN S. MASON 6	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung for the Festival of the City of London.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 6 qr. 23 lb. in D.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 7
DEREK YATES 2	HAROLD C. LONYON 8
BASIL JONES 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON 9
ALAN McFALL 4	EDWARD JENKINS 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 11
JOHN WORTH 6	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

An engagement compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN BOOTH Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
JOHN ROBINSON 2	ALAN SHARPLES 7
SIDNEY HOUGH 3	DEREK BUTIERWORTH 8
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 4	DEREK ASHTON 9
DAVID BAKER 5	NEIL LOMAS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal on ten.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL 6
ANNE E. BATESON 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	HAROLD STEVENSON 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	PETER A. SHARP Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Thurs., July 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

DAVID J. FORDER Treble	MALCOLM M. POWELL 6
R. ROGER SAVORY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
STEPHEN KIRBY 4	DAVID E. HOUSE 9
JOHN H. TAYLOR 5	MICHAEL J. THOMAS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
R. Roger Savory has now 'circled the tower.'
A farewell to the ringers of 5 and 6, who have graduated at Southampton University.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

DEREK C. JACKSON Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 7
TOM CHAPMAN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
FRANK B. LUFKIN 4	DAVID J. FORDER 9
MARGARET E. CHAPMAN 5	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit LU).
Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal in the method in the county, and for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.
Rung in memoriam Frederick W. Rogers.

FAREHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*GILLIAN M. BOYD Treble	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL 6
RENEE STURGESS 2	*ROGER K. HAWKINS 7
†FRANCIS MITCHELL 3	S. ALAN SCOTT 8
‡JENNIFER M. TYACK 4	ALAN H. STURGESS 9
HAROLD A. NOBES 5	†CHARLES PHILPOT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN H. STURGESS.
* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First of Caters 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD J. GALE Treble	S. ARTHUR READ 5
CHARLES G. JONES 2	DAVID A. BURT 6
GEOFFREY PULLEN 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
ALAN F. LEE 4	REV. ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 HERWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

JOHN F. M. MAYBREY Treble	CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB 5
MARTIN PRESS 2	A. DAVID LEACH 6
MICHAEL J. BANGHAM 3	ANDREW PEARMAN 7
BRUCE B. ROGERS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild, and for all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	ALEC W. FRY 6
*THOMAS E. SONE 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 750th peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
*ERNEST J. LADD 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in the method.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CYRIL S. JARRETT Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE 5
*HILARY F. MARTIN 2	DAVID S. OSENTON 6
ROBERT W. HINDE 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
ALEC W. FRY 4	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of London S. Major. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

MARTIN L. HOWE Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
*JOHN W. SMITH 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Evelyn M. Butcher and Mr. Brian G. Powell, secretary and captain of the Northfleet band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
DONINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood.

On Mon., June 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DENIS WOODS Treble	DAVID S. OSENTON 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 6
*ROGER D. BAILEY 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY 7
*RAYMOND H. DAW 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal in the method.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

RAYMOND H. DAW Treble	DAVID S. OSENTON 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
ROGER D. BAILEY 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY 7
DENIS WOODS 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 15 cwt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESSEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DENBIGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MARTIN F. LOCK Treble	VERNON GREEN 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	JOHN HILL 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 93).

DENBIGH SURPRISE MAJOR
38—38.6—12—36.14—14.5—16—7
2nds place i.e. 4ths place bobs.
Composition as for Harthill: 'R.W.', 8/7/1960; p. 472.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., June 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composition of 88 calls.	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	JAMES BROOKS .. 6
WALTER L. C. BARLOW .. 3	A. JAMES GLASS .. 7
ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 4	SIDNEY BLYTH .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Rung by the Society of Windsor Youths for the Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 NASHDOM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

FRANCES PROCTOR .. Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5
HOWARD OGLESBY .. 2	JENNIFER SCEENY .. 6
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (Plain Major Collection, No. 368).

Rung in connection with the jubilee celebrations of the Abbey of Our Lady and St. Benedict, Nashdom.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Tues., June 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
*WILLIAM T. SHELTON .. Treble	†JOHN R. INSLEY .. 5
†ALAN BURBIDG .. 2	†JAMES INSLEY .. 6
†MAURICE G. INGRAM .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 7
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 4	ALEC BRAGINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal away from tenor. † First in method.

Rung as a mark of respect for Canon W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington for 27 years, on his retirement from the Ministry.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 NECHELLS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

DOREEN A. DEVERELL .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES .. 6
E. JANE SIBSON .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 7
OLIVE D. TESTER .. 4	DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 29, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative; with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*LEONARD STILLWELL .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
PATRICIA DISERENS .. 2	*†DEREK E. SIBSON .. 6
E. JANE SIBSON .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
†EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD D. GIBSON .. Treble	IAN G. CAMPBELL .. 5
†GRAHAM E. DREW .. 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 6
†JANET I. PORTER .. 3	ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 7
GRAHAM K. SMITH .. 4	†DAVID S. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by DAVID S. JOHNSON.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

ROBIN BROWN .. Treble	JEFFREY P. COOPER .. 5
R. FRASER MACK .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE .. 6
*SHEILA A. CHINNERY .. 3	ALLAN WEAR .. 7
WILLIAM DIXON .. 4	C. BARRIE DOVE .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal on eight bells.

An engagement compliment to Anthony E. Stamp and Miss Margot Woolrych, members of the local company.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Holbeck.

On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

R. FRASER MACK .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE .. 5
DINAH M. BLOW .. 2	ROBIN BROWN .. 6
ARNOLD COLE .. 3	JEFFREY J. FOX .. 7
ANTHONY E. STAMP .. 4	C. BARRIE DOVE .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

To welcome Aidan Michael, born July 3rd, son of the Vicar (Fr. P. G. Richards).

CORRECTION

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JARROM SURPRISE MINOR

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOGUMBER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*B. JARVIS .. Treble	*A. SOMERFIELD .. 4
W. SMITH .. 2	R. SOMERFIELD .. 5
R. PENNY .. 3	P. WATTS .. Tenor

Conducted by R. PENNY.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (July 5th).

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, Breconshire.—At the Church of SS. Cynidr and Peter.

On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 methods: Three extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Grandsire, Newborough, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

H. LYNDON HATFIELD .. Treble	*JOHN W. HOPE .. 4
*†COLIN A. LEWIS .. 2	ROBERT A. HATCHER .. 5
MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. 3	REGINALD J. PREECE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal for the Guild.

Rung in memory of Mr. Charles Whittall, ringer and sexton at Glasbury for many years.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GARETH A. JONES .. Treble	†PAUL M. EVANS .. 4
WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 2	ELLIS N. THOMAS .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER RICKETTS .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. Lloyd, Vicar of the parish.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FLOWER DOUBLES

In nine methods/variations, being two extents of Campion and five each of Primrose, Violet, Buttercup, Wallflower, Cowslip, Honeysuckle, Bluebell and Daffodil.

GARTH PORTER Treble	GORDON L. BELCHER 3
ROY H. JONES 2	ALEC GAMMON 4
NOEL D. DEAM Tenor	

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

First peal in the methods by all the band, and for the Guild.
A compliment to Gordon L. Belcher on winning the Victor Ludorum in the school sports.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*EDWARD D. PATCHING .. Treble	†T. GEOFFREY HOLDEN .. 4
JAMES F. LIST 2	PETER G. HOLDEN .. 5
PETER PEARCE 3	D. KAY ADKINS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First on the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Treble	*HAROLD STEVENSON .. 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles, and completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. 75th peal on the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLAND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER BARNES .. Treble	*SALLY M. HOOPER 4
†MARGARET C. GODFREY .. 2	‡ERIC G. H. GODFREY .. 5
KEITH G. GAME 3	†WM. J. MUNTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MUNTON.

* First peal. † First 'inside' in method. ‡ First in method. First as conductor.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(18 methods)

By J. R. MAYNE

23456 M W H Methods

54632	—	—	3	East.Pains.Elf.Bris.Bris.
63542	—	—	—	Elf.Yorks.Rut.
56342	—	—	—	Ux.Sup.Wat.
35642	—	—	—	Wat.Sup.Ux.
64352	—	—	—	Rut. Ald. Wem.
36452	—	—	—	Eal.Yorks.Eal.
43652	—	—	—	Wem.Linc.Lind.
25634	—	—	—	Lind.Puds.Lon.
62534	—	—	—	Lon.Camb.East.
56234	—	—	—	Leath.Camb.Leath.

4 x repeated.

Contains 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford Wembley and Yorkshire and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 134 changes of method.

Rung at 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, Middlesex, on handbells, June 5th, 1964.

By substituting Lincolnshire for Painswick, and Pudsey for Aldenham, the peal contains 320 each of 16 methods. Rung at 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, on handbells on May 7th, 1964, and again at 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, on handbells, May 26th, 1964.

LONDON.—On July 5th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips (cond.) 1, Miss M. Powell 2, L. R. Smith 3, D. Bennett 4, A. Stubbs 5, W. Rawlings 6, W. Cook 7, T. Bailey 8, D. Randall 9, T. Setter 10.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycogh.

On Sun., July 5, 1964, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
HAZEL WAY 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Cond.) 3—4
J. ARTHUR HOARE 5—6

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

SWANSEA.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycogh.

On Sun., July 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

EDMUND J. MORRIS 1—2	J. ARTHUR HOARE 5—6
HAZEL WAY 3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 23, Blenheim Road.

On Mon., July 6, 1964, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent Double and Fulbeck and six Plain Bob (called differently). Tenor size 11 in G.

*BRIAN B. HULLAH 1—2	A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 3—4
†GILES B. THOMPSON (Cond.) 5—6	

* First peal of two methods 'in hand.' † First of three methods 'in hand.'

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., July 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Elford, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4	†FRANK C. PRICE 7—8

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 13-Spliced on handbells. † First of 13-Spliced. First peal on these handbells, owned by Frank Price: they are Dutch, and the size is about equivalent to our size 14.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
BELLRINGERS' SOCIETY

Freedom from exams in the last week enabled the Society to enjoy a week of relaxation and ringing. On June 19th, six members revisited Hunsingore (6) to hear from the active 80-year-old verger that a team from Bradford Cathedral had visited the tower recently without much success! The College team fared probably worse — part of the second's wheel rim came off and the tenor's rope broke (fortunately, later, time was sufficient to allow a revisit and to effect the necessary repairs). At Kirk Deighton (6) a noisy tenor put some of the members off their stride.

On June 21st, the silent ring at St. Leonard's, Malton (8), was rung for an hour in the evening. The pre-war station wagon which the team were using caused a look of incredulity on the face of a sweating Malton policeman as it passed him on the way to Whitwell-on-the-Hill (6) where the recently restored six were rung in short bursts for nearly an hour. The team were then nobly entertained by Mr. Fox, the churchwarden, and his wife and daughter.

On June 22nd, six members attempted to score a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Bramham. The amazing thing was that the attempt started off without hitches and was going quite well until . . . approx. 2,800 changes and 'stand.' So it's up to next year's members to try and score the Society's first peal.

Finally, seven members and two non-ringing friends had an afternoon and evening tour on June 24th. The first tower visited was Wye-ham (5), where the bells hang in a detached

tower, which also acts as a gatehouse to the churchyard. Then to Scalby (6), where the Ringing Master failed miserably in trying to call a quarter peal in five Doubles. After an hour in the sun by the sea at Scarborough, the steps to St. Mary's Church were climbed and, joined by Bert Sutton and three of the Scarborough team: the eight bells were rung for an hour. Then came the run to Kirkby Moorside (6) where low sallies upset the ringing. A drink at the 'Black Swan' and fish-and-chips finished off a most enjoyable day (and also a very active first year). M. K.

OBITUARY

CHRISTINE CAROLYN GOLDEN

The whole Exercise will unite in sympathy with the President of Norwich Diocesan Association, Nolan Golden, and with Iris and Hilary, in the loss of Christine at the age of eighteen years.

She was proving a worthy daughter of a Diocesan president. She had been elected a member of the Association in March, 1957, and was making progress in Minor and Triples.

A gay and happy personality, she had many friends, amongst the Exercise, in the Norwich Union Insurance Society where she worked, and in the locality. During her illness, she never complained, and was indeed an inspiration to all who were able to see her.

May she rest in peace.—Gilbert Thurlow.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On June 27th, 2,049 Plain Bob Minor: Susan J. Devey 1, R. B. Dorrington (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. J. Barker 3, D. J. Bates 4, P. R. Johnson 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6 First of Minor 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 2,520 Grandside Doubles: Joy Bagg (13) 1, Freda Prime 2, Angela French (13) 3, Janice Haggert (15) 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, K. Cavill 6. Longest length for 1, 3, 4, 6. A birthday compliment to Joy and Angela.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, E. Buck 2, D. Salisbury 3, M. Orme 4, S. Hutton 5, R. Castledine 6, P. Flack 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. B. Dorrington 1, J. Wellings 2, Miss A. E. Timmins 3, E. E. Spade 4, J. Wilkinson 5, R. M. Hodister 6, J. D. Holden 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BROUGHTON, LANCs.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl R. Crossthwaite 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 3, W. K. Martin 4, G. S. Mellor (first quarter) 5, J. Jolleys 6.

CADOXTON-JUNTA-NEATH, GLAM.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles: B. R. Lewis 1, A. Boyce 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, B. Williams 4, J. Locke 5, D. J. Lewis 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on June 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. C. Chatfield 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 3, B. J. Luck 4, D. L. Cawley (first of Major) 5, T. H. Holmes 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Lee 1, Monica Horsman 2, M. Heymann (first of Surprise) 3, G. Pullin 4, G. Marchant 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On June 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. E. Pearson 1, Mrs. L. Bumphrey 2, G. Tembey 3, H. Byrom 4, G. McKay 5, B. Street 6, E. Bumphrey (cond.) 8. First in the method for ringers of 1, 3 and 6. Rung after meeting two short for a peal of Bob Major, ringers of 2 and 7 kindly standing in.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 5th at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandside Triples: Christine Snelling (first on eight) 1, R. A. Yeates 2, K. Taber 3, I. M. Parry 4, N. D. Brown 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8.

FARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: A. J. Hatcher 1, Mrs. M. J. Hope 2, R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Istance 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Ring half-muffled in memoriam J. Prime, chairman and former ringer.

FRW VAE, MON.—On June 28th, 1,344 Grandside Triples (by B. D. Price): 2, Stephens 1, B. Werry 2, Mrs. J. Evans 3, R. Stephens 4, Mrs. A. Bruten 5, A. Evans 6, J. Alsop 7, D. Bruten 8.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On June 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Sally Parrott 1, D. J. K. Paul (first inside) 2, P. J. Munday (first of Minor) 3, W. Parrott 4, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 5, W. J. Munton 6.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFs.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. T. Cousins 1, Angela Jay (first quarter) 2, P. D. Sell 3, Julie A. V. Caligari 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, K. V. Caligari 6. For Evensong.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On June 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. T. Abbott 1, Frances M. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. G. Massey 5, R. E. J. Baker 6, D. T. H. Robertson 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, L. Earl 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. G. Chater 4, A. R. Jones (cond.) 5, G. F. Roome 6. For the wedding of Jim C. Rainbow and Wendy A. George.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On July 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Tyers 1, V. J. Williams 2, R. Huddleston 3, D. Huddleston 4, B. Huddleston 5, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong, and also to mark the 50th anniversary of rehanging the bells.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Afield 1, B. Sagers 2, A. J. Bull 3, G. A. West 4, K. G. Game 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. A compliment to Graham Clark and Jennifer Hurden who were married this day.

LEIGH, LANCs.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Janet Taylor 1, Valerie E. Watts 2, P. Gregory (first inside) 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, J. Asbroft (cond.) 5, W. Davies 6. A compliment to Rev. J. T. Finney and Miss Barbara Cook, married the previous day.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: J. Crampion (cond.) 1, D. Baker 2, Miss P. Fox 3, J. McPhail 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, L. Fox 7, C. Hughes 8. For Diocean Sunday.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on July 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, M. Hatchett 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. M. Stacey 4, D. Highton 5, M. Sprackling 6, A. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. First in method 4 and 7. For Matins.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Foundry, on June 22nd, 2,080 Plain Bob Major: Rev. M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 1, R. A. G. Benfield 2, G. A. Dawson 3, J. C. Shonfield 4, M. Poppleston 5, D. W. Friend 6, B. Siedman Payne 7, R. G. Edwards 8.

LYMPHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob): E. T. Lee 1, Miss M. Legg 2, D. G. Yeo 3, J. Brain 4, G. Prescott 5, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Joyce Drury 1, J. Bills 2, Elizabeth K. Goddard 3, R. L. Caporn 4, A. D. Leach (cond.) 5. Rung for Parish Communion.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, S. D. Holdaway (first in the method) 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, T. G. Hull 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

FENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: G. F. Griffiths 1, Pamela Garbett 2, D. G. Smith 3, J. A. Roden 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, T. Roden 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On July 12th, 1,263 Siedman Caters: Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 1, E. Bennett 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, Jean M. Pailing 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, P. J. Crossthwaite 7, J. H. Pailing 8, W. K. Martin 9, A. Gardner 10. Rung to mark the installation of the Vicar, Rev. J. M. W. Adams, as a Canon of Blackburn.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Brenda Wood 1, A. R. Millidge 2, B. J. Bull 3, D. C. Brookes 4, C. F. Mew 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. Rung silent and non-conducted. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: A. Bennett 1, R. Hill 2, Miss J. Gainey 3, C. Hayling (cond.) 4, B. Splers 5, J. Bennett 6, A. silver wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. W. Gainey, parents of ringer of 3rd.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Freeman (first quarter) 1, Barbara M. Watson 2, G. Tembey 3, J. A. Haile 4, C. F. Gates 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. G. Eilbeck cover. Arranged for the treble ringer and rung for the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eilbeck; also a birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Murray.

SAMBLESBURY, LANCs.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: Mary R. Crossthwaite (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, Betty Fauch 3, L. Walmaley 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, C. Crossthwaite 6, A. Gardner 7, E. A. McElroy (first quarter) 8. Rung to welcome the new vicar, Rev. G. Bartlett.

SHEPESH, LEICS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. Hodgkinson 1, J. E. Manners 2, Miss M. Barras 3, M. Roberts 4, G. Butler 5, E. Walley 6, C. W. Hall (cond.) 7, R. Rossell 8. For Sunday School anniversary Evensong.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Rev. P. R. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, F. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, R. C. Beale 5, K. Welch 6. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKs.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, Yvonne Patheyjohns (first of Grandside 'inside') 2, Pamela Jarvis 3, B. T. Lister 4, F. R. Scott 5, G. R. Shedden 6, J. K. Ward 7, R. Foster 8. Rung for Patronal Festival service attended by the Mayor and Corporation.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. J. Davies 1, Hilary F. Martin 2, R. W. Hinde 3, P. T. Dale 4, F. Hogan 5, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 6, J. Robinson 7, S. G. Waters 8. A compliment to the conductor, born in this parish 21 years ago. Rung after meeting late for a peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. M. Holland 1, G. C. Aven 2, W. G. Paul 3, R. G. Smith 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, M. Hatchett 6, R. E. Hardy 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong. Also as a compliment to 7 on obtaining his degree.

OUTINGS

KINGSTON'S WEEKEND IN SHREWSBURY

The perennial Kingston week-end opened in Shrewsbury this year, under the guidance of Margaret Lewis. At Wroxeter (6) on Saturday morning we collected Michael Bangham and his non-ringing mother who, plunged into campanulogistics, contracted out by falling down and retiring temporarily to hospital. Irrepressible Fred Dukes and his family augmented us to 24 at Coalbrookdale, and the date echoed back our Double Norwich Caters on these attractive bells. Ambition thus whetted and lunch-time thirsts slaked, four-spliced Surprise Major was rung at Madeley before fitting five towers comfortably into as many hours. Perhaps the most outstanding visit was to the largely Rudhall eight at Much Wenlock. Culturally however, the crown went to Stokesay and its 13th century fortified manor house next to the church.

Kingston Treble Bob Minor was dutifully rung at Hope Bowdler. Here Stanley Crouch's newly-affiliated Pauline and her Horsell (Woking) contingent showed us what Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles meant. Not so similarly, Tony Bishop made us demonstrate later what could be done with Surfleet.

Devious entertainments followed supper, handbells being amongst the more commonplace. But an early start on Sunday morning was rewarded by a ring on Shrewsbury's fine ten and twelve bell rings at St. Mary's and St. Chad's—surely the highlights of the trip. Lunch at the Red Lion outside Wellington was preceded by half an hour's handbell ringing on the lawn in brilliant sunshine, and then we made for the six at Tong, with its 2½ ton Bourdon bell. We were now homeward bound, and brought the evening to a colourful close with six-spliced Surprise Major for service at Shirley, Warwickshire. Thus from Doubles to Siedman Cinques, the range of methods had been full enough for everyone's desires.

Our sincere thanks are due to Margaret Lewis for her organisation, and we wish her well in her new tower, Farnborough (Hants). We are also indebted to the incumbents and hands of all the towers visited, for a thoroughly enjoyable week-end. W. H. J.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX

St. Nicolas', Itchingfield, ringers and their friends from the neighbouring towers of Billingshurst, Warnham, Horsham and West Grinstead chose East Sussex for their first outing this year. As we have only a light five bell tower, we were grateful to have a number of experienced ringers with us and, in fact, the ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

Our 41 seater coach was somewhat delayed by traffic and was unfortunately a little late at the first and best tower of the day at Wadhurst. However, we left late rather than curtail our ringing time, and made up lost time on the way to Bodiam. Resisting the temptation to see over the castle, we eventually found the picturesque little church, with its light six.

Our able secretary, Mrs. K. Hoare, had arranged tea at Batemans, the National Trust owned home of Kipling. Alas, we lost about half the party here temporarily, the attractions of Kipling's home proving irresistible to the less bell-struck of our party. The remainder adjourned to Burwash Church, where some of the best ringing of the afternoon was had.

At Heathfield the long draught caused a little difficulty, and Mayfield, the last tower, was not really suitable for beginners, but the more experienced met the challenge with a couple of fairly good touches. Certainly, these two towers taught our younger ringers that there is a big gap in experience between the ability to make pleasing music on one's own bells and that of being able to strike a strange bell well.

We look forward now to our main outing on September 19th, which will be a full day in Kent. C.M.G.

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Farnham on July 23rd, 7.30-9 p.m. 5024

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 25th, Cucklington (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Stoke Trister (6) after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 5033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting Compton Bishop (6) Saturday, July 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—M. Legg, Hon. Secretary. 5031

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Bagborough, July 25th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5033

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Luton District.—Quarterly meeting Dunstable, Saturday July 25th. Bells 8, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea own arrangements, 5 p.m. Business in bellry at 6. Ringing afterwards. 5037

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton (Birkenhead), July 25th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea FREE for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. 5021

BACK NUMBERS

'The Ringing World' has received a very generous gift of back numbers dating from 1919 to 1959. While some are brown with the passing of years, the majority are clean and serviceable. We propose to offer these to readers who want to complete their files. The charge will be 8d. per copy post free.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Sudbury (6), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Dis. Sec., M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 5000

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting, Saturday, July 25th, at Northam. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., also Bideford (8) in the evening at 7 o'clock. All visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5014

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill Saturday July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Cannings, 8, Northgate, Tickhill. 5034

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone, Weybridge. 5013

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. A. C. Walsh 'Dunster', Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds. 5030

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Buckminster on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Somerley, Melton Mowbray. 5042

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting Cosby Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous to Mr. K. Needham, 17, Narborough Road, Cosby, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5042

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, July 25th. Horton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, Slough 7-9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompius Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 5003

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston (6), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Winge. 4975

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Helmingham (8), July 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Framdsen Village Hall 3 p.m., limited to those applying to Mr. L. Brett, Framdsen, Stowmarket, Suffolk. Evening ringing at Framdsen (8).

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Beckley (6) and Iden (6) on July 25th. Beckley 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Iden 6.15 till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 4981

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Curdridge, July 25th. Bells 3 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 n.m. in Reading Room. Names for tea to Mrs. Pritchard, 'The Burns', Lake Road, Curdridge, please.—L. Duguid. 5001

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX, RINGERS' SUNDAY, July 26th, 1964.

Ring and Services: 7.30-8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10-11 a.m. Matins; 5-6.30 p.m. Evensong. Gathering in Church Hall after Evensong. Other ringing can be arranged for parties attending, and free breakfast after Holy Communion, to those who notify Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Essex. COME AND JOIN US—EVERYONE WELCOME. 5004

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Forthcoming practices all commencing 6.30 p.m.:—July 28th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; August 4th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 11th Southwick Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 5020

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6), Saturday, August 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss D. O'Connell, Syulth Cottage, Seale, Farnham. 5038

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting August 1st at Newtown, Lintford. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 29th to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester.—Dist. Sec. 5039

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Withyham, Saturday, August 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 29th, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groomsbridge, Tel. 438. 5023

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting Saturday, August 1st. Sopley (6) 3.30-5. Christchurch Priory (12) from 6.15. Please make own arrangements for tea.—L. F. Cobb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5043

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District)—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead Surrey, by July 30th. Ashstead bells available 3-4 p.m. 5022

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting with Southern District, Yorkshire Association on Saturday, August 8th, Royston (6) 2 p.m., Felkirk and Barnsley 7 p.m. For tea please notify not later than August 3rd. Miss Sheila Chinnery, 43, West Pinfold, Royston, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton. 5026

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, August 8th, at Shipbourne (6) 3.0-5.0 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal Chart (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 6th to C. W. Hancock, 116, Higham Lane, Tonbridge, Kent. 5027

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, August 5th.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5029

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Frome Branch

The second quarterly meeting of the Branch was held at Compton Dando on July 11th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. after search parties had been formed to locate the whereabouts of the Ringing Master who, after leading two of his comrades three miles up the wrong lane, was last seen walking across a field toward the wrong church. On his arrival some 15 minutes later, ringing maintained a somewhat steadier pattern culminating in an excellent service touch at 4.30.

The Rev. A. J. Frith conducted the service and tea followed in the village hall. At the business meeting six towers in the branch proposed eleven new members and nine non-resident life members were put forward for election, all being accepted.

Members then stood in silence to mark the passing of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, past Master of the Association. The annual general meeting was fixed for Midsomer Norton, all facilities being available. Mr. F. Savage in proposing the usual vote of thanks specially mentioned Mrs. Frith and her helpers for an excellent tea. Ringing on handbells and in the tower then continued until 8.30 p.m.

Next quarterly, Doulting, October 10th.

D. T. H. R.

DEATH

ROGERS.—Suddenly on Sat. July 18th, 1964, at 4, Big Yard, Wallasey, Cheshire, Harry, dearly loved husband of Florrie. Over 30 years a ringer at St. Nicholas', Wallasey. 5044

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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ST. MARTIN'S, DORKING, SURREY

The fine ring has lately (i.e., to January 5th, 1878) been hung in the new tower by Messrs. Hooper and Stokes, of Woodbury, near Exeter, running for the first time on December 21st, 1877. 'The tenor weighs about 25 cwt.'

Nov. 18, 1878.—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 20 mins. 'First peal on the bells since they were placed in the new tower.'

ALL SAINTS', OTLEY, YORKS.

Dec. 15, 1877.—8,000 Kent T.B. Major in 4 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. J. W. Snowdon conducted on the tenor. '... the first true exact 8,000 of Treble Bob Major which has ever been composed or rung without parting the tenors ...'

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, KENT

Dec. 15, 1877.—Eight members of the Society of Lewisham Youths: 5,040 Holt's Ten-Part Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor 22½ cwt. Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church and casting of the tenor.

AMERICAN CATHEDRALS

John Harris, writing from Bath, on Christmas Eve, 1877: '... the only American cathedral like a British one was that of the diocese of Long Island at Garden City, now (1877) in course of erection at the sole expense of Mrs. Alexander T. Stewart (draper's widow) in memory of her husband ... an outlay of £400,000. In the bell-chamber will be placed the chime of bells which were used in the machinery hall of the Centennial Exhibition—thirteen in number, weighing altogether 20,000 lbs., tenor D flat, 35 cwt., all cast by M'Shane, American founder ... I only found one set that could be rung, the eight at Christ Church, Philadelphia, cast Whitechapel, 1754, tenor 18 cwt. ... The only peal ever rung in the States was at this church, June 9th, 1850, by nine Englishmen ... New York diocese has no cathedral ... the heaviest bell seems to be at Strong Place Baptist Church, D flat, 36 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., cast by Meneelys, of West Troy, 1855.'

ALL SAINTS', FULHAM

Grandsire Caters, 26 Dec., 1877.—'The bells struck off into changes at 12.25. Some excellent ringing was heard till eight o'clock, when the conductor (J. W. Cattle) called "Stand," two bells having changed courses two leads previous.' The number of changes rung was 11,412—7 hours 35 minutes. Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars).

ST. DIONIS' BACKCHURCH,

FENCHURCH STREET, LONDON

8 Jan., 1878.—5,200 Kent T.B. Royal, 3½ hours. Ancient Society of College Youths. 'This is the last peal that will be heard from the above tower, as both church and tower are to be taken down in the course of the year.'

In 'Church Bells' in September, a report showed that the church was demolished, but the tower still stood. Mr. R. Payne, architect, suggested that the tower should be purchased by St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, 'and erected in lieu of the mean and unsightly structure of wood which now serves as the tower for the church.'

'The ring of bells from St. Dionis' are destined, we believe, for the neighbouring Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street ...'

MILEHAM, NORFOLK

Tues., 8 Dec., 1877.—Special services, 8 and 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the new ring of bells. The four old bells, tenor cracked, had been taken down and disposed of, wisely or unwisely (the two trebles were cast by Draper in 1610 and 1608), and had been replaced by a new ring of five, tenor 7½ cwt., by Warner. A new floor and cage had been made for them by Crane and Son, of Fransham, and on the day of the opening they went well.

ST. CHAD'S HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

22 Dec., 1877.—5,056 Kent T.B. Major in 3 hours 8 minutes. Although these bells have for some time been augmented to eight, they have never before been fit for peal-ringing ... this being the first peal attempted.' Tenor 19 cwt. Conductor, Jasper W. Snowdon.

ST. ANN'S, WATH-UPON-DEARN

'On Shrove Tuesday, 27 Feb., 1816, was rung ... 21 Peals (720's) ... making in all 15,120 changes which were brought round in a grand and Masterly Style in Eight Hours and twenty-seven minutes without a man quitting his Rope ... 6 bells.'

SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

FOLKESTONE, KENT

Sunday, 17 Dec., 1815.—5,040 Bob Major, 3 hours 5 minutes, 'being the maiden peal on these bells.'

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK

'On 2 April, 1832, was completed on the pre-eminent Peal of Eight Bells ... 6,016 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours, 52 mins., being the first and only extraordinary changes ever completed on this Peal. They were performed by the Kelsale Society of Youths who had experienced only eight months' practice under the meritorious instruction of Benjamin Oldring ...'

CATHEDRAL CLOCK, BELLS AND

CHIMES AT WORCESTER

'The Dean and Chapter desire to express their deep sense of obligation to Rev. R. Cattle, for his unwearied exertions in raising no less a sum than £5,000 for these important objects ... 27 Nov., 1877.'

MILTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT

'A few days since (i.e., to 12 Jan., 1878) the fine tenor bell was cracked, owing to the clapper having worked down and so struck the bell too low. We have heard of other bells being cracked in the same way, owing to the neglect of not occasionally examining the clapper gear.'

ST. PAUL'S, SHIPLEY, YORKS.

5 Jan., 1878.—Quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association. Peal of 5,184 changes (? method) in the morning. 'At five o'clock more than 300 ringers sat down to tea ...'

Apparently the next meeting, at Leeds, would have normally taken place in Lent so it was postponed.

This brought a note from the Editor.—'We hope the above example of not ringing pleasure peals during Lent will be followed by other associations.' The Editor repeatedly lashes out right and left to those who ring for pleasure during Lent, such as the footnote by him to a peal entry by the Ancient Society of College Youths—21 Mar., 1878, 5,040 Grandsire Triples at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, in 2 hours 59 minutes: 'Cannot our belfry friends in London and elsewhere practise a little self-denial during Lent, as is being done by eminent ringers in the North? An example worthy of imitation.'

And again: 'Friendly Hint to our Ringing Friends Generally. Will you, one and all, take into consideration—unbiased by any party feelings—the propriety of ringing pleasure peals during the season of Lent ...'

ST. PHILIP'S, HULME, MANCHESTER

24 Dec., 1877.—5,040 Holt's Ten-Part Grandsire Triples, 2½ hours, 'it being the first peal ever rung on those bells by a company all connected with the church.' Ringers aged 19 to 25.

KEIGHLEY PARISH CHURCH

'On Christmas morning, 1877, immediately the clock struck twelve midnight, 720 changes of Bob Minor were rung in 27 minutes ... tenor 15 cwt. The ringers volunteered their services two years ago after the bells had stood several months because the Rector refused to let them be rung for the successful candidates of the School Board. We would say to others who would become ringers "Never despair!" for time and patience overcome difficulties as in our case.'

SS. PETER AND PAUL, EYE, SUFFOLK

5 Jan., 1878.—'An excellent peal of 5,280 Kent T.B. Major in 3 hours 38 minutes.'

A correspondent, 'A College Youth' in the next issue of 'Church Bells' remarks, 'It would be satisfactory to know in what respect the peal of Kent T.B. at Eye on 5th inst. was "an excellent peal".'

(I see no reply to this in later issues.—C.R.)

CHURCH BELLS—WHAT DO THEY SAY?

An S.P.C.K. leaflet sets out what the Society considers are the proper occasions on which bells should be rung, then goes on—'In old and careless times church bells came to be rung on occasions where there was no thought of God—at sales, fairs, wakes, or feasts, where drinking and swearing, lust and all ungodliness and folly prevailed, as they do sometimes still. This cannot be right ... It is to prevent the wrong use of church bells that the care of them is entrusted to the clergyman of the parish, and he will gladly allow them to be rung on any occasion which is to the honour and glory of God.'

CLERGY AND RINGERS

J. R. Jerram, a correspondent, asks: 'As a matter of curiosity, may I ask what is your opinion of a parson who neither knows or cares about change-ringing; subscribes about 30/- annually to the ringers' fund; never enters the belfry at ringing times; gives several suppers and breakfasts to the ringers in the course of the year; likes to hear the bells on festivals, but thinks that ringing for practice at any other time all "bosh" (though he does not prohibit it); is very particular about the liquor question, takes a great interest in the choir and attends weekly at their practice; dislikes his ringers ringing anywhere else than at home, and objects to any non-parishioner being a ringer; thinks money spent on repairs to bell-gear all wasted; never comes near the ringers even at the suppers of his own providing (except once a year when the choir are included); expects all his ringers, nevertheless, to be model churchmen; thinks chiming much better than ringing, and consequently regards the steeple-keeper as the only one of the company of any real use?'

(I see no comment in subsequent issues.—C.R.)

IPSWICH SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

17 Jan., 1878.—1,061 Grandsire Caters in 50 minutes. Tenor 32 cwt.—not mentioned, but, of course, at St. Mary-le-Tower.

'It will be seen that the above is no great skilful performance, but it is recorded merely to show the progress made since the formation of the Company about 12 months ago, at which time they were scarcely able to ring a course of Grandsire Triples, but through the kindness and perseverance of the old members, several young bands have been raised that are now able to acquit themselves creditably in various methods; so that, at last, it seems probable that this fine ring of 12 bells will have attached to them a good band of ringers which they so richly deserve ...'

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MONK BRETTON, BARNSELY, YORKS

12 April, 1878, opening of a ring of six 'magnificently presented by Miss Bright, of Monk Bretton, as a loving memorial to her two sisters. The first essay on the bells took place at ten o'clock by ringers from the adjoining parish of Royston ... Mr. T. Mallaby, of Marsham, to whom the hanging of the ring was entrusted ... superintended the whole series of performances. The village ... was in a state of pleasurable and grateful excitement the whole evening up to ten o'clock. The ringers from St. Mary, Barnsley, came twice on Sunday, 14th ...'

(The Editor added a note asking why so much pleasure afforded in the Lenten season.)

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS

16 Mar., 1878, at Mr. Carter's, Churchfield, Holt's Original One-Part peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in 2 hours 35 minutes, 'the first ever rung in the county upon handbells.'

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