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ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

IT must be obvious to regular readers that in almost every part of this island home of ours boys and girls are introduced to our belfries and taught to ring. In many cases their young, receptive brains enable them to make rapid strides in the art. What would have been very outstanding performances by adult ringers years ago have been brought to the level of commonplace achievements by some of our youthful prodigies. So frequent, indeed, that they pass with little or no notice.

The Exercise depends to-morrow upon the boys and girls of to-day, and it is in the interests of ringing generally that every encouragement should be given to them.

It may be very advisable, however, that the young ringers of to-day should know of and appreciate some of the difficulties with which their tutors had to contend and overcome in the battle to become a bellringer at all. Many visits had to be made to the belfry before one was invited to take part, and then only when some absentees in the local band resulted in the position of more ropes than ringers. Instead of a warm welcome in the belfry, there was often a sour look from the elders, and even if one of the band might have been inclined to the encouragement of the newcomer, that in many cases would be at the expense of a split in the band. The old 'paid' belfry staff frowned on interlopers, and even fathers' own sons had to be introduced very gently and progress very steadily to avoid adverse criticism, sarcastic comment and sometimes hostility. It may, indeed, be so in some belfries to-day, but such instances, it is thought, are very rare.

The continuity of a church service band depends upon youth being admitted to the belfry. No band will stand still for long, and the safest guard against lack of interest is progress. It may well be that the most rapid progress will be made by the youthful element in the band, and unless young ringers are taught proper belfry manners trouble will undoubtedly arise.

No other pastime or sport presents youth with such freedom as does campanology, and it is most important that the youth of this country should realise just what

freedom is granted to them. It is more important still that they should appreciate the opportunities given to them and respect those by and through whom the opportunities have come. The quality of a thing is often judged by the price it costs to obtain it. Let that not be so with ringing, for nothing could be cheaper.

One of the most detestable developments in young ringers is swelled-headedness or trying to appear to be clever. Circumstances often arise with strangers in the belfry when a youngster will make no allowance for the unknown ringer and very little allowance for those ringers much older and certainly much more experienced. How frequently one sees at a ringing meeting that some young upstart, without being invited, will take command and call 'Go,' completely ignoring others in the band. Maybe a learner or two are trying their first touch, and very early, often at the first trip, the bells get in a heap, with the young bob-caller helpless to assist.

The difference between bob-calling and conducting is not generally fully appreciated. The art of conducting can be learned and practised just as well, if not better, when someone else is calling the bobs. The ability to conduct will quickly be recognised and admired by everyone if it is carried out in an unboastful way.

Belfry manners are more necessary than the ability to ring advanced methods. Let it not be forgotten that no matter how clever one may become—even to the extent of becoming a genius—one is entirely dependent upon others not so brilliant, without whom the genius is reduced to a very helpless individual.

Young ringers should always remember that ability to ring properly will never go unnoticed and does not call for self-advertisement. Learn to respect the older ringers, irrespective of ringing qualifications, and never underestimate the ability of the stranger.

To the older ringers we would say, 'Give the youngsters every opportunity and correct, in the early stages, any lack of belfry manners.'

To the youngsters, 'Learn to appreciate the opportunities given to you; let your ringing ability speak for itself and give no cause for your belfry manners to be questioned.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ALBERT WALKER Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
H. JAMES TURNER ... 6	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 700th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 3	JOHN SCOTT ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* First peal in the method and on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of John Freeman, of Lincoln, to Alice Mary Addison, of Louth, July 20th, 1950.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD HOLMES Treble	FRANCES A. WHITE ... 6
RICHARD WHITE ... 2	HENRY C. WHITE ... 7
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
FRANK WHITE ... 4	FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 60th birthday, which occurred on July 27th.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. LEACH Treble	ALAN FOSTER ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
NORMAN J. HADLEY ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 8
NOREEN BRAIN ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*EWART H. EDGE Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
†RONALD BARLOW ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE... 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise and first peal on eight bells. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the 72nd birthday of the ringer of 2nd, and also for those of the wife and son of the conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
JOHN O. WELLER ... 2	DENNIS G. BROWN ... 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 7
WILLIAM G. COOK... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 50th peal on the bells. In memoriam Thomas Barnett.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. (Front eight.) Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
HAROLD MARCON ... 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to Frederick H. Dexter, on the birth of his first grandchild.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERIC H. KNAPP Treble	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 5
RAYMOND OVERY ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.	
GEORGE A. PACKER ... Treble	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5		
*IVOR R. NICHOLS ... 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH ... 6		
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7		
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 4	JOHN E. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor		

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHISWICK, LONDON, W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.			
EDWARD J. BROWN ... Treble	Aidan S. J. N. BOYACK ... 5		
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†CYRIL FINCH ... 6		
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	†HERBERT COLCOMBE ... 7		
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor		

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.			
*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5		
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 2	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 6		
†MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7		
*RONALD BARLOW ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. D. Ainsley-Jones, who was inducted July 10th, 1950.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.			
RONALD KENRICK ... Treble	PETER COXALL ... 5		
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6		
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7		
JOHN ASHCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor		

Composed by J. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the birthday of Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.		Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.	
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5		
*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6		
*†G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3	†JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7		
*JOHN W. SYKES ... 4	HENRY HURST ... Tenor		

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS WHEAT ... Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 5		
SAMUEL PONDER ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6		
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7		
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor		

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the 14th birthday of Hazel Beryl Wheat, daughter of the treble ringer.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.			
RONALD H. BULLEN ... Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON ... 5		
JOHN B. ROWSELL ... 2	ROBERT H. BROOKER ... 6		
MARION GRAIN ... 3	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 7		
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... Tenor		

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Hale.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... Treble	RONALD E. NORRIS ... 5		
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6		
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7		
*EDWARD C. BISHOP ... 4	HARRY SPRINGATE ... Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples. Rung for the induction of the new Rector.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.			
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 5		
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	†CYRIL WANDER ... 6		
†FRANK TAYLOR ... 3	†JOHN G. AMES ... 7		
†AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor		

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.			
WALTER ALLMAN ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5		
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6		
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7		
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor		

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*ALEX R. WOODLEY ... Treble	DOUGLAS JORDAN ... 5
JAMES GORDON ... 2	JAMES P. BLOND ... 6
GEORGE BISHOP ... 3	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 7
HENRY L. BISHOP ... 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES GORDON.

* First peal. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Cobb, grandmother of 5th ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
FRED ORRIS ... 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
RONALD W. STEWARD ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

EDINBURGH.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

W. H. PICKETT ... Treble	*ROGNVALD ST.C. WILSON ... 5
MISS M. S. TAYLOR ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
MISS A. I. WHITSON ... 3	*C. R. RAINE ... 7
*IAN JONES ... 4	JOHN MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	†EWART H. EDGE ... 4
*J. GEOFFREY BURTON ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells. Birthday peal for tenor ringer.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GWENDOLINE SALMON ... Treble	JOHN WARNER ... 4
GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 2	WALTER LITTLE ... 5
SHIRLEY BARINGER ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 April Day, 1,080 Plain Bob, 1,200 Stedman and 1,920 Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD E. HARRISON Treble	NOREEN BRAIN ... 3
GORDON HARRISON ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
	GEORGE I. RODEN ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in five methods for all except the conductor. First peal on the bells, which are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE Treble	JAMES METCALFE ... 4
HERBERT S. PALMER ... 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5
ROBERT B. SKELTON ... 3	ALAN W. CASSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Herbert Barker, who was interred at Preston-Patrick on Thursday, July 27th.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM S. MAY ... 4
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
FRANK C. MAY ... 3	PETER J. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

DUFFRYN, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*W. JOHN LOCKE ... Treble	HARRY BOYCE ... 4
THOMAS SCOTT ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
EDMUND MORRIS ... 3	JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Bidgood. First peal on the bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

FRED PAYNE ... Treble	HORACE BENNETT ... 4
*CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 5
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER MANSLEY ... Treble	ERIC BALDWIN ... 4
MRS. W. MANSLEY ... 2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	THOMAS BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. William Finch (verger) and Miss Margaret Miller (daughter of the chief ringer).

MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.
*E. GEORGE BARNES ... *Treble* | T. ARTHUR PALMER ... 4
GEORGE A. NEWMAN ... 2 | *FREDERICK G. COOK ... 5
FREDERICK J. READ ... 3 | *ROBERT COURT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. READ.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. E. Buckley and Miss J. Cox.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and six 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
MARJORIE LEGG ... *Treble* | HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4
REGINALD BEALE ... 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3 | JACK W. DREW ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal in two methods of Minor by all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720 s. Tenor 12 cwt.
*BETTY ROBINSON ... *Treble* | HORACE ROBINSON ... 4
MARY DREW ... 2 | CHARLES WATTS ... 5
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3 | LESLIE BARRY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

CRIGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
DENNIS SCOTT ... *Treble* | WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 4
WILLIAM SMITH ... 2 | FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3 | GEORGE H. PAULSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.
RONALD BARLOW ... 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in D.
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2 | HARRY POYNER ... 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 3-4 | TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8
Composed by J. CARTER (No. 98). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

Rung on St. Mary's Day as a compliment to Miss Mary Gray, daughter of George C. Gray, organist at Leicester Cathedral, who was on this day married to Mr. Stephen W. Harland, of York.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 23, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
At 60, SHERRINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A wedding compliment to June Daniels (sister of James E. Daniels) and Gordon Reeves, who were married at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on July 22nd.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob.

*N. DAVID LANE ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG ... 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 44½ Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | W. P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Ernest Morris.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF HEReward BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

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

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. 150, 152 and 153).

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON ... 1-2 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3-4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

In two methods, comprising 2,904 Little Bob and 2,096 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

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

* First peal of Spliced Major away from the tenors. Composition rung for the first time.

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LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

CRESWELL, DERBY-SHIRE.—On July 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. Chadwick 1, B. Cooper 2, D. Rooke 3, H. Denman 4, F. Adams 5, H. Jackson 6, F. J. Jackson 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Fleetwood 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, S. J. Carter (cond.) 4, C. E. Wright 5, A. R. Chapman 6, C. E. Brown 7, F. V. Gant 8. A birthday compliment for Peter Brown.

EWELL, SURREY.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Munday 1, J. Hill (first as cond.) 2, Barbara Harris 3, R. Tomlin (first of Triples) 4, G. Smerdon 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. E. Beams 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Commins 1, G. Walford 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, D. T. North 4, F. Branchflower 5, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 4.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 30th at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, G. F. Sperring 3, J. Payne 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. Wood (first quarter) 6.

HORTON, BUCKS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Price (first quarter) 1, P. Lawrence 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, W. Sparrow 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, T. Price (cond.) 6.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On July 30th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Finch 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, H. G. Andrews 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, Dr. G. H. Hollis 7, C. M. Meyer 8, J. Bullock 9, A. B. Wiffen 10.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): Constance Brooks (first quarter) 1, E. M. Atkins 1, Elsie Lankester 3, C. E. Lankester 4, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 5, J. Wilkins 6.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. Parsons 4, P. A. F. Chalk 5, J. Crampin 6, A. B. Peck 7, J. Phillips 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. S. Seeger 1, Miss R. Buchthal 2, D. Corning 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, A. Hughes 7, C. F. Neal 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Master John Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Smith 4, L. Twyman 5, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 6, L. Everest 7, A. J. Dadds 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Twyman on the occasion of their 17th wedding anniversary.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Berry 1, H. Vince 2, G. R. Finch (cond.) 3, A. S. Pipe 4, H. Shadrake 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fraser (13 years) 1, Miss Sony Evans (14 years) 2, Miss V. Hunwicke 3, C. Ward 4, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 5, W. Langley 6. First quarter by 1 and 2.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Oakshott (first quarter) 1, A. Lawrey 2, J. D. Harris 3, E. Jurd 4, G. Verrill 5, H. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 15th, 1,308 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 588 Plain Bob Minor): E. Jackson 1, B. Hallworth (first quarter in method) 2, D. Mottershead 3, W. Shaw 4, S. Sage 5, S. Hough, jun. (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 27th, 4,224 Treble Bob Major (Ikoston Variation): B. Howard 1, W. S. May 2, V. Grimwade 3, B. Sadler 4, F. C. May 5, D. Coombes 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8. Longest touch by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter on July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Dale 1, Miss O. M. Martin 2, H. V. Frost 3, H. G. Mason 4, R. W. Darvill 5, F. J. Spicer 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On July 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss Sheila Mitchell (first quarter) 1, J. N. Haile 2, J. A. Haile 3, R. Percival 4, R. A. Johnston 5, F. Jackson 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. T. MacKay, wife of the tower captain.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, W. Cavill 2, I. Hillburn 3, F. Sandy 4, E. Skinner (first as cond.) 5, N. Burrow (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (360 of Kent, Oxford, and Plain, and 180 Double Oxford): J. A. Cox (first quarter) 1, F. C. Johnson 2, A. W. Barber 3, S. Marshall 4, B. Gogle 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6.

STAUNTON, NEAR COLEFORD, MON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Webb (cond.) 1, O. Thomas 2, L. H. Jones 3, Walter Reynolds 4, S. Goodwin 5, E. Moulson 6. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Thomas Barnett, a past ringer and churchwarden of this church, who was to-day buried in the churchyard, aged 99 years.

WALKDEN, LANCs.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Walton 1, Annie Potter (cond.) 2, B. Welsby 3, J. Boyer 4, R. Scott 5, R. Collier 6, A. Burton 7, W. Scott 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Veronica Lawton, daughter of Rev. H. Lawton, Vicar of St. Paul's, Walkden, killed in a road accident on July 20th, aged 23 years.

WALTON - ON - THAMES, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Alderton 1, J. Hessey 2, Mrs. F. Collins 3, P. Alderton (first quarter) 4, L. Houghton 5, G. Curtis 6, F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Barnett 8.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,200 Plain and Little Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Peter Longley (aged 12) 1, Cynthia Edmondson (15) 2, D. Elaine Wright (16) 3, Shirley Bampton (15) 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, S. Wright (15) tenor. Rung for the patronal festival.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.—On July 24th, 1,224 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 504 Kent Treble Bob): Shirley Bampton 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, G. S. Lee 4, T. Cutts 5, Norman Chaddock (cond.) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by 2 and 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss M. Newton 3, R. Newton 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.—On July 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, W. J. Lancefield 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, T. Mogg 5, L. Smith 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On July 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob): P. Evans 1, L. Copnall 2, D. Kidd (cond.) 3, A. Rhodes 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead 6. On occasion of dedication of Wilmslow Garden of Remembrance.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Butler 1, W. S. Butler 2, P. Elliott 3, D. Portway 4, W. H. P. Mellin 5, A. R. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 6.

WITHCUMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Clifton 1, F. Burnett 2, J. Skinner 3, D. H. Kingston 4, W. G. Kingston 5, A. E. Richardson 6, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Deem 8. First quarter 4 and 5. For the ninth centenary celebrations of the diocese of Exeter.

Middlesex Association

MEETING AT BARNET.

The North and East District meeting, held at Barnet on July 29th, was very well attended and attracted visitors from most of the Home Counties.

At the business meeting, the Rev. W. B. Farrar (Rector) presided, it being his first experience as such at a ringers' gathering. Those present were asked to pay silent homage to the late Mr. W. Pickworth, a foundation member of the Association and an officer for many years, including that of vice-president. The provisional elections of seven members were duly ratified, and eleven ringers were elected as members, ten of whom are attached to the local tower.

Other routine matters were dealt with and then followed a lively discussion on the leader matter of the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' concerning remarks of the Archdeacon of Carmarthen that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk. It was decided that the opinion of this meeting be made known through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to the extent that the words of the Archdeacon as originally reported were considered unjust, untrue and defamatory to the character of ringers. His words, if taken too generally would damn a lot of innocent ringers, and even the law-abiding citizens who habitually visit public houses for their well-being would not submit to an accusation that their acquaintances were often drunk. One section of the meeting desired the matter to be taken up vigorously by the Central Council.

The general secretary of the Association, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, sought the support of the meeting to a proposed new venture. Subject to sufficient support, arrangements will be made for a series of meetings, in the form of lectures, dealing with conducting and composition, to commence at the end of September.

The ringing, which took place at Barnet and Monken Hadley towers, was varied to suit all tastes, and the striking generally showed a definite improvement on the standard of the past few years. Thanks were accorded to the respective incumbents and towerkeepers and lady helpers in providing tea for another successful meeting.

T. J. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Glorious weather attracted 52 ringers and friends to the summer meeting of the South Norfolk Branch, held at Garboldisham on July 29th. The six bells of the Parish Church, also the six at the adjoining parish of Blo Norton, were rung to a large variety of methods.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and at the meeting which followed Mr. W. L. Duffield was in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. Ernest Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, W. A. Lock, W. G. Saunders and F. W. Philippo (committee). Three new members were elected—B. Beales, C. Beales and A. E. Cook, all of New Buckenham.

Bergh Apton and Brooke were selected for the meeting on October 28th.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Collison 1, K. Hohl 2, G. Whitehead 3, T. Saunders 4, J. Medhurst 5, L. Honess 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Woodley 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples 2 and 3.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st: Mrs. F. Jones (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, E. Bishop (first 'inside') 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. Cook (cond.) 6.

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In connection with the
broadcast from Eastbourne
on the day of the Cen-
tral Council, the following postcard, addressed
to the Conductor of the Bell Ringers, All
Saints' Church, Eastbourne, has been received
from John E. Ryan, 7, Linden Way, Water-
town, Mass., U.S.A.: 'Dear Conductor, I was
listening to the above programme and en-
joyed the ringing of bells here. Voices heard
were Mr. Frank Hairs and Mr. Rollison.
Touches heard were Stedman Triples and Kent
Treble Bob Major. Programme was enjoyed.
Reception was very good.'

Before making a claim, the band who rang
the peal of Rutland Surprise Major at
Douglas-in-Parbold, on July 29th, enquire
whether this is the first in the method for the
Association.

The bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston,
Leics, are to be rededicated on Sunday morn-
ing, September 10th, after having been placed
on ball bearings by the founders, Messrs. John
Taylor and Co. A peal tablet recording the
half-muffled peals rung to the respected
memory of Charles Marshall and J. Leslie
Willars, is to be dedicated at this service.
The normal Tuesday evening practices will re-
commence on September 12th at 7.30 p.m.

His many friends in the Exercise will con-
gratulate Mr. Albert Walker on ringing his
700th peal, which took place at Aston on July
29th. It has taken Mr. Walker 54 years to
obtain this total, whereas, he adds, the young-
sters of to-day are out to ring 700 peals in
seven years at the average of 100 peals a year.
There is, however, quality in his list, which
includes no fewer than 442 twelve-bell peals
rung in 41 different towers, including St.
Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Walker has rung peals
in 20 Cathedral towers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In our quarter peal
columns there is recorded
this week 4,224 Treble Bob
Major (Ilkeston variation), rung at Rayleigh,
Essex. The conductor, Mr. F. B. Lufkin,
writes that this was rung in mistake for a
peal of 5,088 changes. He made the mistake
in copying out the peal and, strange to relate,
left out a course and put in another which
brought up the same course-end a course later.

Our editorial on 'Encouragement of Youth'
is by a well-known member of the Central
Council, who has had a very wide experience
in training young ringers.

The recent peal rung at Marlborough was
the first to be rung by branch members ex-
clusively. Mr. J. E. Buckley, in whose honour
the peal was rung, is deputy chairman of the
Marlborough Branch.

We welcome in our peal columns a peal at
St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. It happened that
Mr. Peter Crook, sen., was in Edinburgh and
on the previous Sunday he asked what chance
there was of peal ringing. A band was col-
lected by the following evening, which in-
cluded Mr. Ian Jones, of the Bolton area.
Otherwise the rest of the company were local.
The last peal on the bells was rung in 1936
by a visiting band, and before that there was
a peal rung by local ringers in 1933.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Duffryn, Glam,
where a peal was rung on July 28th, are a
tuneful ring of six, hung in 1876, five years
after the church was built. No change ring-
ing was ever practised by the local band, and
call changes have been rung until about six
months ago, this despite efforts by neighbour-
ing bands to introduce change ringing. The
ice has now been broken, and the local band
are keen to learn change ringing, and one of
them, Mr. W. J. Locke, participated in the
peal.

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The Bells of Oberammergau

BY REV. A. G. G. THURLOW.

THE Bavarian village of Oberammergau is leaving an ineffaceable impression on visitors this year, not only by reason of its most moving Passion Play, being performed for the first season since the tercentenary performance of 1934, not only through its lovely mountain setting, but also by reason of its bells.

The Parish Church, a striking rather than beautiful Baroque structure, gives a constant impression of being alive. Services of many kinds are frequent. The great service at 6 a.m. before the start of the play leaves a wonderful impression, as do many others here. A remarkable part in the impression of life given by the church is played by the frequent and varied use made of its bells.

We made friends with the sacristan—who wears the long hair and beard traditional amongst male inhabitants of the village during the year of the play—and through his kindness saw the bells and learnt something about them. The tower, like many in the district, is narrow inside for its height, crowned with an 'onion steeple,' and the bells, seven in number, hang on different levels in a metal cage, the members of which seemed rather thin for bells of such a size swinging through a semi-circle.

The bells were cast in 1448 and 1449, by Kudos Nowsky, of Erding, and the arrangement for swinging them 'frame high' is called the Herforder Lautemaschinen 'Voco' by the Herforder Electricitats Werke, Bokelmann and Kohlo, Herford.

The notes are, so we were told, C, B, G, F, D, C and B, though unless my recollection is at fault, they sounded more like a ring of eight with the 2nd missing. The weight of the Bourdon, we were told, is 4,200 kg., and we guessed its diameter as about 4ft. 6in. We had not time to take all the inscriptions, but the 5th appeared to be dedicated to St. Michael, the 6th to our Lord, and the Bourdon to SS. Peter and Paul.

The use made of the bells is most complicated. On Sundays it is as follows: for the Angelus at 5 a.m., 12 noon and 9 p.m., the 3rd is rung, at 11 the 4th; for Mass at 7 the 3rd, at 9 the 4th, 5th and 6th; the same at 10; and the 3rd at 7.30 p.m. for Devotions. On week-days the Angelus is rung on the 4th at 5 and 11 a.m., also 5 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in summer; 4 and 5 are rung at 6.30 and 7.15 for Mass, and the 3rd for Devotions at 7.30 p.m. On festivals, the Angelus at 5 a.m. is on the treble, then on all the bells; Angelus at 12 on the treble, then at 5 in winter and 9 in summer. On days when the play is performed, in addition to the other week-day uses, for the 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass are rung first the treble, then all the bells.

In addition to this there are sundry special services, such as Confirmations, etc. The sacristan has to remember just when to press the buttons operating all the bells, in the midst of constant urgent duties, such as getting ready for dozens of visiting priests to say Mass daily, moving statues, altar frontals, flowers, etc., keeping lots of long-haired Biblical-looking servers in order, etc. His is indeed a full-time job. Mercifully, the electric buttons are in the sacristy, not in the tower the other end of the church.

The Editor would welcome anecdotes of unusual experiences connected with ringing, bells and towers. Most people in life have one experience which is out of the ordinary and of general interest to their fellow-men.

Festival of Britain Committee

AN INTERIM REPORT.

Dear Sir,—The Festival of Britain Committee of the Central Council is at present studying how ringers may take their full share in the events of 1951. From this a report will be made, with recommendations, to the Standing Committee, who have been empowered by the Council to take appropriate action.

The work of our committee falls into two broad divisions, corresponding to the official Festival organisation on the one hand, and to the countrywide local celebrations on the other.

Regarding the first, liaison has been established with the Festival authorities, and two facts of some importance have been ascertained through this channel. They are, that there is absolutely no possibility of erecting a synthetic tower on the south bank exhibition site, but that the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, adjoining the site, is being rebuilt as the Festival Church, and that, just as the Royal School of Church Music is arranging for visiting choirs to sing at services in the Festival Church, so should we arrange for visiting bands to ring the bells.

It is the second division of our work, however, which is likely to offer most to the individual Guild or tower, not only by the suggestions we offer, but also in our capacity as a clearing house for ideas.

This brings me to the main purpose of this letter, to say how much the committee welcomes ideas about the Festival, and how much they hope that anyone with ideas will write to its convener. In this connection, it should be pointed out that all references to the Festival of Britain in 'The Ringing World' have been noted, and all will be given careful thought in preparing our report to the Standing Committee of the Council.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,

Convener, Festival of Britain Committee.

A CORNISH FAREWELL

The local band at Madron, Cornwall, is to be congratulated on ringing a peal on their own bells. This was a determined and heroic effort, and was rung at the third attempt in less than three weeks. The desire was to ring a peal before the bells are dismantled, which is shortly to be done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. One of the new trebles to be added is to be the Truro Guild memorial to the late revered president and Master, the late Dr. John Symons. Any who have memories of Cornwall and the 'Doctor' may send a donation, if they desire, to the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay, who will send a grateful acknowledgment.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS PEAL

(See page 475.)

Dear Sir,—With further reference to the false peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, I find that I omitted to include in the summary of falseness that the 11th lead of the seventh course is false against the 5th lead of the first course. I shall be pleased if you will kindly point out the omission and oblige.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

Apology

Dear Sir,—I wish to state that I made a mistake in reporting the annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild of Bellringers in that I wrote that the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, Vicar of Carmarthen and Archdeacon of St. David's, said that 'many ringers rang whilst drunk.'

I am satisfied now from evidence from various places that the Archdeacon made no such statement, and the report was the result of my faulty memory. As I am not mentally equipped to prepare such reports I shall cease to try in future.

I apologise to all who have been upset by my mistake, but assure everyone that my intention was not to spread malice or upset the work of the Guild but merely to report the meeting. I see no reason why the work of the Guild should not continue as though nothing had happened.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID H. BETTS.

Haverfordwest, Pembro.

PEALS ON FIVE AND SEVEN BELLS

Sir,—I should like to say that it seems logical to recognise a peal of Doubles rung without a covering bell if such a peal is rung in a tower that has only a ring of five. It represents the most that a five-bell band can do in a five-bell tower and allows them to ring a peal in their own tower.

But such a peal rung in a tower with more than five bells should not be recognised, since the other bell is there to cover, and it is no fault of the Central Council if the band meet one short, although it would be very bad luck. I myself would rather stand out than take part in ringing with one of the ring missed out.

It seems to me that the best basis is that which has been accepted by ringers in the past and up to these days, and that basis is:—

(a) Odd-bell peals with a covering bell.

(b) Even-bell peals without a covering bell.

These days any sort of leadership is resented, and if the two simple conditions (a) and (b) are not insisted upon, the standard will be lowered greatly and any kind of freak performance will pass, and although its ringing may be good and its changes true, the best tradition of the Exercise is spoilt.

J. C. BIRD.

Waltham Abbey.

JACK WORRALL'S BEARD

Dear Sir,—Having read the comments concerning Jack Worrall's beard, I feel that I must say, forsooth, that it is my bounden duty, as a member (female) of Bristol University Society of Change Ringers, to add my point of view. Although I have been a member for one year, I shall experience truly a great interest, perhaps, who knows, a delightful surprise, to see the real Jack Worrall.

It comes to my mind, however, that there must have been a motive for his madness. Unfortunately, the show-piece of our society has disappeared. Who now will uphold our glory? To those who have failed, 'try and try again'; to Jack, 'congratulations.' — Yours faithfully,
'A BAS LES BARBES.'

THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT'S

Story of Record Peal of Doubles

'The Australian Women's Weekly' made a double-page feature story, with nine illustrations, of the peal of Doubles of 8,040 changes rung at St. Clement's, Yass, on April 29th. Below we give extracts of the story written by Betty Wilkinson, staff reporter, on the performance.

MANY residents of the small township of Yass, N.S.W., felt disappointed because they heard no bells pealing during the recent attempt, in St. Clement's Church there, to break a world record for tower bellringing.

They had expected to listen for several hours to the pealing, but the Sidney bellringers had insisted that the sound should be muffled by boarding up the tower openings, and the bells could not be heard more than a few blocks away.

One reason for muffling the sound was the fear that the continuous ringing would worry patients in the District Hospital.

The bellringing added a picturesque touch to a month of centenary celebrations at St. Clement's Church.

The celebrations concluded the day after the bellringing with a rededication service, when the beautiful old church was decorated with tawny chrysanthemums and bright autumn sunlight poured through the windows.

Bishop G. H. Cranswick, of Kallista, Victoria, preached at the service, and at its conclusion pronounced the solemn and simple words rededicating the people of St. Clement's.

Since the Rev. H. P. Reynolds became Rector of St. Clement's at the end of 1948 he has reawakened interest in bellringing in Yass, and has an enthusiastic team trained by instructors from Sydney.

LEARNT ON COWBELLS

Although there was once a set of 29 handbells belonging to St. Clement's, these have disappeared, and when the new team started to learn it had to use cowbells.

Before the big bellringing event, Bruce Dunbar, of Sydney, spent a week in Yass oiling the bells, and making sure all preparations were complete. Even so, before the ringing started there were many preliminaries.

When one member arrived at the church tower carrying an outside in thick bristle doormats, so that his feet wouldn't get tired, his bellmates jibed, 'Why don't you get a mattress?'

Two of the ringers wore slippers to rest their feet, and most of the men wore shorts, as hours of bellringing can become very hot work.

The beginning of the bellringing was an impressive moment.

As the door of the church tower closed on the five ringers from Sydney, shutting out all sounds from the outside world, the first note of the bells rang forth. They continued for four hours and 34 minutes.

For all that time the five men stood pulling at their ropes and a sixth, the referee, kept an official record of their ringing.

The bellringers had set themselves a severe mental and physical test as they could not stop ringing at all, and must ring in their correct sequences, checked by the referee.

They were not allowed to take any liquid for 24 hours before the ringing began. This was to avoid perspiration and chafed hands.

CHOCOLATE FOR THE RINGERS

The referee kept chocolate handy, ready to thrust a piece into the ringers' mouths when he thought they were flagging.

By ringing 8,040 changes on the five bells they created an Australian record for ringing Doubles, the term used for five bells ringing changes.

The changes are the number of combinations it is possible to make with a given number of bells.

The greatest number of changes possible on five bells is 120, called an extent, which takes approximately four minutes. The goal aimed for 100 extents, or 12,000 changes.

The five members of the N.S.W. Bellringers' Association who rang at St. Clement's would have had to ring more than 10,080 changes to beat the known world record, created unofficially at Gillingham, Suffolk, England, in 1822.

RESULT TO ENGLAND

The Sydney team does not know what the official world record is for Doubles ringing, and it will send the result of the St. Clement's ringing to England claiming the official world record, and see if anyone disputes the claim.

Those of us near the church who were listening to the sweet pealing of the bells were jubilant when the ringers reached and passed the previous Australian record of 5,520 changes. This record was made at St. Jude's, Randwick, an Anzac Day, 1947, and there were two women in the team.

Even as an outsider I found it nerve-racking listening for the bells to stop.

It only needed one member of team to falter for the attempt to end, and after four hours and thirty-four minutes one of them felt he was going to collapse, so stopped 'rather than have my inside pulled out,' as he described it.

The ringers, all of them with many years of training, were Bill Rowe, of St. Jude's, Randwick, who was conductor; Ron Rowe and John Duncan, both of St. Jude's; Harry Short, St. Mary's Cathedral; and Robert Ferris, All Saints', Parramatta.

The referee was Edmund ('Chook') Fowell, St. Mary's Cathedral, who has the necessary qualifications to be recognised officially. When a record is made it must bear the signature of a qualified referee before it is official.

The referee must concentrate just as hard as the ringers do. He holds sheets of paper on which are type the changes, and must tick off each fresh lead-end.

Just before the towers door were closed a telegram arrived from the ringers at St. Peter's, Adelaide, wishing luck to Bill Rowe, who had taught them to ring St. Peter's bells when they were installed in 1947.

Mr. Reynolds, who had asked the bellringers to attempt the world record on St. Clement's mellow old bells, was the most disappointed of all when the bells stopped.

He had just said how precise and good the ringing was when the bells faltered and the silence we had all been dreading seemed to fill the air more than the previous sound.

Since the April day a hundred years ago, when the first service was held in the church, the history of St. Clement's has been the history of faith and service by generation after generation of worshippers and the Rectors and their wives.

'THE GRAND OLD MAN OF YASS'

An interested spectator as the bellringers made their final preparations was a venerable Yass identity, 78-year-old Mr. Arthur Smith.

He is the Grand Old Man of Yass bellringers. His father had been a ringer in England, and as his sons became old enough he taught them first the art of ringing handbells and then tower bells.

'We used to play at local concerts, just like any other variety turn,' he said. 'With six ringers we could ring any tune, as we had six bells each, taking up whichever one was wanted. We used to ring all the popular tunes of the day.'

As long as there was a bellringing team in Yass, Mr. Smith continued to train new members.

Bath and Wells Association

CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

At the quarterly meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Cucklington on July 22nd, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magna) conducted the service, and the Rev. J. A. Batcup (Vicar of Cucklington and Stoke Trister) was at the organ.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards based his address on Thessalonians i. 8: 'For from you sounded out the word of the Lord.' He drew a parallel between the Christian life and methods of sounding bells. There was, he said, the method of chiming bells by swinging them, the use of chiming apparatus, which he liked least of all, and ringing them. Only the last method brought out the best tone of the bell. So it was with religious life. So many Christians did not live their full religious life and were comparable to the chiming apparatus.

He referred to national revolutions which were atheistic in their inception. Great Christian countries had given in to such ideologies, but he was certain that such changes could never have taken place had the peoples been living their full religious life and had exerted their full power against the evil. In these days of individual and national offences against the laws of God and man, only the restoration of a full religion could combat this wrongdoing. Half-hearted religion was useless.

Forty-four members sat down to tea, and the branch chairman (Canon Wakeman, of South Cadbury and Sutton Montis) presided at the business meeting. Two new members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. Batcup for the use of the bells, to Rev. Edwards for conducting the service, and to Mrs. Batcup and her helpers for providing and serving tea.

During the afternoon and evening various touches from Rounds to Cambridge were rung on the bells. Stoke Trister bells were also available after tea. The last meeting held at Cucklington was in 1938.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting at Nunburnholme on July 8th. Over 50 members attended with wives and friends and with two visitors from Leicester Cathedral.

The Rector (the Rev. E. W. French) conducted the service in the Norman church of St. James, the ringers completely filling the church.

Tea was taken in the schoolroom, which was full to overflowing, the overflow being accommodated on the green outside. Being picnic weather, there were no complaints.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, where the annual report and accounts were approved. The Rev. French and Mr. F. Wilkinson were thanked for the use of the bells, a splendid country tea and arrangements.

Mr. H. F. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the good wishes of his Society to the Beverley District, remarking that he only intended to stay for a short ring, but had stayed through the afternoon to service and tea.

Good use was made of the bells in the evening. They are a very musical ring and easy to handle, and were rung in standard methods until 8.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Central Council Peal Decisions

AS ADVISORY BODY ADVOCATED.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Smallwood, I can assure him that my purpose was not to hamper the work of this sub-committee, but merely to try and ensure that those who troubled to write should have their views duly and impartially considered. I may be wrong, but I do think that when a committee asks for people's views, letters received should be acknowledged and passed round for consideration by all its members.

Mr. Smallwood will persist in thinking that my suggestions arise purely from self-interest. He refers to 'an alleged record performance of Double Norwich . . .'; but as this peal was accepted by the Council as a record in 1948, it should be quite clear to any reasoning person that this can have nothing whatever to do with it. To my mind, the conditions laid down at present as 'desirable' to be observed are obsolete and quite unnecessary. To remove them will merely make it easier for future bands to surpass this record, if they so wish.

Further, I have never taken part in any of these so-called 'freak' performances, or any which contravene the Council's decisions, so I have no personal axe to grind whatever. I must therefore ask Mr. Smallwood to try and clear his mind of prejudice and grant to my original letter that sympathetic consideration he promises to others.

I agree with Mr. Smallwood that the Council has no powers to enforce its decisions, and I therefore consider that it should not attempt to make laws which may require enforcement, but confine its activities to that of being a purely advisory body. I believe that people should be free to ring what they like. Why not? I have great faith in the good sense of the Exercise as a whole, and feel that ringers will arrive at what is best by a process of trial and selection, if they are left free to do so. I do not think that the removal of all restrictions would result in a spate of 'freak' performances, as I firmly believe that the majority of ringers are only interested in ringing what is worth while.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

LEAD TO FRESH ANOMALIES

Dear Sir,—From Mr. Smallwood's two recent letters in your columns, it would appear that the sub-committee appointed to review Central Council decisions has adopted the unusual procedure of making up its mind first and requesting viewpoints, etc., afterwards.

It is, therefore, easy to comprehend why opinions in any way opposed to the committee's observations, such as Mr. Woolley's and my own, have not even produced a bare acknowledgment.

A close study of the alleged impartial recommendations of the committee reveals that they are as full of 'snags' and loopholes as any previous decisions and, if carried, they will, in my estimation, lead to fresh anomalies cropping up year after year; indeed, it is extremely difficult to understand on what evidence or investigations these findings are based.

I much regret to learn from Mr. Smallwood that members of this impenetrable sub-committee have been 'stung' and rendered unduly anxious by my innocent use of the word 'bleat'—actually I am more concerned with their reactions to the important suggestions

contained in the penultimate paragraph of my letter—but I am led to wonder if they have ever heard the following verse:—

You may bark, bray or bleat to make yourself heard,

Like animals roaming the land;
But, whatever you do, don't be as the bird
Which buries its head in the sand!

With, perhaps, the addition of the words 'or clouds,' may I heartily commend the last two lines to Mr. Smallwood and his merry colleagues of the sub-committee.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens,
Orrell Park, Liverpool, 9.

AN EXAMPLE FROM EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It has been my lot to travel north, south, east and west of our ringing isle and never miss an opportunity to ring at places where I visit, and I have not yet met one case where drink or a drunken ringer has been in the belfry. I occasionally find cases of smoking, but a discreet reference often puts this practice out of use.

'The encouragement of care and attention' no doubt has been acted upon, and ringers generally realise their position and duties to the Church. In many places the 'leader' offers up a prayer before the commencing of ringing, and in some the clergy visit the belfry for that purpose. I was very much impressed when I recently visited St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. The room was very clean and tidy, the handbells polished, an attendance and visitors' book, but, above all, a clergyman was there, and he gave a short but very impressive service which made one feel, when he was ringing, the reverence of his duties.

Perhaps if the Archdeacon of Carmarthen visited the belfry or arranged for a clergyman to attend he would have a different opinion.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

A SERMON OF THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Dear Sir,—The Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, had obviously not read 'Among the Bells,' by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A.

In his book, which I do not hesitate to suggest should be read by all clergymen with any interest in ringing, appears the following passage, on page 226, chapter 10:—

My tale of peals in 1895 was a very moderate one. . . . On July 1st I attended at Annual Festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and preached from Luke x. 8-9 (the lost piece of silver), pointing out that 'the woman in the parable represented the Church of Christ; the lost piece of silver might stand for a neglected portion of church restoration, the condition of belfries, bells and ringers. These were formerly in almost a lost state; the ringers were known as some of the worst characters in the parish, and the art of ringing had become degraded. Now all was changed. Throughout the country these guilds and associations had gradually ameliorated this state of affairs; the Church, with her Divine Head ever present with her, and in her, had lit the candle; had sought diligently after that which was lost, and had found it; and now ringers were being recognised as church-workers, as church officers.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

39, Vale Road,
Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

Clergy and Ringers

Dear Sir,—I have visited many towers in thirteen counties and I emphatically state that I have never once seen a ringer in any way under the influence of drink.

If the clergy as a body took more interest in the ringers and ringing they would have no cause to complain of non-attendance at services, and I am glad to say there are many instances where this does exist, and in all such cases the ringers are delighted to have the clergy with them.

I have personally received very great help and friendship from ringers, and am proud to reckon many of them as real friends.

If the Archdeacon would mix freely with the ringers he would find many men with a standard of intellect that would give him something to think about.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR MADELEY.

Minehead, Somerset.

SEARCHING DEVON FOR BELL CHIMES

Dear Sir,—When I was collaborating with the Rev. W. Pitchford in 1936 on his B.B.C. talks on Church Bell Chimes, illustrating the air and the harmony on the handbells, two of the Devon towers selected were Ottery St. Mary and Holsworthy. On my first visit into Devon to see Washfield, I asked my 'chauffeur' to make a bee-line to Ottery and Holsworthy. I wanted to hear the real thing, the church bells.

We came first to Ottery about noon and, lo and behold, the bells were ringing. There was a wedding on (August 4th, 1937, I believe). We sat on a tombstone to listen to the peal and see the bride. (To my surprise the next tombstone had my wife's name, Tryphena, on it.) At length the bride appeared, and the bells rang out most joyfully. Splendid striking on those bells. 'Good band that,' I remarked to my companions. The bells ceased, and I said, 'I am going to see the ringers.' They were ringing from the floor.

I greeted them and said I had travelled 200 miles to hear the chimes. They all seemed very happy, and said, 'Sorry, but we have got the job of ringing wedding bells all day.' (No wonder they looked so happy.) I told them I was disappointed. They looked at one another, the circle drew closer, whispering and nodding of heads took place. If I had had a net I could have flung it over those eight heads and caught the lot. At last the foreman spoke up. 'We will fall the bells, put the chimes on; you shall hear them before the clock strikes. Then we will raise them again. 'Downwards, here goes the treble,' and a splendid falling in peal took place. The nimblest ringer slipped up to the bell chamber and put on the chimes and O.K.'d from above. At last I heard the tune I had so often rung on the handbells. The nimble ringer came down and took his rope. 'All ready. Here goes the treble; treble's gone,' and a splendid raising in peal took place until 'Stand' was called.

I thanked them. I handed them something, asking them to drink my health as a brother ringer in Devonshire cider, warning them not to raise their elbow too high that day. 'We parted in much love,' as John Wesley said when in Devon. I told the driver to make a beeline for Holsworthy, but more about Holsworthy another time. But here, once again, was an instance of the kindness, helpfulness and English humour of this great brotherhood.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

Peals Rung for more than one Association

Dear Sir,—On two or three occasions recently peals have been published as rung for two Associations (as recently as July 15th at Harrow Weald). This surely is contrary to Central Council decisions. I am not aware that the resolution passed by the Council in 1893 has ever been rescinded. With a view to the regulation of the records of peals in peal books, the Council passed the following resolution: 'It is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be pushed under the name of more than one Association.'

It was the practice, I believe, when the Peals Analyses Committee awarded 'points for peals,' that the points were credited to the first-named Association only. This would ensure that there was no duplication in the Council's analyses. It did not prevent both Associations from publishing the same peal in their respective reports and claiming it in the total rung for the respective Society, if they so wished.

To prevent this possibility in future, would it not be better for the Editor to withhold publication until the Council's resolution was respected!

F. W. ROGERS.

Cosham, Portsmouth.

TWO SOCIETY PEALS

Dear Sir,—I notice in Belfry Gossip a correspondent refers to a peal credited to the Lancashire Association and to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The procedure in our Association is that if all the performers are members of the Association in a peal recorded to another Society, the conductor can, by sending particulars to the ringing secretary, ask for the peal to be published in our report, which is what was done on the occasion referred to.—Yours faithfully.

F. DUNKERLEY,

Hon. Secretary,

The Lancashire Association.

CALL CHANGE CAPTAIN'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer, on behalf of Pilton ringers, our congratulations to the band of ringers who came to Pilton on July 27th. They came from the Salisbury Guild. I do not know the first thing about method ringing, but I know a little about call change ringing, and I also know when the bells are being rung. That band last Thursday gave us the best striking I have heard on our bells by method ringing, and it was a real pleasure to listen to them.

I am sorry we didn't have the pleasure of listening to them ring 5,040 on our bells but, owing to the fact that our church is surrounded by almshouses and old people, our Rector could not permit the bells to be rung for so long at a stretch. The ringers' names are: Mr. F. Harris (organiser), H. Abrahams, Miss E. Brown and Miss J. Brown (Salisbury), J. Mussell, P. Marlow and D. Reed (Winchester), P. Anger (Oxford), P. Cannon (Surrey), and W. Theobald (Middlesex).—Yours truly,

G. HARDING,
Captain, Pilton ringers.

'IN TOWERS AND PLACES WHERE THEY RING'

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

In the 'Truro Diocesan News Leaflet,' the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, is writing a series of articles on bells and ringing. The first of these, dealing with Truro Cathedral, is of special interest during the holiday period, when many ringers find their way to Cornwall.

In his Memoir of Bishop Frere, C. S. Phillips writes of Lis Escop: 'Its garden was a beautiful place, though Frere himself had none of the gardening enthusiasm of his predecessor, Bishop C. W. Stubbs, and of his successor, Bishop Hunkin, who have done so much to make it what it is. From one corner of the terrace there is an exquisite view of the Cathedral, and on Sundays and practice nights the sonorous tones of its magnificent old bells could be heard rising from below.'

If this is true of the garden, it is not quite true of the bells—magnificent, yes, but old, no. It will be only forty years on June 21st next that the ringing peal of ten bells in the north-west tower of the Cathedral was dedicated, together with the western towers and spires. The bells were then quite new. The coming of these bells was a surprise. They had not been prepared for, even though the western towers had been planned. It had been thought by Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., that the tower at the south-east angle of the south transept might have sufficed, in fact in this tower there are six bells, the largest dated 1770 and weighing 17 cwt., is hung for ringing and is the hour bell for the clock; the smallest bell, dated 1771, is now never used. The four quarter hour chime bells were recast in 1902 when they were all rehung in an iron frame, but with the exception of the tenor they are hung 'dead.'

When in 1907 Mrs. Hawkins made her gift to the Dean and Chapter for the building of the western towers the vision of a ringing peal came to bell enthusiasts—Messrs. J. C. Daubuz, A. P. Nix, Dr. J. Symons amongst them, and this vision materialised. The plan was for ten bells in the north-west tower and a bourdon bell (about 5½ tons) in the south-west tower. (Full details of donors, weights, inscriptions and cost can be found in the Chapter Room.)

The former were soon provided, but the latter is still a gift for the future. Mr. F. L. Pearson had to alter his father's designs by carrying up the stonework of the north-west tower for the foundation girders of the bell frame, and enlarging the bell-hole from some 4ft. diameter to 5ft. 6in. so the bells could be got in. To provide properly for the bourdon bell in the south-west tower the bell-hole should

have been enlarged some 7ft. diameter, but this was not done, although the Nunc Dimittis is reserved as the inscription for the bell. By some means it will now have to be got up outside.

There are 159 rings of ten bells in England, and Truro comes twelfth in order of weight with a tenor of 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in D flat. The bells are from the famous foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are 'magnificent' because they have been cast since modern methods of tuning have been used. Each bell is in tune with itself and each other bell in the ring. The bells are hung in two tiers, this being necessary because of the slenderness of the tower, with numbers 5, 6, 9 and 10 on the bottom in the 'H' type of casting, and numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 above in the 'A' type of casting. The supporting girders are of steel. The bearings are plain, having been provided just before ball bearings were introduced, and have stood up to 40 years' wear well.

There is no more loyal body of Cathedral workers than the Company of Ringers. It is true to say that this has always been so. The present Master is Mr. W. H. Southard, who is the only remaining member of the band who saw the bells come into being, and he learned to ring soon after. He is also Master of the Diocesan Guild. A Past Master was the late Mr. W. S. Sitwell. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, secretary of the Diocesan Guild, was also Master for a while. It is because of the enthusiasm of such leaders that the Cathedral bells have never been silent for want of ringers. Method ringing, which is the highest form of ringing, has always been practised.

Fifteen peals, of over 5,000 changes each, in six different methods, have been rung in times varying from 3 hours 19 minutes to 3 hours 46 minutes, and in most of these some local ringers have taken part. The most productive period in this respect was from 1927 to 1936 when in ten years ten of these peals were rung.

The happy relationship which still exists between the Chapter and the ringers is typically expressed in a letter from the late Canon B. C. Corfe, who saw the bells dedicated, and who drew up the company's rules. It was written on Whit Sunday, 1929. One of these peals had been rung to mark his 25th year at the Cathedral.

'My dear Secretary,—I want two small communications from myself to be in your hands before to-morrow. The first is to beg you to express to the company, and especially to those who were ringing on that occasion, my most sincere and grateful appreciation for the honour paid to me in the belfry, when our bells commemorated my 25th year as Canon and Precentor of the Cathedral. I flung my windows open, and listened all through, with both joy and sorrow—with sorrow, to think that the break-up of my home happiness means for me my departure from Truro, and my many friends and well-wishers here; and with joy for the kindness of heart which set you ringing for me.'

'I shall never forget this, and shall think of it again and again when I have gone. The other is that I wish you all a very happy outing to-morrow, with decent weather. My only regret will be that I cannot accompany you, for the reason that I must be at the Training College on Whitsun Monday, especially as it will be for the last time. Our glorious bells, and those who ring them, will always be amongst the happy memories of my Truro days. Yours always sincerely, Edward C. Corfe.'

This has begun and ended with an appreciation of our Cathedral bells; long may this continue and likewise the service which is so lovingly rendered in the belfry.

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Control of Ringing Meetings

Dear Sir,—I am glad to notice that at last a cleric has drawn the attention of the Exercise to Canon 88. This certainly makes empty reading of those 'rules' which we often find in Guild and Association reports, such as: 'the secretary, or Master, shall be empowered, with the consent of the treasurer, to make up a band for the opening of any new ring,' or, 'they shall satisfy themselves by personal inspection or otherwise as to the state of the belfries and bands in their branch.'

It also makes null and void the position of a branch Ringing Master at a meeting to override the one elected by the incumbent and P.C.C. as the local captain where it is not desired.

Far too many ringers these days think of the Guilds and Associations as the controlling authorities of all church bells, as a sort of trade union, and that the parochial powers that be should just have to sit up and take notice. The above canon law just goes to show these people that they have no such powers, and only makes such 'rules' look ridiculous.

I admire any belfry captain or incumbent who refuses to allow such trespass upon his parochial rights and preserves. Surely we have enough Communist technique in industry without it creeping into ringing. Some are attempting to use the Guilds and Associations for what they were never intended to be.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

[NOTE.—When permission has been granted by the incumbent to a Guild or Association to hold a meeting in a tower, the responsibility for the ringing and conduct of proceedings automatically passes to the District Ringing Master. Canon 88 cannot be interpreted to apply to such occasions. At a dedication service the responsibility for the order of the service, including the ringing, rests with the incumbent.—Ed.]

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTANTS DEDICATION.

Reported in dire need of rehanging eighteen months ago, the fine ring of eight at Higham Ferrers has been overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, at a cost of £430.

On Saturday, July 22nd, they were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham (Ven. E. N. Millard), in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers from all parts and other friends.

The Vicar of Higham Ferrers (Rev. H. S. Hoar) conducted a short preliminary service, and then a procession of crucifer, servers, thurifer, clergy and churchwardens went to the belfry. Here the ropes were handed to the Archdeacon by the wardens, and the work was solemnly dedicated. The Archdeacon handed the ropes back to the Vicar, who distributed them to the ringers. The Vicar intoned 'Glory be to God on high,' and the choir sang out 'And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,' whereupon a short touch was rung. It was a very impressive moment.

A short and inspiring address was given by the Archdeacon before the collection, which amounted to nearly £6, so that only £60 had to be added to what had already been subscribed.

Tea was served in the Parish Rooms afterwards, and all the evening (except during evensong) the bells rang out merrily at the hands of many visiting ringers, who greatly appreciated the easy 'go.'

'MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED'

(Concluded from the previous issue.)

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

IN the previous instalment we referred to the Royal and Maximus forms of a method, Wembley, as shown in the Corrigan Collection.

The value of the collections of methods made by Mr. Corrigan to the Exercise of today is incalculable, and probably such as only history may be able properly to assess. Nevertheless, the collector himself would be the first to admit, no doubt, that in view of the pending work and results of the Methods Committee, and of the probability that they may recommend recognition of only the 'pure' or ideal forms of extension, the Collection of Royal and Maximus methods as now published can be in no sense a ringer's 'bible' of methods on ten and twelve bells. The reason is clear.

We have already shown that:—

- (1) Means now exist of deriving mathematically the extension of any method.
- (2) Such extension is called the Theoretic form.
- (3) If it complies with ringers' conventional requirements, including full-length plain course and basic coursing order, it is said to be in the Ideal (or pure) class of extensions.
- (4) If it does not so comply, then modifications in the method design may bring in those requirements; but such 'mods' are, in fact, steps of departure from the method. Such extensions are therefore in the Modified class.
- (5) A modified extension with the minimum possible of such steps is known as the Proximate form. Other modified forms, more remote (i.e., with greater number of mods), are not worth consideration as extensions.

Now, clearly, unless an extension is in the ideal class it is not a true extension. We showed in the previous instalment that Wembley Royal is a modified form. But, at least, it is proximate, and its Maximus extension is ideal. (See Nos. 576 and 858 in the Collection.)

But what of Rutland?

The forms given in the Collection, No. 519 Royal, and No. 849 (misprinted '859') Maxi-

mus, are not ideal. They are not even proximate! The Royal has at least nine mods in its lead, one of which is quite unforgivable. It is the removal of the position of place-making of the pivot bell from the lead to thirds. Also a feature peculiar to Rutland has been omitted, namely, when the treble dodges behind, contiguous 5ths and 6ths counted therefrom. Worse still, all this is unnecessary, for the proximate form can be produced with only one mod in the half-lead, i.e., contiguous 5ths and 6ths as the treble leaves its dodging on the front. Again, the Maximus shows six mods in the full lead, whereas none are necessary. The method, in fact, extends ideally to Maximus.

Now all this is not just matter of opinion. It is a matter of absolute fact. It is demonstrably true mathematically. It is there for any to see. What, then, of the rest of the Collection?

Well, at last, the practical ringer is becoming interested in what has for long been clear to the theoretician. Among such ringers is one of the leading conductors of these times, who has always been interested in method structure as an aid to the art of conducting. More recently he has taken up the study of Grid Analysis. Applying it in an examination of the Corrigan Collection of Royal and Maximus methods, he has been able to determine that several of the Royal and Maximus forms there are not 'pure' or ideal extensions. I have had the pleasure of checking this work and I concur with his findings.

But how far those non-ideal versions approach to the best obtainable, and whether in any given case the 'ideal' is, in fact, obtainable, it is not possible to say without further work on these methods.

But the Exercise may be assured of two things:—

- (A) That such work will eventually be accomplished.
- (B) That the results of such work will be found to fall within a category beyond the field of doubt or controversy.

A significant and interesting point is that much of the recent report of the Methods Committee has already appeared, though in different form, among the expressed principles of Grid Analysis.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM JEFFS.

We are sure that the friends of Mr. William Jeffs will learn with regret of his death, which occurred on July 27th, at Rosebery Avenue, Linslade, Bucks, after a seizure.

'Bill' Jeffs, as he was known to his ringing friends, was well known in the Bedfordshire Association and also had many friends in the Herts, Oxford and Bucks Associations. He was a regular ringer at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and St. Barnabas', Linslade, and was invariably present at district meetings.

Bellringing he loved, and he was a good striker on 6-10 bells, but not a keen peal ringer, having rung only three peals since he started ringing 47 years ago.

He was laid to rest in 'Old Linslade' Churchyard on July 31st. Ringers at Bromham, Luton, Dunstable, Woburn, Leighton Buzzard and Linslade attended.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave with his own handbells by the following: Miss V. Willard 1-2, F. J. Plummer 3-4, D. Harris 5-6, A. E. Sharman 7-8.

In the evening following the funeral two half-muffled quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following band at Linslade: F. Vickers 1, F. J. Plummer 2, W. Insley 3, D. Harris 4, V. Willard 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, R. Piron 8.

MR. JOSEPH LADLEY.

Mr. Joe Ladley passed away at Hertford, after a short illness, on Sunday, July 23rd, aged 81. He was a ringer for 54 years, and for the last 30 years was a member of the Hertford College Youths and also the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He was quite a 'character' and widely known for his kindly and jovial disposition and willingness to help the young ringer. He rang about 60 peals.

The funeral took place on July 27th, and the bells of St. Andrew's Church were rung half-muffled in the evening by A. Ager 1, A. S. Carter 2, J. Kemp 3, R. Dore 4, V. Neale 5, C. Springham 6, G. J. H. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

New ground was broken on July 15th, for the oand had its first outing; the first, that is within living recollection. The objective was Eastbourne and the route included as many rings as could possibly be fitted in. With friends from nearby towns, relatives and others, a fully loaded coach set off from Kingston at 8.45 a.m. Four irrepressibles soon started the handbells, but, whether it was the swaying of the coach or human frailty, it seemed impossible to get a touch round in spite of generous advice from all parts of the coach.

The first stop was at Reigate, where all had a pull on the ten, but, probably owing to the early hour, only rounds, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung. At East Grinstead and Uckfield, the next towers, the band became more venturesome and Double Norwich was rung in addition. The weather was rather unkind up to now, but when Eastbourne was reached exactly on schedule and just in time for an excellent lunch the sun shone brightly. This seemed to inspire the band, for after lunch Cambridge was rung at Christ Church, and leaving this in progress some of the party went along to try the bells at All Saints'.

Strange to relate, all the party returned to the coach at the departure time, 4 p.m., and we left almost on time. The next stop was Brightling and this seemed particularly elusive in spite of the efforts of the driver and one of the party armed with several maps. However, after navigating several hills with alarming gradients we did eventually pass Brightling at a good rate per hour. When the driver was prevailed on to stop, the enthusiasts hiked back to raise the bells. The older (and wiser) members waited for the coach to reverse back. After a very enjoyable ring the party moved on to Burwash and a very good tea. So fortified, the party set about the Burwash bells with very satisfactory results.

The last tower, Fairwarp, was reached at 8 p.m. The trip was now behind schedule, but everyone was happy the full programme had been achieved. After various touches some of the members wandered around the surprisingly modern and beautiful church.

A happy ending to the day came on the return journey, when the handbell experts, tired but triumphant, at last succeeded in completing a touch of Bob Major. So home to Kingston, which was reached soon after 11 p.m. The whole party thoroughly enjoyed the day and determined that, although the first, this shall not be the last Kingston outing. The secretary (Mr. H. W. Barrett), who organised the trip, must be congratulated on the excellent arrangements. Thanks from all the company are offered to incumbents for permission to use their bells and to the tower captains or their representatives who came along and opened the towers for our pleasure.

G. C. G.

ST. MARGARET'S RAINHAM, KENT.

On Saturday, July 29th, the Rainham ringers and fellow-ringers from Chatham and Upchurch, along with their wives and friends, left Rainham at 7.30 by two coaches to tour East Kent, stopping at Sittingbourne for more ringing friends.

Hernhill was reached at 8.30, and ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, besides Canterbury Pleasure Major and Double Norwich. Time was found to visit a 400-year-old house for an early morning cup of tea, for two members had travelled overnight from Crewe.

The next stop was at Quex Park, Birchington, the party being slightly behind schedule. There Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Grandsire Caters and rounds on the twelve were rung. Thence to Dreamland, Margate, for lunch, and after a short rest the party made tracks for St. John's tower, where the ringing in-

cluded Cambridge Major, Double Norwich and Stedman.

The coastal road was followed to St. Lawrence's, Thanet. Here a hitch developed owing to a wedding. After the service a course of Plain Bob Royal greeted the bridal pair, besides touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Deal was reached by 5 p.m., when tea was served in St. George's Hall before setting off for Walmer. Use was made of the handbells. Finding St. Mary's tower was another headache. The programme of ringing there was Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, besides Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The last tower (from 8-9 p.m.) was Wingham, where unfortunately a touch of Superlative came to grief. A brief halt was made at Sittingbourne in time for the last call for drinks. The ringers would like to thank Mr. G. A. Naylor for carrying out the Ringing Master's duties, also to the incumbents and captains, etc., of the various churches visited during the day, which enabled the party to enjoy such a successful outing, most ringers and friends finding their home about 11 p.m.

F. J. C.

WANSTEAD.

On Saturday, July 29th, a party of ringers from Christ Church, Wanstead, and St. Mary's, Woodford, accompanied by the Rector of Wanstead, the Rev. A. C. Gates, and fellow-parishioners, visited some interesting churches in Essex.

The first halt was made at All Saints', Purleigh, a picturesque Decorated church, surmounted by a chequered tower, a landmark in an upland village. It was here that the Rev. Laurence Washington, the great-great-grandfather of the first president of the U.S.A., was Rector for ten years. His son sailed to Virginia in 1657. Touches were rung on the six bells, four of which were cast by Miles Gray.

Then followed a zig-zag run through Latchingdon, Mayland, Steeple and St. Lawrence to Bradwell-on-Sea (Bradwell-juxta-Mare), an interesting village of old cottages, surrounding the 14th century church of St. Thomas, with its Georgian red-brick tower. Touches on a tuneful six followed, much to the delight of the incumbent, the Rev. Canon P. N. Maitland, a former Rector of St. John's, Loughton. He conducted the party to the lonely windswept Saxon chapel, St. Peter-on-the-Wall, one of the oldest Christian places of worship in Great Britain, founded in the seventh century by St. Cedd, on the site of the Roman fortress, Othona. In Tudor times it was used as a lighthouse, and until recent years as a barn. It was rescued by the generosity of the late C. W. Parker, Esq., of Faulkbourne Hall, Witham, who transferred the site to trustees. It was rededicated on July 22nd, 1920, by the first Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, and since then has been the scene of annual pilgrimages.

The journey continued through Tillingham, Asheldham and Southminster to Burnham-on-Crouch, an interesting watering place and yachting centre. Tea was well served at the Star Hotel, the local shrimps being much appreciated. Reluctantly did the party leave the 'promenade' for the Perpendicular Church of St. Mary, with its well-going ring of six bells, its 16th century porch and late Norman font.

The final stopping place was Downham, a prettily placed church on the hills above the Crouch. Touches on the light six were much enjoyed, finishing up with a course of Cambridge Surprise. In 1947 four of the bells were recast and a treble and tenor added, the

gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keddie, in memory of their three sons lost in the last war.

Darkness fell before the run home was completed. All agreed that the first ringers' outing since the cessation of hostilities was a great success and an excellent try-out for the learners on strange bells, and a 'feather in the cap' for the organiser, Mr. Ben Petty. Thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers who met the party and for their warm welcomes.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

Early on the morning of July 22nd a coach went from Maulden through Henlow and Biggleswade, up the Great North Road to Eaton Socon, collecting members and friends of the Biggleswade District ringers before proceeding via Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds to Stowmarket, where the day's ringing commenced.

While on the journey towards Debenham doubts were raised whether Debenham could be reached as on the outskirts of Stowmarket, with a splutter and bang, the coach came to a standstill. The fire alarm was raised, but luckily it was soon extinguished, and with the engine running once again Debenham was reached for more ringing, followed by lunch.

In the afternoon, Framsdon and Helmingham were to be visited. The turning for Framsdon Church was missed, and so the coach passed on the Helmingham, only to be led back by two of the Framsdon ringers, who had seen the party's plight. Helmingham was visited for ringing in its turn.

A short ride brought the company to Woodbridge for tea. Unfortunately there was no ringing there owing to the unstable condition of the tower. Ringing therefore had to be at the last eight-bell tower, Ufford. There was nothing but praise for the fine ring of ten at Grundisburgh, where the day's ringing was concluded.

As it began to rain darkness fell quickly, and it was with some difficulty that the main road was eventually discovered along the Ipswich by-pass. Home was made for. There were two diversions from the outward journey when the way was missed. The party arrived back early Sunday morning in ample time for service ringing.

This concluded a most enjoyable day, for which thanks are due to our organiser, Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters, and all who co-operated at the towers visited.

J. A.

REDENHALL, DISS AND PULHAM.

The annual outing of the Redenhall, Diss and Pulham ringers took place on July 22nd. The party of thirty-three, including Harry Moss (the comedian), left Diss at 7.15 a.m., and Stansted, Essex, was reached at 9.45, and ringing commenced with a course of Superlative Surprise Major.

After an hour's ringing the next call was Bishops Stortford (Herta), where the fine ring of ten was rung to Stedman Caters. Kent Royal, Bob Royal and Little Bob Royal. An hour's ringing at St. Mary's, Harlow, followed, and lunch was served at the Queen's Head Hotel. The Rector met the party at Hatfield Broad Oak, and recalled the happy years he had formerly spent in Norfolk. Then on to Great Dunmow, and after ringing various methods tea was served at the Tudor Restaurant.

The last call was at Finchingfield, and after bidding farewell to Essex a break was made at Bury St. Edmunds for supper. Diss was reached at 11.30 p.m. The party wishes to thank all who helped to make this tour such a success, and especially Mr. Cyril Barber for the efficient way in which he organised the outing.

A. G. H.

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MEETINGS

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

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 12th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7403

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marden, Aug. 12th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7400

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rauceby, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 7394

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Fressingfield, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fox and Goose 5. Notify L. E. Etheridge, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 7395

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The practice arranged for Aug. 12th at Hawley has been cancelled.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7416

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—A ringers' day will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea readily obtained. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringers on holiday welcomed. 7399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 19th, Chelmsford Cathedral. Bells (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea, 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by 16th. Handbells in the Rectory garden if desired.—A. B. Peck. 7385

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Aug. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, by 16th, please, to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberdare, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (small charge) and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 7391

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Winford, August 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7436

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wallasey, St. Hilary's (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by the 14th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7424

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7434

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Kington, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business after. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 15th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Avon, Leominster. 7422

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Burton-in-Kendal, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. George Braithwaite, 7, Drover's Way, Burton, via Carnforth. 7430

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, at 3 p.m. on Aug. 19th. Cups of tea. Buses from King Street West or Salford bus station.—R. Benson. 7423

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 16th, to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, near Leicester.—J. R. Smith. 7420

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Somerby, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Institute 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. C. Tyler, Somerby, by Aug. 17th.—J. H. Cook. 7425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Coleorton, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School 4.45. Names to Mr. W. Lord, The Moor, Coleorton, by Aug. 15th.—C. W. Hall. 7418

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Saddington, August 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Saddington Hall.—L. W. Allen. 7426

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Alfreton, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cafes nearby. 7442

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting Ogbourne St. George, Aug. 19th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells from 3. Cups of tea provided. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 7440

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify the undersigned by Aug. 17th. Look up Double Norwich.—J. Cotton, Overseal. 7433

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Brown Edge, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pointon, 126, North Street, Ball Green, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Secretary. 7412

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford, Aug. 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7415

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Broseley, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 3. Much Wenlock in evening. 7441

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting Ringwood, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Fordingbridge evening. Please notify tea to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7428

LANCS. ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7439

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Willingham on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Service 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7438

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), Aug. 19th, 2.30. Names must be sent in by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7437

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Christ Church, North Shields, Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (10) 3. Names for tea to J. Palmer, 40, Bamburgh Terrace, North Shields. 7432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Crusader meeting, Aug. 26th. Hornchurch (8), 3.30-4.30; North Ockendon (6), 6-8. No. 370 bus from church to church. Meeting essentially for beginners. Tea arranged at Hornchurch for those notifying me by Aug. 24th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7414

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 26th. Service in All Saints' Church, 4; preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea in Church Hall, 5. Ringing, 2-3, Binfield, East-hampstead, St. Paul's, Wokingham; 3-4, All Saints', Wokingham; 6-9, Arborfield and Binfield (6), Hurst, Warfield and Wokingham (8). Notify for tea by Aug. 19th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7402

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, London, Sept. 16th. Lunch 1 p.m. (6s. 6d.), tea 6 p.m. (3s. 6d.) at Euston Tavern, Euston Road, opposite St. Pancras Station. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4-5.30 p.m. Tickets from (with remittance) H. G. Jenney, Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. 7427

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yat-tendon (6), Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. A. F. G. Farmer, Yat-tendon Rectory, Berks, by Aug 23rd. 7419

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley, not later than Aug. 22nd. Newborough bells (5) also available. It is regretted that owing to poor response to my notice of July 28th, no coach will run from Wolverhampton.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7431

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Preliminary Notice. Surprise method practice at Loughton on September 23rd. Bells 3-5.—F. V. Gant. 7413

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tickets shortly available and obtainable from branch secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7397

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be at the Bars Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, at 6.30.—J. Kingdon. 7421

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