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THE RULES OF THE GAME

CHANGE ringing, as far as peals and methods are concerned, as other national pastimes, is governed by the rules of the game. As ringers we do not call them rules, like football, hockey, tennis and other sports, but Decisions, and these Decisions are arrived at after very full and careful consideration by the Central Council.

One of the Decisions approved by the Central Council last Whitsun at Chester was 'Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.' Although the wording has been amended, the principle is an old one and has received widespread acknowledgment by all peal ringers. In 1902 it appears: 'That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.' The alteration was made to comply with difficulties arising from heavy tenors where a second ringer was essential or desirable.

We have quoted this rule because there has been submitted to us, for publication in our peal columns as a peal, a performance on the back eight of Exeter Cathedral of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples on July 7th. Unfortunately, after 2½ hours' ringing, one of the men on the tenor had to hand over to a third ringer, who completed the full extent. This action invalidates the performance as a peal if the Decisions of the Council are to be observed, and we feel certain our conclusion will not create a surprise as the ringer of the seventh on this occasion was at Chester as a member of the Central Council and heard the discussion relating to the revision of rules.

Attempts at peals on the bells of Exeter Cathedral with its tenor of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. are always of great interest to ringers. Had it been a recognised peal, this attempt on July 7th would have been 'the heaviest peal' to be rung on eight bells. A peal of Triples has yet to be rung on these bells.

The attempt was planned by Mr. Frank L. Harris, of Britford, near Salisbury. 'The idea,' he writes, 'was conceived last summer and permission was granted for an attempt during last winter. This attempt could be described as a "magnificent failure," for after 3½ hours of excellent ringing—we were in the 11th part of Parker's 12-part—one of the tenor men had to give in.

'Having proved a peal was possible, we were very pleased to be given the opportunity of another go on July 7th. This time it was decided to have a spare man in the tower in case of trouble, and as it turned out this was a wise decision. Unfortunately, David Reed, who had rung the fifth so well in the first attempt, broke his collarbone a couple of weeks before the peal. So Miss Jean Brown, who had already proved her worth at Sherborne Abbey, stepped into the breach. No lady had previously rung a peal on Exeter Cathedral bells.

'July 7th was hardly the day for heavy bell ringing, the weather being warm and sultry. However, after the usual preparations, the bells went into changes at 4.20 p.m. About half-way the three back bells were given some more grease (which didn't seem to help at all), and after 2½ hours R. Marlow had to hand over his half of the tenor to G. Skinner, who carried on to the end.

'I think the last quarter peal taxed the endurance of the back-end ringers—especially the conductor, who found the "tenth" quite a handful—but it was stuck out and the bells came round after 4 hours 2 minutes of ringing. As the organiser and conductor of the peal, I should like to thank F. Wreford for making all local arrangements, and all the band for the way in which they contributed to its success.'

The ringers were Stafford H. Green treble, Jean M. Brown 2, Herbert H. Abrahams 3, Frederick Wreford 4, John Hartless 5, Frank L. Harris (conductor) 6, A. Patrick Cannon 7, Ronald N. Marlow, George Skinner, Jack Mussell tenor.

We feel certain that the Exercise will congratulate the band on their feat of endurance, and it is our regret that such a valiant performance cannot be classified as a peal. It still remains open to the peal ringing fraternity to ring the first recognised peal of Triples on the celebrated bells of Exeter Cathedral.

Finally, in the matter of peals there must be a strict adherence to the Decisions. The whole structure of peal ringing would collapse if this was not so. 'The Rules of the Game' must be observed, as any departure or exceptions would not only lower the standard, but create an intolerable position. We look to conductors to maintain these Decisions in an honorable manner. Only last week a conductor withdrew a peal because he felt the necessary standard was not reached. Such action is to be commended.

A SHIRES TOUR

Peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association except where stated.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (C.C.C.9). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
250th peal as conductor.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOKE .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Mon., July 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 8
MARGARET FIDELL .. 4	T. MARK WHITE .. 9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 5	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 50th peal together.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., July 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C.2). Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY (C.C.C.4). Conducted by W. ROGERS.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
MARGARET FIDELL .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted. Umpire: MAURICE HODGSON.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., July 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON .. 3	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
*THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C.11). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON .. 5
*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
*WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	*HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Association.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., July 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

THOMAS W. KIMBER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
ARTHUR D. COOK .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
*RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in these three methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Being 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge with 27 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	*T. MARK WHITE 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS 7
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 8
*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 4	*HARRY PARKES 9
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First for the Association.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Society).

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*JOAN CARTER Treble	DEREK OGDEN 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 2	†*ROGER LEIGH 8
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. 3	JAMES CARTER 9
†MARY WALSHAW 4	CHARLES CLEGG 10
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 5	JACK CLEGG 11
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 6	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composition arranged by J. CLEGG. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal of Maximus. † Have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. Rung to mark the opening of Ashton-under-Lyne Festival Week. Also a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 9.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	*ROBERT BROWN 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 3	*JACK PETCH 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke, and as a birthday compliment to John Brown, son of the ringer of the 7th.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

*HENRY O. BAKER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
*FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	*EDWARD JENKINS 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 9
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 5	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
EDWARD EVANS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY 9
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 WYE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
JOHN R. SMITH 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ERNEST STITCH 6
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 2	†GEORGE PAGE 7
EDGAR T. SMITH .. 3	†SAMUEL BIRCH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 5	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal together. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat. June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. 6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	*HORACE BENNETT .. 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. 4	*C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* 25th peal together. Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the ringer of the 4th's first peal.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST ALLUM Treble	MRS. B. C. CASTLE 5
†LAURIE HALL 2	CHARLES W. MORTIMER .. 6
ROBERT WAKE 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
†JOHN FROOME 4	†FREDERICK HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. WILLIAM NUTT Treble	*LESLIE EVANS 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS .. 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 6
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* 200th peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

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NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.	
LESLIE PRESTIDGE Treble	STANLEY PRESTIDGE 5
WILLIAM DAVIES 2	BERNARD LAWTON 6
HENRY HUBBALL 3	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY 4	JACK TROMANS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS A. TOWNSEND.

Rung to mark the completion of 45 years' service by Mr. Henry Hubball as a ringer at this church.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 2	*DENIS KNOX 6
*CATHERINE M. TRIST .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to F. W. Grocott. Frederick E. Wilshaw has now rung a peal in a different method on each bell in this tower.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Treble	*WILLIAM DAVIES 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	*J. NORMAN HADLEY 6
*†HAROLD J. SHUCK 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*RAYMOND L. DUNN 4	*MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † 50th peal. A compliment to Miss Frances A. Raybould, of St. Peter's company, Cradley, on attaining a B.A. degree, with Honours in History, at Birmingham University.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. E. Bankes James' Ten Part.

Tenor 10 cwt.	
GEORGE BROWN Treble	HAROLD PARKINSON 5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 2	JOSEPH PORTER 6
JOHN HILL 3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 7
FRED KENDAL 4	GERALD COPPIN Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Rung to commemorate the completion of 20 years as Vicar of St. Saviour's by the Rev. H. Heaps.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.	
Dexter's Variation.	
*BARBARA COLVER .. Treble	HECTOR KNIGHTS 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	†ALFRED BALLARD 6
ALAN HOUGH 3	†FRANK K. MEASURES .. 7
CECIL E. CARR 4	T. KELHAM DEACON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal on eight. † 100th peal together. Mr. T. K. Deacon has now circled the tower twice.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5
WILLIAM S. MAY 2	GERALD FROST 6
*WILLIAM PERRY 3	DONALD COOMBS 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

* 60th peal together. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Frank C. May, and in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. J. Wright, ex-curate of Prittlewell, and Sheila Featherstone, of Prittlewell.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5120 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	JOHN W. BEST 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

The first peal in the method by all and for the Guild. The conductor's 50th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
RALPH BIRD 4	JOHN O. WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The 50th peal in the method on the bells.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Middleton's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
FRANK V. GANT 3	HARRY TURNER 7
DAVID W. BEARD 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung at the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted, as part of the town's Festival of Britain fortnight.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 5
NANCY E. MARKLAW 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

RICHARD D. DIVALL .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
HILDA OAKSHETT 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
KEVIN S. HOHL 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
*EDWARD J. JENNER 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HEASMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Major. An 88th birthday compliment to Richard J. Jenner, father of the 4th ringer.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat. July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each London and Rutland, and 320 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Reversed).

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in 12 methods.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 3 extents of Spliced Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, 3 of Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, and 1 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*MRS. E. V. PARKER ..Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
JAMES A. MILNER .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 600 Plain Bob and 4,440 Grandsire (8 Morris's 240's and 21 extents).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.	
BETTY GRIFFITHSTreble	HENRY O. BAKER 4
*BRIAN R. KENNY 2	IVOR R. NICHOLS 5
REV. J. KINGDON 3	S. SAMUEL WOOD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the patronal festival and also for the marriage of Henry Balc Jones and Doris Mary Purcell.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*PETER MILLWARD (13) ..Treble	†ROGER CLARK 3
†GORDON HALLS 2	†KENNETH EDWARDS .. 4
JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung for the Feast of St. Peter and Newton-le-Willows Festival Pageant.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY .. 5
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* 100th peal for the Guild. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.	
Tenor 12 cwt.	
J. RIMMERTreble	JOHN POUNDS 4
VERA DRAPER 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS .. 5
WILFRED C. CORE 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ellen Rice and Mr. John Parker.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Spliced Plain and Double Bob; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Double Court; and (7) combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	F. CHAS. GOODMAN 4
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells and quickest peal ever rung on tower bells for the Association.



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**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	†DOROTHY HUGHES 4
*MRS. E. CHANDLER 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 3	LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBOLD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3
*MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
	*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

HARRY BAKER Treble	WILFRED W. RING 4
FREDK G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

FRANK PEARSON Treble	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 4
*KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. 2	††FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
†FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO 3	RONALD E. BURT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. †† 25th peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN H. BAXTER, R.A.F. Treble	JOHN A. HILTON 4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 3	PETER NEWING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.' A farewell peal to John H. Baxter, R.A.F., who is leaving for Singapore.

EVERLEIGH, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings.

E. GEORGE BARNES Treble	T. ARTHUR PALMER 4
CYRIL SAVAGE 2	FREDERICK J. READ 5
GEORGE A. NEWMAN .. 3	*VICTOR GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by T. ARTHUR PALMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. A farewell to Mr. Cyril Savage and a Festival of Britain peal for the Guild.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 of Morris's and 19 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, 9 extents of April Day, 3 callings, 12 extents of Plain Bob Doubles, 4 callings.

JOHN E. BROUGH Treble	HAROLD G. SMITH 4
*BRIAN J. BOYER 2	HERBERT SUTTON 5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 3	THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. E. Banks, on preferment to the living at Dukinfield, Cheshire.

MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTONINUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings.

MRS. J. F. SALE Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4
*REV. E. M. THOMAS .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
STANLEY A. H. WARD .. 3	A. HUBERT EPLETT Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

TETSWORTH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

AGNES E. PRICE Treble	TERENCE H. BLUNT 4
JANET S. BAILEY 2	TONY PRICE 5
FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on an 'inside pair' by the conductor.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten callings; ten six-scores of Stedman, ten callings; and twelve six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings; one 240 Morris's arrangement.

*GEORGE A. NAYLOR Treble	†BERT W. MAY 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
	†ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in four Doubles methods by all the band. First peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	†J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	†HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method and of Minor. † 100th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Clive M. Smith and Anthony Howell.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 six-scores and eight 240's Morris's arrangement.

*MARGERY BIRCH Treble	LESLIE BARRY 4
TIMOTHY COBB 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 5
DORIS M. SHEPPARD .. 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one each of College Single Reverse, Oxford Single Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

WILLIAM A. WOOD Treble	ERIC NAYLOR 4
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* 100th peal each for the Kent County Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Naylor, mother of the 4th and 5th ringers. A Festival of Britain peal.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire.

*MICHAEL A. PERRIN .. Treble	†JOHN S. WALTON .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 5
†WILLIAM J. CROSS .. 3	*DENNIS W. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Calling C.C. collection Nos. 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	†ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4
GERALD FROST .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
*WILLIAM S. MAY .. 3	*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*ALBERT NEWMAN .. Treble	CHARLES ROUSE .. 4
*HILARY HAZELL .. 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
*WILLIAM WOODYATT .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	FRANK T. LONG .. 4
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HENRY CLAYTON .. 5
J. HARRY COOK .. 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, Junr.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

At 78, New Road,

A PEAL OF 5089 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Canterbury, Original and Plain Bob and 1,489 Grandsire, with 19 callings and 39 changes of method.

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

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At 38, Castle Hills Road, SCAWTHORPE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
GIBSON JACKSON .. 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
First peal as conductor on eight bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 1-2	BETTY SPICE .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*EDWIN BARNETT .. 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* 550th peal.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Please send your quarterly or half-yearly subscription this week-end, without fail, to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankwood Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent. Rates above.

We have news this week of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray from 461, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. They participated in a quarter of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, which Mr. Gray believes is the first quarter rung by the regular Sunday service band there for some years.

Mr. William R. Parker and his son, Geoffrey, have now rung 25 peals together.

In a report of a wedding at Shillington, a Bedfordshire newspaper records: 'A double peal was rung on the bells'!

Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus in tower and 'in hand.'

The 12 bells of St. Mary's, Cheltenham, are being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Ringing is consequently in abeyance.

Mr. F. C. Arnold has now rung each bell to a peal at Bunwell, Norfolk. This feat was completed on July 7th and was his 25th peal. Mr. F. Philippo has taken part in every one of his peals.

Two Shropshire towers are to be broadcast in the Midland Region programme. They are St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, on August 5th, and Much Wenlock, on August 12th, both at 7.45 p.m.

Kent tourists leave to-morrow for a week's tour in Somerset, organised by Messrs. A. P. Cannon and T. E. Sone. Peal attempts will be made in Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire.

The ringer of the second in the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's-within-the Walls, Chester, on July 5th, was Mr. Albert J. Hughes and not A. Arthur Hughes, as submitted to us. Mr. Hughes, who lives at Bangor, travels 62 miles to Chester for a practice, there being no local ringing at Bangor this year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Breedon-on-the-Hill, near Derby, are having two new trebles and the fifth recast and all rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The fifth, writes Mr. Herbert G. Fretwell, dates from about 1300 and is one of the old conventual bells. This ring of six should sound well from the Hill about 450 feet above sea level. Visitors will be welcome. The church is well above the village so no annoyance is caused to the inhabitants who, by the way, will be critical of the striking.

Mr. Peter Newing has 'circled the tower' of St. Alphege's, Canterbury.

The peal rung at Edenbridge, Kent, on July 14th, was in honour of Mr. Richard J. Jenner's 88th birthday. He has been in the choir for 80 years and a ringer for 68 years. The band were entertained to tea by Mr. Jenner after the peal.

On July 15th, Mr. W. H. Male, of Warwick, tapped on his chime of bells a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) in 2 hours 53 minutes without the aid of figures or any other means as a guide. This performance was witnessed by Mr. T. Male.

A shrimp tea was provided at the annual meeting of the Middlesex, Guildford and Oxford Guilds, held this year at Egham. About 60 ringers attended and ringing took place at St. Peter's, Staines, Egham and Old Windsor. Anyone boating between Staines and Windsor at the time must have had their fill of the beauty of 'bells across the water.'

A foreword to the July issue of 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District quarterly magazine, is written by Mr. W. M. Rowe, editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' the Australian publication. The issue is full of interest, a special feature being an article on St. George's, Wrotham, church and tower.

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MR. F. SHARPE NEW DEPUTY MASTER — RISING COSTS PRESENT PROBLEMS — NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO COST MORE — CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL: A DONATION OF £100

THE 1951 Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford on July 21st proved to be another popular function. Proceedings started with the service in the Cathedral, at which, as in previous years, singing was led by a choir collected from ringers and their churches.

The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service and the address was given by Canon G. Dixon, chairman of the Central Bucks Branch. The Bishop of Dorchester pronounced the Benediction.

The Master presided over the business meeting, supported by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the hon. librarian (Miss Marie R. Cross). The Master accorded a welcome to the representative gathering from all branches.

The Deputy Master announced that at the General Committee in March, when nominations were put forward, the only nomination was that of Mr. Wigg and he automatically remained as Master. (Applause.)

The Master, in his report, wrote that with regard to the general working of the Guild during 1950 he thought they could look back on a year of steady progress in many districts, of outstanding advance in others and in some at least a 'holding of our own.' He had been able to visit meetings at 12 out of the 15 branches and to attend dedications of Burford and Caversfield.

The secretary's report stated that the year went along much as other years with their triumphs and disappointments. Triumphs were in various forms: peal ringing, bands being found at towers where previously ringing had practically died out, restorations and many youngsters becoming members and showing signs of promise.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £502 7s. 11d., of which £439 17s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £32 17s. 6d. was contributed by Parochial Church Councils.

NEW DEPUTY MASTER

The Master said he had a sad duty to perform to tell them that Capt. Poyntz, who had been Deputy Master for many years, was leaving the diocese in the autumn. He had found the proverbial sailor's home—a cottage by the sea—where he could keep a boat. He was not seeking re-election.

Capt. Poyntz thanked the members for their friendship and co-operation during the six years he had been Deputy Master. (Applause.)

Mr. Kinch proposed and Mr. A. R. Pink seconded the election of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as Deputy Master.—Carried unanimously.

Thanking the members for his election, Mr. Sharpe said he felt that the Deputy Mastership should be a training ground for the office of Master and that the Master should be in Holy Orders. He would be pleased to hold the office until a suitable young clerical ringer appeared in the Guild.

The other officers, Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Hibbert (gen. secretary) and Miss M. R. Cross (hon. librarian) were re-elected. Elected to the Committee were Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. G. Cauldwell, H. Seer, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holfield, W. Dixon, C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nichols.

Reference was made by the Master to the passing of Mr. J. W. Wilkins whom he described as a Christian man, a loyal servant of the Church and one who had taught more beginners in the Guild than any other person. The company stood as a mark of respect.

Arising from the recommendations from the General Committee, Oxford was selected for the 1952 Festival and notice was given by the

Rev. St. G. Edwards that at the next annual meeting Oxford be selected as the permanent meeting place of the Festival.

HUGHENDEN BELLS

A grant for the restoration of Hughenden bells was considered. The position was explained by Mr. F. D. Boreham who said that an estimate for the restoration of the bells was obtained amounting to £1,400. Mr. Sharpe was called in and it was felt that the three mediæval bells should not be disposed of. The tenor was to be preserved entirely. A new estimate was obtained which would provide for a heavier tenor and this amounted to £2,000. All the towers in the Guild had been circularised and a fortnight ago the ringers held a fete which raised over £200. About half the money had been raised. Hughenden tower was an ever-open door. The ringing was of a high standard and London was rung there by the band.

Proposing a grant of £50, Mr. Fowler said he looked on Hughenden as the finest school for bell-ringing in the Guild. Mr. F. Sharpe seconded and this was agreed to.

A LADY VICE-PRESIDENT

A recommendation from the General Committee that Miss Stella Davis should be made a vice-president was received with acclamation. Submitting the proposition, Mr. Hibbert said Miss Davis had been a loyal member of the Oxford Guild for 40 years. Mr. Cullum, seconding, said Miss Davis was one of the first lady members he remembered in the Diocese.

Miss Davis: Thank you very much for the honour of this high office.

COMPOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

Mr. A. D. Barker moved an alteration to Rule 7 for non-resident life-members raising the subscription from 5s. to 10s. He said the Guild was in a serious position financially and had not enough money to pay for the reports that had been printed and circulated. He felt that even with the increased subscription people would still join the Oxford Guild. The College Youths' subscription was 15s. (Mr. A. A. Hughes: And they are making more members than ever before.) In the general fund to-day there was only £10 7s. 8d. and from that he had to pay £96 for reports. £30 for the general secretary, the Deputy Master's expenses and the expenses of the four Central Council representatives. He had, however, received subscriptions from some of the branches.

Seconding, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood suggested that the report should be in a cheaper form and the peals deleted.

Capt. Poyntz supported this view stating that all peals were published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. Diserens spoke against this resolution contending that if they charged outsiders 10s. for ringing one or two peals they would not only lose the services of a useful following, but would lose income.

Mr. Alan Pink held the same view. Peals in the Diocese he said would be rung for other Guilds and Associations.

Mr. A. D. Barker replied to criticism and said that when the Guild subscription was 1s. the life composition was 3s. 6d.; when the subscription was raised to 2s. 6d. it was raised to 5s. It cost more than that to print the peal in the report.

Mrs. Rance felt that the increase would fall very hard on the housewife who would have to meet the cost out of her housekeeping allowance.

Mr. Hibbert: The Oxford Guild is well worth 10s. to belong to.

The resolution was carried but there was a substantial measure of opposition.

PEAL BOOKING FEE

Another contentious resolution in the form of a new rule was submitted by the hon. treasurer: 'A fee of 6d. per ringer shall be paid by all members taking part in a peal for the Guild towards the cost of printing the annual report.'

He said the report was the only record of Guild peals. The charge of 6d. per ringer was made in other Guilds and would bring them in 18s. a page.

Mr. Alan Pink commented that the charge would affect him as much as any other ringer. He thought the charge for printing the Guild report was excessive: the report of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance cost only £64. He suggested that the peals should not be set out but tabulated. The peals printed in the report were not a full record because the footnotes were cut out. There were other economies that could be introduced in the Guild report. He did not think it was necessary to print the Guild Rules and Branch Rules each year. He felt that the report should be examined by the Committee and curtailed where necessary before asking peal ringers to meet this extra charge. A direct result would be the loss of members and quality of peals rung.

The Rev. C. P. Sherwood thought Mr. Pink had put forward some very enlightening proposals in order to help budget their accounts. He proposed that a small committee be formed, including Mr. Pink, to consider their finances.

The Rev. St. G. Edwards: That is also my proposal.

Miss Cross: I have been on three small committees to go into matters and in each one the recommendations have not been accepted. She suggested that a rider be added 'with power to act.'

Upon the Master's suggestion the meeting accepted that a sub-committee of the officers of the Guild and Mr. Pink be formed to meet as soon as possible and prepare a workable scheme to put the finances of the Guild on a sound basis and submit the same to the General Committee for approval.

CANON COLERIDGE MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. A. D. Barker reported that he had £34 9s. in hand for the Fund. He proposed that £100 be voted from the Restoration Fund to the Coleridge Memorial Fund. There was £50 promised from the Central Council. Even with the £100 they would not have enough in hand for the work.

M. A. E. Locke thought it was a dangerous precedent to take money from the Restoration Fund.

The Secretary: The Memorial is in the form of the Restoration of Bells.

The Rev. St. G. Edwards asked for a short report on what happened at the meeting on March 10th. He did not think the report in 'The Ringing World' was correct.

The secretary read out the minutes of the meeting and Mr. Edwards then asked if it was necessary to have two memorial tablets to Canon Coleridge.

The Master said it was proposed to place the second tablet in the ringing chamber indicating that the restoration of certain bells was a memorial to Canon Coleridge.

Mr. Barker gave an assurance that the £100 would be spent entirely on the restoration of the bells.

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. A. Pink called the attention of the meeting that the Diocesan Church Bell Ringers' Committee was empowered to consider and make grants for recasting and rehanging of bells.

The meeting confirmed the election of 192 new members during the year.

Mr. Diserens called attention to the dissolution of the Bradfield Branch. The meeting gave its approval to the dissolution.

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Oxford Guild Festival—Cont.**THE LUNCHEON**

The luncheon followed in Christ Church Dining hall, the Master presiding. After the loyal toast the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for kindly allowing the service to be held in the Cathedral and to the governing body of Christ Church in allowing the luncheon to be held in the Dining Hall. He thanked Dr. Armstrong for kindly playing for the service and the choir drawn from several parishes which had been arranged by Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Nichols. He also felt most grateful to Canon Dixon for his address.

The vote of thanks was acknowledged by the Bishop of Dorchester who said they were delighted that they who came from all parts of their great diocese should share with them in their holy and material things.

Bishop Buxton, formerly Bishop of Gibraltar, proposed the toast of 'The Master of the Guild.' Replying, the Master said the Oxford Guild was a very fine brotherhood.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by the new Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe). They had with them, he said, two of the leading bellfounders—Mr. Hughes and Mr. Michael Howard—sitting on either side of Mr. Richard White.

Mr. Hughes, in his reply, recalled visiting the Oxford Guild 48 years ago. He came down on the Friday night to Kidlington and started for a peal at 6 a.m. the following day, which was lost, and afterwards walked to Oxford for the Festival. The Oxford Festival was unique in the whole country with its wonderful service in the Cathedral and the joy and privilege of luncheon in that wonderful hall.

Mr. Michael Howard also replied.

Mr. W. Hibbert, proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said without 'The Ringing World' as a link they could say goodbye to change ringing in the country.

Mr. T. W. White, in acknowledging the toast, said the Editorial Committee was making every endeavour to avoid increasing the cost of the paper and had introduced a number of economies. There would be no problem if every reader was a postal subscriber.

A PEAL WITH MEMORIES AT BERKELEY

The Barnetts, who have played such a prominent part in the history of the Kent County Association, originated from the West Country. The late Edwin Barnett, sen., was married at Berkeley Church, Gloucestershire. His son, the present Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, fulfilled a cherished ambition on July 11th, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Berkeley. This was the first opportunity to attempt a peal at this place of happy memories of his youth.

The arrangements for the peal were made by Mr. John Thomas who, with two Monmouthshire veterans, Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. George Large, listened to the ringing. Incidentally, the two trebles at this church were added by the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a war memorial after the first war.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

In response to an Editorial query as to the number of ringers who owed their introduction to change-ringing to reading Miss Dorothy Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors,' Miss Cecily C. Roberts, of Bedales, Petersfield, Hants, claims such a distinction. She adds: 'This is sent, not as "a letter to the Editor," but in the hope that you may have an opportunity (if there are enough of us) to convey to Miss Sayers, on our behalf, very real gratitude.'

We are asked to state that correspondence relating to 'The Ringing World' intended for the Editorial Committee should be addressed to the Convener of the Committee, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, 122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3, and not to Mr. G. W. Fletcher. All Editorial communications, reports, letters and notices should, as heretofore, be sent to the Editor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD**Meeting at Yardley**

Owing to the large number of weddings that were due to take place at the picturesque and ancient Parish Church of Yardley on July 7th, it was necessary to depart considerably from the usual style of the Guild's quarterly meetings. The church being fully occupied with weddings until 5 p.m., it was decided to hold the meeting in the afternoon, followed by tea, and then ringing for the rest of the evening. This change proved to be highly successful.

The 'Ring o' Bells' is a well-appointed, modern hotel, having a sign which is of special interest to ringers, depicting swinging bells, complete with wheels and stays, ropes and ringers.

Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker presided over the short business meeting. He referred to the passing of two members, which had occurred since the previous meeting—Thomas H. Reeves and John Gilson, of Erdington. They all realised, he said, the great loss that the Guild had sustained by the death of Tom Reeves. Not only was he hon. secretary of the Guild for 20 years, but he had been a good husband and father. Had he lived a little longer Tom would have been proud of the twin grandchildren that were born shortly after his death. John Gilson had been a member of the Guild for many years and, although only a tenor ringer, had conscientiously given his services Sunday by Sunday at Erdington Parish Church. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to the memory of the two ringers.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Enid Roberts, Kings Norton; Miss Joan Ashton, Edgbaston; Messrs. J. Chown, Yardley; Clive Smith and Derek Preece, Little Aston. The following tower elections (as life members) were duly ratified:—Messrs Ernest Rowe, Broseley; James Rich, Marhamchurch; Alick Cutler, Harlesden; Roger O. Fry, Bath; Philip W. Weeks, Colerne; John T. Dunwoody, Ireland; and L. Michael Callow, Meriden.

Perry Barr was chosen for the next meeting which will be held on October 6th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. H. J. and A. H. Fitter, who had made such excellent arrangements for a splendid tea which, due to their efforts, was provided without charge.

Welcome visitors included eleven members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild who had met one short at Birmingham Cathedral for a peal during the afternoon.

Full use was made of the very fine octave, methods being rung to suit all tastes and capabilities, from rounds to Spliced Surprise, and a very good touch of Stedman Triples by a complete band of ladies.

NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

The new rates, which became operative with subscriptions due on July 6th, are as follows:—

Quarterly Subscription, 6s.

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OBITUARY**MR. E. G. MORRAD**

The Exercise has lost another old and faithful member by the death of Mr. Edward George Morrad, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, which took place at All Saints' Hospital, Chatham, on July 12th, at the advanced age of 84 years. Had he lived a few more days Mr. and Mrs. Morrad would have celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their wedding on July 26th.

The funeral service was held in Milton Parish Church, where George had been a member for the past 36 years, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Johnson. In addition to his colleagues at Milton, ringers from Gravesend and Northfleet attended at the church and graveside at Gravesend Cemetery.

After the funeral the bells at Milton were rung half-muffled by his colleagues from Milton, Gravesend and Northfleet as a token of their respect.

Mr. Morrad began ringing at his birthplace at Shorne, Kent, at an early age, and also helped at Cobham, a neighbouring village. Early in the 1914-18 war he moved to Milton and joined the local tower where he had been ringing for 36 years, until a few months ago, when, owing to his infirmity, he was unable to ascend the tower. His last appearance among his fellow-ringers was at a Kent quarterly meeting at his home tower at Milton on April 21st.

He was a most reliable ringer and during his career at Milton was most regular in attendance. Altogether he rang nearly 100 peals ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, all of which were rung in Kent for that Association or for the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was a member.

Thus passes from our midst one who was respected and liked by all with whom he came in contact. F. M. M.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Rochester and District**

After a lapse of just over 30 years the Rochester District held its quarterly meeting at Rodmersham on July 7th and 60 members and friends enjoyed a very fine afternoon and evening in the heart of the countryside.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when all present attended the ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Cassidy. The Lesson was read by Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the Association, and the address was given by the Rev. V. F. Hall, Vicar of Bobbing. The collection taken for Association Funds was £1 11s. 6d. After the service a very nice tea was served in the Village Hall by the lady friends of the local ringers.

The chair at the business meeting was occupied by the Vicar who, in his opening remarks, welcomed the District ringers to Rodmersham and expressed a wish that they would not wait another 30 years before they came again. Five new members were elected.

At the close of the business meeting the chairman presented Mr. Walter H. Dobbie and Miss Sheila Mary Hole with a wedding present, subscribed for by most of the towers in the district, comprising a canteen of cutlery and a coffee percolator and teapot and a cheque for £2 10s.

Mr. Dobbie has been a District Representative on the General Committee of the Association for a number of years and has done a very great deal of work with the younger ringers in the District. He thanked all members for their very pleasing gift, and also for their expressions of goodwill. The marriage is to take place at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, on Saturday, August 11th, at 1 p.m.

A TOUR OF THE SHIRES

A SUCCESSFUL tour, organised by Mr. T. J. Lock, of the Middlesex Association, took place during the first week of July. Headquarters were at Worcester and peals were rung in Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. Local arrangements were made most ably by Messrs. T. W. Lewis and John Thomas with helpful co-operation by other ringers in the district. The party comprised ringers from many parts of the country, most of whom had met on tours of former years. Fifteen peals were rung out of 24 attempts.

The tragedy of the week was an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Kidderminster. All went well for half the peal when suddenly a face appeared in the doorway. This was the more disconcerting as all knew that George Fearn, with characteristic skill in such matters, had locked the bottom door and left the key in the lock. Alas, the face and the Stedman Cinques could not be reconciled and when the bells had been set up twelve violent ringers turned on a defenceless youth. Daniel in the lions' den could not have displayed greater composure and at last the lions' anger melted and the unfortunate young man, who turned out to be a local learner, was given an opportunity for a few rounds. Apparently he had wriggled George's key out of the lock and inserted his own. He had only desired to see what good-looking chaps we all were. He said he was joining the Forces the next day and it speaks well for the visiting ringers that all forbore from the obvious remark—at least, out loud!

Many incidents occur in a week of this kind that become indelible memories. One remembers Dudley with its large belfry windows open to the alternate odours of hons and fish and chips. The church stands on a hill and cars going by tend to backfire. One such incident sounded like a pistol shot and immediately afterwards two men went by carrying what looked like a coffin!

The visits to the Black Country were in the earlier part of the week and the party were particularly happy to record a good peal of Superlative at Lye. These light bells with a tenor of 3½ cwt. were a tricky proposition and high praise was due to Tom Lewis for his handling of the treble. Three of the band, Bill Beeson, Tom Cullingworth and Harry Parkes, have now rung peals on the heaviest and lightest eights. Tom Cullingworth and Harry Parkes rang 7-8 together at Sherborne last year and have now rung 7-8 together at Lye. It must be recorded that the experts who had not been in the peal at Lye made a shocking exhibition of themselves after the peal. They stepped forward boldly to ring three leads of Bristol in order to 'grab' the tower—they never even managed to ring rounds!

Careful consideration was given from time to time during the week to the matrimonial prospects of certain young male members of the party (two in number—let there be no guessing as to their identity). It must be said that for the most part they stood up well to the inquisition but at last the boastful spirit in one of them predominated and he was wont to hint darkly that he was a bit of a gay dog really, despite his earlier protests of innocence. The other one, of a more mathematical turn of mind, took refuge in an attempt to prove that there can be smoke without fire. The writer remains unconvinced.

Activities at the end of the week were in the southern part of the county and over the border into Gloucestershire. On Thursday a peal of Ashted was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green and the ladies of the party and the odd men out were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Thursday evening provided the thrill of the week as permission had been obtained for a short ring at Pershore Abbey. The visitors stood at what was once the crossing of this historic Abbey Church and gazed at the ringing cage high above. There may have been a cer-

tain amount of trepidation but at least all commenced the long ascent and all but the most portly arrived at the cage in due course. Most ringers will have heard of the Pershore cage which was provided in the last century by Sir Gilbert Scott to replace the ringing floor which he had removed to expose the beauties of the lantern. One could forgive the cage a lot if it were slightly larger. Several of the ropes fall in a straight line and are evidently intended for half-starved ringers as one has to press back on the open bars of the cage, there being about six inches between rope and cage. The bells, which are alleged to have been rehung in 1936, go like the proverbial houses. Some of the party were afterwards privileged to visit the bell-chamber. The frame, a massive wooden affair, would be far too big for the average church tower but seems lost in the midst of a vast space. The sixth is somewhat more than loose on its headstock. A light touch on the wheel and the bell flaps gently in the breeze. The bells are of beautiful tone, six of them being Rudhall bells, including the tenor, which emits a deep, soft, purring sound.

Gloucestershire on Friday provided two successes and two failures. The failures were both Bristol. This lovely method was completely wasted at one of the towers where one had the impression that at some time someone had taken any eight bells and put them in the tower. Any relationship to each other was entirely accidental. However, they went very well.

On Saturday it had been hoped to commemorate the Holt's Original bicentenary but alas, after 2½ hours' good ringing a shift occurred. As the peal reports show, the conducting was widely shared. The highlight in this respect was the peal of Cambridge rung silent and non-conducted in the presence of an umpire in accordance with the best traditions of the Exercise. One of the participants hoped this type of peal would not become too common as everyone looked so miserable. All adopted an expression of studied gloom so that the umpire could not accuse anyone of giving signals.

The party began to break up on Saturday and on Sunday morning several ringers called at Stratford-on-Avon Parish Church on their way back to London. The new and glorious ring of ten is a worthy addition to a fine church, eloquent of all that is best in the English tradition.

All are grateful to Mr. Lock for his hard work and agree that his job was well and truly done. It was also a great joy to meet local ringers and in some cases to take part in peals with them. We also think of the steeplekeepers, often at work and, therefore, unable to meet us, who left everything ready for us, and the incumbents who so readily gave permission for our ringing.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

SALISBURY BRANCH

A very good meeting was held at Wilton on July 14th, when some 40 ringers were present from the Salisbury Branch, North Dorset, Somerset and Hampshire. The Guild service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Drury, who pointed out pillars and ancient glass which had been brought from far distant places to beautify the church, and showed how ringers, gathering together from far and wide, brought their varied gifts into the church, to the glory of God.

At the business meeting Mr. Frank Harris' resignation as Ringing Master was received with regret and the Branch recorded its thanks for the good work he had done, and its good wishes to him as he leaves to take up a new appointment. Mr. H. Abrahams, of Amesbury, was elected Ringing Master in his stead. The members were very glad to have amongst

CACOPHONOUS LIFE

St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Outing

By GILBERT THURLOW

July 7th, a lovely day, a leisurely start at noon, a full motor coach which soon became a dining car, what could be more pleasant? Also the knowledge that we were going to add to other people's enjoyment by providing sweet music in the background.

Rarely, I think, has a ringers' outing added so much to other noises already going on—and this time without a word of complaint from the crowds so far as I know. At our first stop, Stowmarket, we found ourselves ringing Superlative, etc., on the fine eight (tenor 24 cwt.), in the middle of, instead of at the end of, a wedding. However, the happy couple expressed no concern, nor did anyone else.

So, on to Ipswich, where, at St. Margaret's (eight, tenor 14 cwt.), Cambridge, etc., added to the many other noises, good and bad, at a vast fete going on in Christ Church Park close by. What the band (brass) thought, I do not know; anyway we didn't make so sad a noise as the model aeroplanes (power driven) did.

Then to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where, lo and behold, massed choirs were rehearsing music for a choral festival. I really did wonder what difference the bells would make here, but the choirs stood it manfully; even when Stedman broke down in the middle of the treble solo in 'Blessed be the God and Father' (Wesley) it failed to break the determination of the boy-singing it. Again nobody seemed to mind in the least. Oh that the widely varying sounds which make the cacophonous life of this warlike world would all fit in so well together!

A good tea at Limmer and Pipe's, where Charlie Sedgley welcomed us in a charming speech. Waiting for the bus afterwards took longer than usual as some waited in one place, some in another, and the bus for a while in a third. However, this gave an opportunity for three pairs of thumbs to ring 96 Plain and Little Bob on a street corner.

Then on to Grundisburgh, where the Pipe family and others were awaiting us, and a very pleasant time was spent with the delightful ten there. Roderick Pipe (aged nine) called 2½ courses Bob Triples in expert fashion. By way of a change the writer explored, together with Cecil Pipe, the historic house called 'Basts' next the church. A very pleasant gentleman appeared, told us all about the colour problem in South Africa, and invited us to explore the outside of the house. He gave us his name in Zulu, and when we turned to go we asked: 'And what is your name in English?' 'Worthington,' he replied, 'you'll remember that if you're not teetotalers.' 'We are not teetotalers,' we replied in chorus. 'Oh,' said Mr. Worthington, 'goodbye, and glad to have met you.' On the way home we stopped at a place marked 'Buck's Head: Pull up for a Coffee'!

them again Mr. G. K. Norton, formerly captain of Salisbury St. Thomas', who was no longer able to take an active part in ringing owing to ill-health.

The bells at Wilton and at South Newton were kept going during the afternoon and evening to standard methods. During the evening teams from Wilton, Salisbury St. Thomas' and Tisbury went to Barford St. Martin for a competition comprising 120 Grand sire Doubles. Wilton were judged winners with 18 marks out of 20, St. Thomas' a close second with 14 marks. Tisbury deserve special credit for their attempt as they included four who had been learning less than 18 months. These qualified for certificates of proficiency from the Guild. This competition was a new venture in the Branch and it is hoped it may become an annual feature and encourage learners in change-ringing.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN MANY COUNTIES

DAVENTRY BRANCH

For their annual outing this year the members of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild visited the towers of Bourton-on-the-Water, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. Welland and Upton-on-Severn on June 30th. An early start was made, the day was fine and warm, and the drive, enlivened by handbell ringing, was through beautiful countryside which included the Cotswolds, Forest of Dean and the Wye Valley. Lunch was served at Gloucester and members were able to visit the Cathedral during the short stay there.

At How Caple the party was royally entertained to tea by the members of the How Caple and Sollers Hope Mothers' Union, after which selections on handbells were given by Messrs. W. Collins, F. Hancock, G. Hancock, E. Orland and S. Osborne. Mr. L. Townsend played the piano for singing. The drive home was through the Vale of Evesham and Stratford-on-Avon and a successful day concluded at about 11.30 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. F. W. H.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

What is now the traditional course of Grand-sire on handbells in the Lych Gate set the Hornchurch ringers off to a grand day in the Thames Valley.

Due to the belated arrival of the coach, Maidenhead was reached slightly behind schedule, but Mr. George Martin was patiently waiting. Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were safely brought round on this musical eight. Coffee and light refreshments were served at the Crown Hotel.

Wallingford, Hagbourne, Blewbury, Goring and Old Windsor were all reached on time and ringing enjoyed very much at all these towers.

Better surroundings for lunch than Castle Priory at Wallingford cannot be imagined: while the light eight at Goring entertained the 'last coppers' for tea at the Swan, Streatley.

A most enjoyable day was brought to a close at Old Windsor when Grandsire Caters and 'Nellie Dean' made a very harmonious conclusion.

Thank you, everybody, we had a lovely day.

SPALDING

Ringers of Spalding Parish Church, joined by friends from neighbouring towers, visited Oxfordshire for their annual outing on July 14th.

The outing was, as usual, a very strenuous one. Departure time of 6 a.m. was adhered to and Aynhoe was reached at 9 a.m. Here the party was met by the Vicar, and the bells rung for the first time in many months. Adderbury, with its fine eight, was the next call, followed by Bloxham, where ringing on the heavy eight is permitted for ten minute periods only, owing to a crack in the tower wall. A diversion was caused here by the request to ring the third bell for a few minutes at noon as a dinner bell—a custom which has survived the centuries and which, incidentally, reminded the visitors of their early breakfast!

After lunch at Chipping Norton, ringing took place there and at Shipton-under-Wychwood, followed by tea at Witney and ringing on the beautiful eight there. Woodstock was the last tower and after a look at Blenheim Palace, and much-needed refreshment, the coach was turned homewards, Spalding being reached at one a.m.

Ringing which ranged from rounds to Superlative and Cambridge, was of quite a good standard. M. T. J. Newington organised the outing as usual, and Mr. A. D. Mills produced an attractive souvenir programme

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

At 7.30 a.m. on Monday, July 2nd, a party of some 60 ringers and friends set out from Brentwood in two coaches for their 21st annual outing.

At 8.45 the party arrived at Braughing, Herts, where they were welcomed by the Rector. Soon the bells were going to Stedman Triples, followed by Double Norwich and Grandsire and finishing with a course of Cambridge.

St. Mary's, Baldock (tenor 26 cwt.), bells were rung to good touches including Superlative, but London was lost. At St. Neots, the visitors were received by the Rector, who conducted the non-ringers round the beautiful church. Ringing here included Kent, Stedman and Grandsire and a course of Yorkshire, after which we adjourned for lunch, which had been arranged near by.

St. Mary's, Huntingdon, provided the only hitch of the day; no one knew where to find the key of the belfry. The Master made some hurried visits to several houses, all in vain, until he found Mr. Measures, who very kindly came to our assistance.

After everyone had had a pull, we had a 16-mile run into Cambridge and at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Mr. Dennis met the party. There is a really grand eight here (tenor 32 cwt.) and everyone enjoyed ringing on them, the methods being Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

After tea we turned homewards, passing the site of the Royal Show, where final preparations were being made for the opening by H.M. The Queen on the following day, and arrived at Bishops Stortford, where Mr. Pound-Turner was waiting to receive us. Here we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal and were about to start for Cambridge Royal when a message arrived; the speakers at a meeting in progress in the hall just below the tower were finding difficulty in making themselves heard. Ringing was then confined to handbells.

Brentwood was reached something after 11 o'clock after a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of all are due to the Master, Mr. J. Stich, and the secretary, Mr. A. Pryke, and all others who helped in this successful outing.

H. T.

HUNTS DISTRICT

A programme of visits to eight towers was arranged for the Hunts District on July 7th. The party left Huntingdon at 8.30 a.m. by motor coach and picked up other members at St. Neots and Great Staughton.

Raunds was reached 15 minutes before time but this fine eight was soon being rung in various methods. Ringstead (6) was the next stop followed by lunch at the Swan Hotel, Thrapston.

The first tower in the afternoon was just across the river at Islip, after which came Woodford and the musical six at Great Addington.

Tea was served at Kettering after which ringing took place at the Parish Church until 6.30. Towers visited in the evening were the delightful six at Isham and the heavy eight at Wellingborough. Huntingdon was reached at 10.30 p.m.

NORTON SUBCOURSE

On July 7th a party of 23 ringers and their friends held their annual outing to the Sudbury area. Towers visited were Clare, Cavendish, Monks Eleigh, Preston, Lavenham and All Saints' and St. Gregory's, Sudbury. The ringers thank all incumbents and all steeplekeepers for having everything ready. They also extend very hearty thanks to Mr. A. A. Fitch for his co-operation in making the day such a pleasant one. G. W. W.

FROM TAMWORTH TO LINCOLN

Warm, sunny weather favoured ringers from Tamworth and Lichfield Cathedral for their trip to Lincoln.

After calling at Barwell, where Mr. T. C. Belton completed the complement of ringers, the party made for Melton Mowbray, where Mr. William Smith, of the local band, welcomed the ringers to St. Mary's with its ring of ten.

Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung for an hour prior to a most excellent meal served by 'Anne of Cleveleys'.

A charming ride through the Vale of Belvoir and on past Grantham's fine tower and spire, brought the towers of Lincoln Cathedral into view. A notoriously steep hill was anxiously negotiated before halting at the west end of the Cathedral, where Mr. John A. Freeman escorted the ringers through the Cathedral's own Ringers' Chapel up into the belfry. This fine, clear ring of 12 was soon put to good use and the visitors' book, presented by the Universities, Guild on the occasion of their Lincoln tour, was both admired and added to. The vista from the roof was an experience not easily forgotten.

An hour's ringing was terminated by evensong at which the writer had the joy of listening to the finest of English Cathedral music.

At 6 p.m. the homeward journey was started but the steep hills proved too much for the handbell enthusiasts when halfway through a course of Double Norwich.

One of Leicestershire's six-bells towers was the only evening belfry and at All Saints', Somerby, the handy ring of six, recently augmented, and rung from the entrance to the chancel of the 13th century church, was a contrast to the slow ringing on the 10 and 12. Touches of London and Cambridge Minor, Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, catered for everyone, including three members of the Somerby band.

During the later stages of the journey Mr. G. Oliver, of Lichfield, spoke on behalf of his ringers in appreciation of the success of the outing, and the Vicar of Tamworth expressed the hope that more of the united outings would be arranged especially in view of efficient arrangements carried out by Mr. G. Pears, of Tamworth, and the spirit of the party, which had made the event a happy one.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Eastbourne was the objective for the annual outing of Dartford and District on July 7th. St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was the first call and here Mr. Collinson had the bells in readiness for the party. Before leaving, some of the party sampled the famous 'waters'.

After lunch at the Drive Hotel, Eastbourne, the non-ringing members left the party. At Christ Church Mr. Percy met the ringers who enjoyed ringing on this light Taylor eight and also had the privilege of ringing for a wedding. Then followed a visit to the fine old eight at St. Mary's. Tea was served at the Drive Hotel and press interviews and photographs taken—such is our notoriety!

An enjoyable break on the homeward journey was the ringing at Lamberhurst, with Mr. Relfe waiting to welcome the company. Wrotham provided a disappointment, the key being not available. However, one ringer who may have been in 'The Wrong', but being definitely 'At Home', made an unorthodox entry to the ringing platform. Only the young and agile were able to follow his example and their efforts were limited to rounds and call changes. Apart from this all who took part were unanimous in voting it a very good outing. Special thanks were due to Mr. Rollinson for arranging the ringing at Eastbourne K. G. R.

MONKEN HADLEY

About 32 members and friends of the Monken Hadley Guild of Bell Ringers went for their annual outing on July 7th. The venue was Eastbourne and an early start was made from Barnet on a beautiful morning. There was consternation when three of the members from Northaw failed to show up at the appointed time, and after waiting for some little time, it was reluctantly decided to start without them.

Arriving at East Grinstead at 10 a.m., the party made for St. Swithin's Church, where an excellent ring of eight were soon swinging, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and some rounds for the beginners. After a drive through the beautiful Ashdown Forest, Eastbourne was reached at 12.15 p.m., when it was joyfully discovered that the absentees had 'caught up on us,' their trouble had been that their bus from Northaw had broken down, but they had followed on by rail, and were found waiting in the car park for the coach. By this time everyone was ready for lunch and a walk along the sea front.

Non-ringing members disported themselves on the beach, while the ringers made for All Saints' Church. There was a little difficulty here as, owing to a garden fete, our visit seemed to have been overlooked, but a key was eventually located, and the fine ring of eight was rung to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and rounds, and at 3 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal. The party then went to Christ Church—a delightful ring of eight, a little light, perhaps, but the 'go' left nothing to be desired. Probably the best ringing of the day was found here and everyone had a pull, the bells being lowered at 4.30 p.m.

After a very nice 'high tea,' a start back was made at 5.45 p.m.. Crawley was reached at 7.45 p.m. and the fine old church of St. John-the-Baptist visited. Ringing was enjoyed by all until 8.45 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Summing up, it can truly be said that 'a good time was had by all.' Special thanks are due to the organisers, Mr. T. Pink (tower secretary) and Mr. C. Ward (captain).

M. S.

BRANSTON, LINCOLN

Branston ringers held their annual outing on July 7th. The first tower visited was Ripping-gale (6), tenor 12 cwt., the ringing being of a good standard with the exception of Spliced and Treble Bob, which would not go.

After the party had partaken of an excellent lunch at Bourne, the Parish Church (6), tenor 15 cwt., was visited. Ringing was limited owing to a wedding and also because Coventry ringers were shortly expected. Spliced ringing was also elusive at the next tower visited, Deeping St. Nicholas' (6), tenor 6½ cwt.

Some of the best ringing of the day occurred at Market Deeping (6), tenor 6 cwt.. Here a touch of Stedman was rung at the request of the Vicar, whose local band refused to ring 'the trash,' a sentiment echoed by the writer. A fish and chip supper was then disposed of.

The party then called at St. James', Deeping, where four blows were struck and the ringing was stopped by the Rector because a garden party was in progress.

At Crowland Abbey the ringing was enjoyed on this fine six (tenor 12 cwt.). The long draught of rope (92 feet) proved no embarrassment as the ringers were used to a long draught at their own tower. St. James', Deeping (6), tenor 19½ cwt., was then revisited and good ringing was enjoyed on this fine ring of bells, second only in Lincolnshire to Brant-Broughton (tenor 24 cwt.).

Then, after refuelling at the local, the party arrived home at 11 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. Methods rung were: Stedman Doubles, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Norfolk, London, York, Plain, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob Doubles.

J. E. C.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT

A better day could not have been chosen for the meeting held at Brighouse on June 30th. The service was ably conducted by the Rev. D. Moxon, recently inducted as Vicar. Some 36 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea. The Rev. J. Spivey took the chair at the business meeting in the absence of the president, who was on other urgent business. Ripponden was selected for the next meeting to be held on September 1st.

The local company which, although sadly depleted, made such excellent arrangements, were thanked. Nothing more ambitious than Stedman Triples was rung and the striking still leaves much to be desired. An encouraging feature was the number of young people present and the problem seems to be getting enough experienced men with the gift of teaching. However, the meetings held every two months are certainly well worth the effort put into them.

A. W. B.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing on July 7th, starting at 8 a.m. The following towers were visited: Saffron Walden, Essex; Baldock, Norton, Stevenage and Hitchin. Herts. Lunch was enjoyed at Letchworth and tea at Hitchin.

Handbells were brought into use at the evening's convivial at Haverhill. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

We wish to thank all the incumbents and local ringers for the help they gave towards making this outing a great and enjoyable success.

S. H. S.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Tour of Derbyshire and North Staffs

This year the annual ringing trip of the Manchester University Guild was held in the Peak District. Setting out from Manchester on June 25th, the cycling party rang at 21 towers whilst even the slower walking party managed 12. Accommodation was provided by Youth Hostels.

The cyclists' first stop was at Macclesfield where, with the help of two local ringers, the eight at St. Peter's were rung to Minor and Triples. Next on the list was Burbage (one mile from Buxton) where they were joined by the 'walkers' (who had ridden the 25 miles from Manchester on Dunlopillo-cushioned seats!). Handbells, which had attracted the amused attention of passers-by as they dangled at the back of the cycles, were rung for a short while before the time scheduled for arrival. Once more with the help of two local ringers, the very nice, easy-going six bells were rung to Plain Bob, Sandal, Kingston, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford.

The next day on to Castleton, in the pouring rain, the walkers managing to get lost on the way. Here were rung Bob Minor and Triples. (The latter because the band found it easier to strike than Grandsire.)

On the following day, in fine weather, the whole party proceeded to Hope, a very nice eight. This was the walkers' only tower on that day, but the cyclists managed another two, ringing rounds and doubles at Hathersage (6) and turning in a very good light six at Eyam, the plague village.

On Thursday the programme consisted of two glorious eights at Bakewell and Yowlgreave (the heaviest ring met, tenor 26 cwt.). The cyclists again managed one ring more than the walkers, the very, very light six at Wormhill proving very difficult to handle as they would insist on revolving twice at every stroke!

On Friday the party had gained by the arrival of S. Richardson, from Cumberland. The cyclists, therefore, managed to find adequate

bands at Ashover, Matlock (where yet another member joined the party) and Crich. The walkers had a lazy (?) day with no ringing at all, and only did 17-18 miles. That night still another addition was made to the party, a tiny shrew attaching itself very fondly to one of the members. This creature was only dislodged at bed time after having spent about an hour somewhere within the ringer's shirt.

Saturday saw the party at the Church of St. Mary, Wirksworth, the old Saxon and Norman building echoing with both Major and Triples (again with the help of two local ringers). Later we went on to Brassington (6) and the cyclists finished the day ringing at St. Oswald's, Ashbourne—well called the 'Pride of the Peak.'

On Sunday, at Ilam, only four of the five bells being ringable, the cyclists rang Bob Minimus for morning service. Just before lunch they were joined by the walkers and the rest of the day was spent in sunbathing—with dire results! Here one of the 13 members managed to drop a large stone upon his fingers and when next seen he was wearing a sling. The next day he departed homewards for an examination (not of the finger).

Only three days remained and these were spent in ringing at Leek, the only ten-bell tower on the trip, Kingsley, a lovely six. Cheadle, with its two churches, a six and an eight, and its fine welcome (thank you, Mr. Hall) and, finally, at Alton.

The Guild should have rung at Silverdale, but owing to the unfortunate non-arrival of the cyclists, the villagers were spared.

On the whole the trip was a success and the new Ringing Master, Mr. Parry, and the secretary, Miss Jackson, certainly found out many things to help them in their coming year of office.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the journey so enjoyable, especially to the incumbents and ringers of the parishes which we visited, and the wardens of the hostels, who not only fed us well, but put up with our handbells without a complaint.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Singled out for congratulations at the Winchester District meeting at Stockbridge on July 14th was Miss B. Edmonds who, after about four hours' private tuition on a tied bell, demonstrated that she could satisfactorily ring her bell in rounds.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar of Stockbridge, tea was served in the garden of Grosvenor Cottage, by permission of Dr. and Mrs. Loveless.

The chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) presided and thanked Stockbridge friends for their welcome and also introduced the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley. Miss B. Edmonds and Mr. P. Corfield (St. Maurice's, Winchester) were elected ringing members and eight new honorary members were elected.

It was decided that the next two practice meetings should be held at King's Somborne and Cheriton, with Barton Stacey as an alternative should either of these towers be unavailable.

The secretary (Mr. J. A. C. King) called attention to the request made at the annual meeting of the Guild for the names of ringers killed by enemy action during the 1939-45 war to be forwarded to the general secretary, and also announced that Guild certificates would shortly be available.

Thanks to Mr. Loveless and the ladies were voiced by Mr. S. B. Canev, local captain, who recalled that it was 45 years ago that he learnt to ring.

The remaining few items on the agenda were quickly disposed of and after members had seen a local fisherman successfully catch a trout, the chairman declared the meeting closed. Ringing was continued at Stockbridge and Leckford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note, can anybody give the answer in taking up bell-ringing!

Some years ago a small body of youths in this parish formed a Rover Scouts Crew, the 'motto' being 'Service,' several services being undertaken and bell-ringing one of them. Hence my reason for still being a ringer to-day.

—Yours truly,

F. A. GREEN.

Freshwater, I.W.

'BELLRINGERS' GUIDE'

Dear Sir,—To avoid any more waste of space in your correspondence columns, I append an extract from the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report, as presented and passed at Eastbourne on Whit Tuesday, 1950:—

'Lastly, the current year has witnessed the appearance of a perfectly monumental work in Mr. R. H. Dove's "Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain." The incalculable degree of perseverance and industry required to ascertain and tabulate such a mass of detailed information about 5,489 peals of bells in Great Britain and Ireland is matched by the skill and ingenuity displayed in such a neat and attractive form of publication.'—Youth faithfully,

GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

Hon. Sec., Central Council.

The White House,
Caister-on-Sea

'BELFRYMANSHIP'

Sir,—May I intrude upon your columns to express my surprise at and thorough disagreement with, the somewhat naive attitude taken by Mr. A. V. Davis toward the subtle wit and scintillating humour displayed in Mr. Rodney B. Meadows' articles on 'Belfrymanship.'

Although I have done some little writing for our local Press, had my effusions displayed one-tenth of the ability shown in 'Belfrymanship' by Rodney Meadows, it would take far more than the wrath of Mr. Davis or that of the most pompous, purple-faced Civic Nonentity to make me disclaim anything, either now or in ten years' time.

As one who has often played the role of the 'One meeting the many' as tower-keeper of a church with a very popular ring of bells, I found 'Counter Coachtourship' most instructive and now look forward to a lesson in 'Counter Pealgrabbership' or 'The Preservation of Peace in the "Green Man"' which could be sub-titled 'How to evade the shot gun threat.'

Congratulations, Rodney, and more, please.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Tower-keeper, St. Chad's,
Birmingham.

THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

Dear Sir,—With regard to 'Belfrymanship'—surely Mr. A. V. Davis lacks a sense of humour if he is unable to see the funny side of the two articles by Mr. Meadows which, by the way, must be based to some extent on fact!

Of course we all try to do our best but at the same time we must try to see the funny side of ourselves—even our great statesmen have to come under the hammer, as it were, when some funny gentleman climbs upon the stage and proceeds to take the 'mike' out of all and sundry.

To Mr. Davis I would say 'Try to look on the brighter side of life,' and to Mr. Meadows, 'Carry on with the good work and let's all have a good laugh.'—Sincerely yours,

WILFRED W. PING

Ashford, Kent.

'THE LECTURE'

Dear Sir,—Most ringers take especial interest in one particular aspect of our Art, and to those of us who are mainly concerned in its propagation your leading article in issue No. 2,102 of 'The Ringing World' comes as a great encouragement.

As one whose principal interest lies in the spreading of knowledge in—(a) the rudiments of its practice and (b) the theory of method structure, I would place the importance of lectures on a par with that of articles suitably written.

In view of the interest aroused by your publication of a summary of one of my recent lectures, and of certain queries apparently arising, may I be permitted to make note of the following:—

(1). The references quoted from that excellent work 'Bells of All Nations' are by kind permission of its author—our old friend Ernest Morris, and this is gratefully acknowledged.

(2). The full text of the lecture occupies about 75 minutes in delivery—including demonstrations with models, with handbell soundings off-stage, and the team demonstrations on-stage. A further 10 or 15 minutes may be allowed for questions, which should be encouraged.

(3). A piano and/or gramophone recordings of bells are useful for illustration. A cardboard model of a bell of size equivalent to one of about five cwt. with half-wheel in proportion, is handy and very useful to illustrate bell motion.

(4). The lecture referred to the three principal British bell-founder firms. (It is believed all will loan slides to illustrate talks.)

(5). The lecture as given included references to the origin and development of the art of bell-tuning. Your phrase (page 441, column 3, mid-way) 'calling attention to the three notes' should read 'calling attention to the five more readily distinguishable tones of a bell-sound.'

(6). Your reference (same column, at bottom) to a diagram, speaks of a 'card-like arrangement of squares.' This should read 'grid-like' etc. And the diagram is not the one given in your summary and showing Maximus, but one which illustrated Minimus, conforming with the descriptive matter accompanying.

(7). Your reference to listening tests (same column, third paragraph) says, 'Useful to test yourselves on this very point of dissemination.' The last word should be, of course, 'discrimination,' to give correct meaning.

(8). I included some slides showing grid-patterns of typical methods ranging from simple to complex, and these prove among the most interesting to the average audience.

(9). References are made also to the Central Council and its work, and to our journal, 'The Ringing World.'

(10). The importance of local references cannot be over-estimated. The number of bells in the rings of the principal and other churches with some idea of size and weights, and notes, may be given. Also, by way of contrast, a note or two on some of the largest bells ever cast, both Bourdons and ringing bells, always proves interesting.

A touch of humour here and there may be helpful, though this needs careful introduction in a subject of this calibre. One's experience in talks on ringing is that the layman finds the subject so surprisingly interesting that, with a bright, clear delivery, the subject 'carries itself.'—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey, Hants.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on July 7th. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Mullin 1, F. Barracough 2, F. R. Williams 3, A. Cairns 4, W. Pye 5, J. Crawshaw 6, A. Ward (first quarter) 7, R. Longden (cond.) 8, R. Benson 9, S. Livesey 10.

CLERGY AND INITIALS

Dear Sir,—In these days, when we see complaints about the deterioration of courtesy in most branches of life, may I suggest one improvement that, judging by your columns, a large number of us might readily adopt. I refer to the growing use of the solecism 'Rev. Smith,' when referring to the clergy, instead of giving our clerical friends their more dignified and much more correct form of address 'Rev. John Smith' or, in the absence of their Christian names, 'Rev. M. Smith.' 'Reverend' itself is not a form of address as 'Canon,' 'Dr.' and many others are. It requires some such addition as I have indicated to make it conform to respectful usage and good manners. To omit the Christian name or 'Mr.' in such cases is the equivalent of adopting such erroneous forms as 'Right Honourable Churchill,' 'Venerable Jones' (which I have actually heard at a ringers' meeting), or that hoary standby of our humorous writers, 'Sir Robinson.'

I am far from suggesting that ringers are more prone to this solecism than other people. Due to American influence, it is extremely prevalent to-day, but not among churchpeople as a rule, and certainly it is rare in other Church literature—an example I, for one, should like to see our writers—and to hear our speakers—follow on all occasions.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton, near Bristol.

STEDMAN CATERS AT NORTHAMPTON

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Caters recorded as being rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, June 9th, cannot be accepted by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild as it did not comply fully with the rules of the Guild. With apologies to all the band,—Yours sincerely,

REGINALD C. NOON.

Hon. Secretary.

PLYMOUTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, as the author of a book entitled 'The Rings of Church Bells in the City of Plymouth,' be granted a little of your space to make known to the ringing fraternity, the following.

The completed manuscript was sent to Mr. W. H. Viggers who very kindly scrutinised and corrected it for me. Owing to the present high cost of having such a work printed, and also to an illness which requires many months' treatment, it will not be possible, at least for the time being, to present this work in a permanent form.

However, in order that the research done by myself over a period of 12 months may not be wasted, I will supply, for the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, any information such as weights, chronological and ordinary history, founders, inscriptions, etc., of the following rings in the city:—(1) St. Andrew's (10) 35 cwt.; (2) Emmanuel (8) 21 cwt.; (3) Stoke Damerel (6) 15 cwt.; (4) St. Budeaux (6) 12 cwt.; (5) St. Mary's, Tamerton Foliot (6) 11 cwt.; (6) St. Edward's, Egg Buckland (6) 9 cwt.

The three rings which were lost during the war were:—(1) Charles (10) 24 cwt.; (2) East Stonehouse (8) 12 cwt.; (3) H.M. Dockyard (8) 9 cwt.

Any information, with the exception of inscriptions, is available for these rings.—Yours sincerely,

F. STUART WORTH.

Didworthy Chest Hospital,
South Brent, Devon.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 5th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (first quarter) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, W. Andrews 4, S. Smith 5, L. Mills 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Pryke 8.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. W. Barr 2, C. M. Smith 3, E. Claridge 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, D. Preece 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

NOTICES

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HANDBELLS WANTED

HAS ANYONE a set of about 30 Handbells, consisting of 2½ octaves in the chromatic scale that they would sell to a band of young ringers at Wolverton, Hants, for tune ringing? If so, would they please send particulars and price to D. Cane, The Laurels, Headley, Newbury, Berks. 9224

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ernest J. Rowe is now 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, London, N.15. 9219

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Mr. E. J. Rowe, having returned to London, secretarial notices should be addressed to Mr. G. Bagley, The Garage, Ironbridge, Salop. 9218

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The monthly practices at Chelmsford Cathedral will not be held during July and August 9239

ST. ANNE'S, STAMFORD HILL.—A practice will be held at this tower at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31st. A discussion will take place with the object of re-forming the local band. All friends, old and new, are invited to attend.—E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, London, N.15. 9225

RINGER, ALL NUMBERS, would be pleased to join party on ringing tour during period August 23rd–30th or September 2nd–12th, 1951. Would organisers please notify any vacancies and particulars to Box 9245, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 9245

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9247

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals are submitted.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Taxal, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 9208

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of War Memorial Tablet, All Saints', Hereford, by the Bishop of Hereford, July 28th, 5.30. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) 2.30–4.15; All Saints' (8) after service. No arrangements for tea. 9169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Bye-meeting at Brabourne, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9176

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, July 28th, Sunbury (8), 3–5 p.m.; Hampton (8) 6–8 p.m. Cafes in Hampton.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee meeting, Saturday, July 28th, 2.15 p.m., St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich. Tea 4.30. General meeting 5. Agenda: Service Book; Finance. Bells available: St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles. 2.15–4.15 and 6.30; St. Peter Mancroft and St. John Sepulchre 6.30. 9156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer, July 28th. Bells, both towers, 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4 p.m. 9161

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks, S. Bucks and W. Hertford Joint.—Saturday, July 28th, Ellesborough, 3. Wendover, tea, 5 Ringing 6. 9204

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley (8) on Saturday, July 28th. 2.30 p.m. 9195

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Arreton, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea obtainable.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9229

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. 9235

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. John's (6), August 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Broadway Cafe, corner Cumberland Street. St. James' (10) after tea. 9232

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 1st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 9223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), August 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than August 2nd, to Mr. B. W. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 9214

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, August 4th. Bells from 3. Meeting 6.30. Nominations for Branch President required. Cafes nearby for teas.—F. Pritchard. 9233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stewkley, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (8) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 9230

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, August 4th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton (note change), August 4th. Names for tea, most important, before July 31st, to Mr. L. Townsend, 2, East Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9227

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon, August 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9243

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 9212

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea, probably, for those who notify by August 1st, G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 9236

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, CAPEL, SURREY.—Rededication of bells, Sunday, August 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, at King's Head, for those who notify, not later than August 3rd, F. Tullitt, Bakers Cottage, Capel, Surrey. All ringers welcome. 9222

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival ringing day on August Bank Holiday. Towers open: Finchley 10.30–12.30; Barnet 2–4.30; Hadley 2–4; Southgate 7–9; Service, Barnet, 4.30. Various cafes and gardens open for teas. 9237

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Joint meeting on Monday, August 6th, at Whiston (8) 2 till 4 and Rotherham Parish Church (10) after tea in Church Institute, Rotherham. Names to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 9228

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea, 10.30 to 1; Lylington 2.30 to 5; Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst 6.30 to 9. Names for tea, by August 2nd, to A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9226

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thornhill, Dewsbury, August 11th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, 5s. each, must notify, not later than August 4th, Mr. C. Hodge, 68, Thorn Avenue, Thornhill, near Dewsbury.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafston, near Barnsley. 9242

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, August 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by August 8th, to Mr. E. Hopkinson, Rectory View, Ashover. No name, no tea.—D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3–5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon, during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be at Douglas Church, Parbold, on Saturday, August 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at a moderate charge will be provided for those sending their names not later than August 8th, to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan. 9240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour, August 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, before August 6th, to Mr. N. T. Longland, Oasby, Grantham. Please don't forget card for tea, as catering is so difficult.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9241

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, August 11th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 9231

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