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INSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION ?

A PART from the discussion on the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' the Leicester meeting will be remembered for the 'spotlight' brought to bear on 'Instruction,' the most important item in our Exercise, yet one approached in a very haphazard manner. Good instructors are few and far between; they experience little trouble in keeping their pupils and retaining their interest, but the majority of those who set out to impart their knowledge do so in rather a 'hit or miss' method; they not only waste their own time but also that of their pupils merely because they do not know how to tackle the task. No doubt they were taught in a similar manner and cannot be blamed. It does not follow that the best of ringers make the best instructors, but they can help once the initial training is over. In any scheme of instruction the good ringers would come in at a later stage. In a correctly planned 'Course of Instruction' instructors of several types (specialists in their respective spheres) would be needed, but for the time being we can ignore them.

In the main a beginner's introduction seems to take one pattern: he or she is introduced to the art by being taken to see 'how it is done.' He then expresses a wish to have a try; someone takes the pupil in hand—it might be a friend or it might be the captain of the ringers. If the tutor has been well taught, and in turn can teach, the chances are that the pupil will become a 'good handler,' but if the tutor was taught in an indifferent manner and cannot teach, then the chances are the pupil will not receive good instruction and will become a 'poor handler.'

The number of clergy who have been heard to say that they cannot understand why youngsters who have had some elementary training just lose interest and drop out is legion. In the majority of instances 'The Instructor' (whoever he be) is usually the cause, simply because he is unable to teach and make the introduction to our art interesting. This loss of budding ringers is a serious matter; true not every pupil will stay the course, but a good number of those who pack up could be retained.

We pride ourselves on our organisation of Diocesan and County Guilds, with the Central Council at the head, yet there is no organised system of instruction. The intake of new blood upon which the whole future of the Exercise depends seems to be treated in a most casual way, yet with a little care and thought a more positive way could be devised. True, in many guild reports the names of 'instructors' appear, yet how many have been made use

of, or if they are engaged how many have a definite 'training programme'?

Surely it is not impossible to develop a system of training which pays particular attention to the initial stages. The first requirement appears to be 'Instruction for Instructors,' who in turn could advise in their particular area. In the normal set up of any band of ringers we have the captain or ringing master, the tower secretary and treasurer and the towerkeeper. Why not an instructor as well who would be responsible for the initial training of the beginner? The appointment of a tower instructor may not be easy, but possibly a study group might be formed in a branch area where the potential instructors could attend and benefit from the experiences of those who take a pride in their ability to handle a bell correctly. By this means something like standard system of training could be developed.

On the control of a bell, the tutor need only adopt a simple formula, 'Explanation, Demonstration, Imitation and Correction,' paying particular attention to 'Correction,' for if a faulty style is nipped in the bud, little or no trouble will be experienced, but without 'Correction' bad styles develop and a bad habit of long standing is well nigh impossible to eradicate. I have been surprised at the number of leaders of bands of ringers who, in the main, have the right idea in maintaining interest, but just lack the knowledge of instructing. They take their pupils to other towers and mix with other youngsters on a similar bent, yet even though keen to learn, they are handicapped for want of the right advice at the right time. I have met quite a number of such cases where practically each pupil had the same awkward style; they had been taught by the same 'tutor' who, possessing the same faults, had passed them on and could see no faults, yet they were obvious to others.

It may be that the term 'Instructor' or 'Tutor' is out of date, so why not introduce that well-known character, 'The Coach'? I think I am correct when I say that those who wish to excel in any kind of sport place themselves in the hands of a good coach and are guided by the advice given, and also benefit from criticism of the coach without taking umbrage. Is it too much to suggest that in addition to a 'Ringing Master' who controls the ringing at a branch meeting there is also a 'Coach' appointed who could take in hand novices, a feature that should make the newcomer feel that his journey has been worth while? How many times does one see a bewildered visitor in a tower?

The present method of starting off the beginner seems to be controlled by custom, and old customs die hard, yet I see no reason why a new approach cannot be promulgated.

J. P. F.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM A. SMITH Treble	*IVOR JENKINS 6
JOAN CORDWELL 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
*STELLA P. WAIN 3	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 8
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4	ALAN WARD 9
ROGER LEIGH 5	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ALAN WARD.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation, and to celebrate the birthday of the second ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	REDVERS ELKINGTON .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON 2	JOHN E. COOK 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	*JOHN A. SMITH 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal as conductor.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. Treble	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
MAISIE VANTOM 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 6
*ALAN J. HICKS 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ROBERT SWIFT 4	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

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

Rung on Mayor's Day to celebrate the 26th consecutive election of Alderman Gordon T. Paine, M.B.E., J.P., and a churchwarden, to the office of Mayor of Lydd.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN W. SINFIELD .. Treble	WALTER IZZARD 5
*JUNE GLADMAN 2	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	ROBERT PIRON 7
*ARTHUR J. SMITH 4	ERIC SHARP Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Mr. J. W. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 5
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. 2	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 7
*MRS. P. H. J. HUDSON .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by GEOFFREY F. GARNETT.

* First peal of major. First peal of Major as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part with all 6-7's at back stroke.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN .. Treble	ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	FREDERICK JUKES .. 7
BERNARD LAWTON 4	STEPHEN MALLEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	HENRY HUBBALL 5
HAROLD J. SHUCK 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 6
*P. GEORGE GOLDER 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
*ERIC WOODHALL 4	THOMAS GREENHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. T. Greenhall has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

Quarterly peal for the Association.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	HARRY SHORT 5
*E. ALAN RAWLINSON .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
†MARION S. CAPEY 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE 4	‡FREDERICK L. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in the method.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*COLIN ROTHWELL .. Treble	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	†BRIAN ROTHWELL .. 6
ALBERT W. STONE 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
PETER WATSON 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Average age of band 18½ years.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 5
CHARLES CLEGG 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	*LEONARD WALSH 7
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. 4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years in the ministry by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Cunliffe, M.A. (Oxon).

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EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1956, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble	PHILIP BARNES 5
*JOHN HALL 2	*ALAN CARVETH 6
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	JACK BRAY 7
HARRY HALL 4	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First in the method.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

HARRY HALL Treble	MICHAEL CROWDER 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	JACK BRAY 6
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
RONALD CHAFER 4	*ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 108 lb. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	J. FRED MILNER 6
PHYLLIS M. POOLE 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

In honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent to the city.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE P. ADAMS Treble	S/LDR. GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*JOHN S. BARNES 3	BERT GOGLE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method, and 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

VALERIE WILLARD Treble	DAVID W. BEARD 5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	ALAN CARVETH 6
SHERLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
DAVID BEACHAM 4	CYRIL A. WRITTEN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Pitstow's.	William J. Ridgman .. Treble	† F. BRIAN COOKSON 5
* SUSAN JACKSON 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6	
* J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7	
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire, 600 of Old and 240 of Stedman. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3
* DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 2	VERNON GREEN 4

CLIVE HOLLOWAY Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Columb and Fortune, and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, Kennington and All Saints'. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD Treble	VERNON GREEN 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY 5
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	* FRANCIS A. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in 15 methods for all.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

FRED RIX Treble	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
TONY OWEN 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
HAROLD HUXLEY 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

In honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

* MERVYN FROMM Treble	W. LESLIE WELLER 4
RICHARD J. WILSON 2	JUNE M. CLEMENTS 5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted jointly by JUNE M. CLEMENTS and GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Single Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
JACK BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 5
EVELYN WRIGHT 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam F. W. Stokes.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and 16 240's by Morris, each extent called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT Treble	ROBERT BARRATT 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	* GEORGE FORRESTER 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 3	* DEREK BRISCALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung to mark the christening of Sheila Kathleen Lawrence, the first grandchild of the ringer of the fourth.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

VALERIE PHILLIPS Treble	JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 5
*JOHN E. YOUNG 3	GEORGE FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal 'inside.'

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. Treble	*DR. C. GUY ROWORTH .. 3
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 2	RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 4
PETER MINCHIN Tenor	

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. J. Clark (curate), on leaving for Bristol, and as a compliment to Archdeacon H. Lovell Clarke, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

DOWNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

An extent each of London, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.

MARY R. ANDREWS Treble	BRIAN BLADON 4
MARY FULLER 2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, seven of Grandsire and seven of Plain Bob, rung alternately.

*MISS K. J. TOOZE Treble	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4
†LESLIE W. MOSES 2	*JOHN G. DAVIS 5
*MISS B. RUSSELL 3	*CLIVE HANNEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in two methods.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

FREDA OLDERSHAW Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 2	HORACE BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who has been a ringer at Fleet for 59 years.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
and
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL
RINGERS.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of All Saints', 12 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

GEORFREY P. GREEN Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE 4
CLIVE WIXEY 2	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER .. 5
MICHAEL D. LING 3	SIDNEY J. PUGH Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. LING.

First peal as conductor

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE R. HINER Treble	DAVID ARMSTRONG 4
DENNIS HOLLAND 2	HARRY MORTEMORE 5
STEPHEN WRIGHT 3	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Elijah Pammenter, ringer at the above tower, and also Arthur Firth, sometime member of the Rawmarsh company.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT W. LEAVETT .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PETER J. EVES 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal at first attempt, and first Tollesbury ringer to ring a peal. First peal on the bells since 1938.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 12 120's of Plain Bob.

HENRY PRATT Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 3
JOHN WARNER 2	ALAN SYDER 4

TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung to honour Robert de Massey, a local man born and bred in Black Notley, being ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

W. JOHN PHIPPEN Treble	ROBERT E. BECK 4
*ADRIAN P. BECK (12) .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Believed to be the youngest member of the Association to accomplish this.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Kent T.B. Minor, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble	CHARLES F. TOVELL 4
Cecil V. EBBERSON 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

WALTER AYRE Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 325th different tenor 'turned in' to a peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.
 JACK PILGRIM Treble | MICHAEL SOLLEY 4
 JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 2 | ARTHUR LING 5
 EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3 | PETER KINDRED Tenor

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor by all.
 Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with no bobs, and 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.
 *JOHN S. RYE Treble | †BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 4
 JOHN SCHOFIELD 2 | ‡ALLEN TWYMAN 5
 *DONALD E. COBB 3 | IAN H. ORAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SCHOFIELD.

* First peal † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.
 Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen by a band from R.A.F., Locking, Somerset.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON Treble | C. JACK GIBSON 4
 *MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. 2 | REGINALD J. DARCH .. 5
 L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 25th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Gibson.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble | ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 4
 CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL .. 2 | DAVID HEIGHTON 5
 MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 3 | PATRICIA M. BOURN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

A compliment to Rev. F. Vyvyan Jones on the completion of 21 years as Rector of St. Michael's.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

At 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | *JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
 * 300th peal.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
 *GERALD PENNEY 1—2 | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3—4

WALTER AYRE 5—6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor, and on handbells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

IN THE SCHOOL HOUSE, RADLEY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6
 MARIE R. CROSS 3—4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.



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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hicks (first quarter) 1, F. Stedman Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, Madeleine Chapple 4, J. Earley 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6. A farewell to James Earley on the eve of his joining the Royal Air Force.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, June A. Grieveson 2, D. H. Paine 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement to Miss Pamela Shearlock. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. S. Eaton (first in method) 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. A birthday compliment to Derek H. Paine.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. C. P. Pugh 1, D. J. Roaf 2, J. F. W. Read 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, P. R. Sanders 5, R. A. Hodgson 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all. Members of Oxford University Society.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, Mrs. R. Joyce Pearson 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. Lunham 4, E. Ashcroft 5, R. Larkey 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung in honour of the christening of Christopher Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (ringers of the 2nd and 7th).

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): P. Jackson (first quarter) 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum 4, G. Keal 5, W. Holloway 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): E. J. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary Whitehead, chorister at this church, and Raymond Macdonald Hutchinson.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on May 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter tenor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Jonathan Derek) to Betty, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Kearn (first quarter) 1, W. King (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Ede 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (first in method and as cond.) 5, R. Kearn 6. For morning service.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Wright 3, D. Hollis 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. Hales 6, P. J. Hutchings (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Wyatt 8. Rung for evening service as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jennings 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, G. T. Jennings 4, J. Jeffery 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Slark (first in method) 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Sims (first in method) 4, F. Hurrell 5, G. Hurrell (first in method) 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Corpus Christi.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline Wright 1, Christine Dainty (first 'inside') 2, G. P. Cairns 3, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 4, W. N. Hewitt 5, K. Arthur 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Welham 1, Miss M. Mills 2, J. Butler 3, M. Mills 4, E. B. Smith 5, D. West 6, S. Leach (first of Major) 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): B. Allen 1, S. J. Pugh (first in five methods) 2, F. E. T. Tranter 3, M. Ling 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. Wixey 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. Spicer 3, F. R. Nichols 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung for morning service.

HEREFORD.—On June 1st, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Yates 1, W. A. Kitson (cond.) 2, R. J. Moxley (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Bowyer 4, H. Johnson 5, W. Adams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Pritchard, chorister for over 50 years and vergier.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (two covers): A. Crabtree 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. Smith 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, G. S. Mills 6, H. Partington 7, W. Chadwick 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. First Bob Minor 2 and 3. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Ashcroft, vergier and former ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. B. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. H. Kimber 1, F. Targett 2, T. Kimber 3, V. Savage 4, N. Coombs 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel White (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, A. Clutton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, C. M. Smith 7, A. White 8. Rung on the heavy eight for Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Parish 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsom 3, W. Papworth 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson (first of Doubles) 2, Miss L. Allen (cond.) 3, Miss M. Allen 4, M. J. Dyer 5. Rung for the third anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II.'s coronation.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Spicer 1, Miss L. Allen (first of Major) 2, M. J. Dyer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, R. F. Baker 6, H. S. Peacock 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8. Rung before service on Industrial Sunday.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Castle (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, A. J. Rance 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. Hicks 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arnold Davis, organist of St. Nicholas' for 43 years.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, D. Sweet 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, A. Callow 4, C. J. Stevens 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Graney 1, D. J. Goodman 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. Scaplehorn 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, J. W. Allen 4, C. Clarke 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Chapman, for 23 years Vicar's warden at this church.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Miles 1, W. H. Yates 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, G. Sheldard 5. Rung for the institution of the Rev. W. J. Waker.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, E. Edwards 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, C. Bickerstaff (first quarter) 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Thornett 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Thornett (tenor) and Mrs. Thornett.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. J. P. Ellams 1, D. Hodgson (cond.) 2, C. J. E. Taylor 3, P. R. Sanders 4, D. H. Niblett 5, R. A. Hodgson 6. First quarter in the method by all.

OXFORD.—On May 27th, at New College, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. N. Niblett 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, J. F. W. Read 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, V. Green 5, C. J. B. Taylor 6, R. B. Meadows 7, J. J. P. Ellams 8, W. H. Jackson 9, R. A. Hodgson 10. First on ten for 3, 5 and 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, S. Wright 3, G. S. Bush 4, J. W. Haw 5, W. Barker 6, L. Hadman 7, H. Goakes 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. F. Andrews (first quarter) 1, S. H. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. The first quarter by an all-local band. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. E. Woods 1, Mrs. D. Wright 2, E. C. Chant 3, J. B. Powellsand 4, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: E. Wakeling 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsom 3, J. Parish 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For evening service.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Finch 1, W. Kerrison 2, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 3, C. J. Gibson 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss C. E. Payne and Mr. J. P. Crawley.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Old Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and 60 Stedman): Miss J. Secker 1, M. Cubitt 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. First in 11 methods by all except conductor. By the Sunday service band.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Winterbourne (first in method) 1, C. Coles 2, N. Chamberlain (first in method) 3, W. F. Judge 4, H. Gearing (first as cond.) 5, H. Costar 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Miss Jill Tombs 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Smith 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. S. Smith, who has now completed 50 years' service in the choir at this church.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, at Christ Church, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Bro. F. G. Leaker (St. Keyna Lodge) 1, Bro. F. W. Perrens (Arts and Crafts) 2, W. Bro. A. D. Barker (St. Clement Dances, cond.) 3, Bro. F. Wilson (Gordano) 4, Bro. P. J. Stanforth (Highcross) 5, W. Bro. F. Hansford (Brotherly Love) 6, Bro. E. Naylor (Beacon Court) 7, Bro. R. G. Townsend (Victoria) 8, Bro. W. B. Kynaston (Royal Sussex) 9, Bro. W. H. Coles (Hillingdon) 10. Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Wiltshire Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore (first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. For Evensong.

WARMINGSTON, WILTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: L. Hawkins 1, Miss J. Kemp 2, N. Knee (cond.) 3, H. Tudgay 4, I. Titt (first 'inside') 5, P. Raynon 6, T. E. Mallard 7, A. Bull 8. First quarter for 2, 6 and 8. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Marlow.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. F. Wright 1, G. R. Hiner 2, F. Brunt 3, P. Langley 4, G. Cutts (first quarter) 5, J. Bunker 6, J. Cutts 7, H. Mortenore (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss C. Edmondson, a member of the local band, and Mr. K. Robinson.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, R. J. Carlton 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss O. Boulden 2, C. T. Hillis 3, R. J. Carlton 4, J. R. Cooper 5, A. J. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): B. Glanville 1, K. Dawe 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Briggs 4, G. Betts 5, J. Gooding 6, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 7, J. Sellick 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Gooding.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual cup contest for the Society's silver cup was held at Clwne on June 2nd. Six teams, representing the following towers, took part:—Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham, Handsworth, Bolsover, Old Whittington and Warsop. The ringing was of a high standard throughout and the two judges, Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. W. Robinson, had a difficult task to find the winner. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, which was much enjoyed by 70 members and friends.

After the business meeting it was announced that Warsop had won the cup, with Bolsover a close second. In conclusion a very interesting account of the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester was given by Mr. Norman Chad-dock, who is the Society's representative.

CASUALTIES IN NORTH HERTS

On May 26th the Northern District of the Herts County Association met at Walkern. At the moment Walkern is without a priest, so there was no service, but an excellent tea was enjoyed before the business meeting.

The next meeting will be at Barkway, not Pirton, and the special method is Winchendon Place Bob. Before that there will be the joint meeting with the Bedfordshire Association on June 16th at St. Albans.

Sympathetic concern was expressed when the members heard of Dr. Gullick's broken collar-bone, due to a ringing accident. Before the bells had been rung down 'The Ringing World' representative doubled the District's casualties by skidding in Walkern ford. J. S.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Well over 40 members, representing 16 towers, attended the Society's monthly meeting at Guiseley on May 26th. A very pleasant summer-like day enabled the overflow from the belfry to take full advantage of the well-kept churchyard. During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

A very bountiful tea had been provided by the local company in the Church Hall. This was followed by handbell ringing and the business meeting.

Replying to the vote of thanks, the Rector (the Rev. F. Wingham-Hardy) said how pleased he was to hear of the continued prosperity of the Society. He extended an invitation to those present to visit the Rectory grounds before returning to the tower. Mr. Walsh also replied on behalf of the churchwardens and local company. He drew attention to the fact that St. Oswald's belonged to that select number of towers in Yorkshire in which more than 100 peals had been rung.

Returning to the tower, via the Rectory grounds, modern Guiseley was left far behind. A Roman well, used in time past for baptism by immersion; the remains of a moat—now a fish pond; the house itself, a fine example of original Tudor building—all were glimpses of what had been.

Ringing again in the tower, one thought afresh of those hundred or so peals and the people who had rung in them; for they, too, were part of the past, and the bells a bridge joining past, present and future together.

The next meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on June 30th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**Crusader Meeting at Fyfield**

The South-Western Division held a crusader meeting at Fyfield on May 12th. In spite of the fact that this is rather a difficult tower to reach by public transport, about 40 members enjoyed ringing on this pleasant light six.

After a service conducted by the Rector of Fyfield, tea was served in the Church Hall and copies of the Association report were distributed. Ringing, ranging from rounds and call changes to London Surprise Minor, continued until about eight o'clock.

It was encouraging to see several very young learners, one of whom rang on an open bell for the first time, and one little lass who was still 'back stroke only.' Thanks are due to Mr. Blatch for arranging the use of the bells and also for organising the tea, and to the Rector for conducting the service and for the original address which he gave. J. E. H.

HUGHENDEN RINGERS' WEDDING

In a church beautifully decorated and in the presence of a large congregation, Miss D. Coker and Mr. A. E. Cox were married at Hughenden on May 19th. The Vicar officiated and the service was choral. Both bride and bridegroom are active members of the tower, with a number of peals in various methods to their credit. The bridegroom is also the Branch Ringing Master.

On the Tuesday before the wedding they were presented with a clock, suitably inscribed, from the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.

The bells were rung before and after the service. A peal attempt after the reception was unsuccessful.

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Mr. P. M. Town, of Linton, Kent, 'Ringing World' representative for the Maidstone District, is to be commended for his enterprise. He has a most attractive poster calling attention to 'The Ringing World' which is being displayed in every tower in the district. Good luck, Maidstone, in your efforts.

We are asked to state that Mr. Jack Welch rang 18,144 Bob Major at Bennington, not a mere 12,000, as given in 'R.W.' of May 25th.

A Masonic band, arranged by Bro. W. B. Kynaston, rang for the service in Christ Church, Swindon, on June 2nd, to mark the centenary of the Wiltshire Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

We appreciate the act of Mr. M. N. Mann, of Lincoln. In paying for his extra postage he sent 10s. for himself and 'seven others who will probably forget.' Others have also sent a little extra in case the committee should be left with a deficit.

Standing in the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lavenham on Saturday, May 19th, Stedman Symonds has now started his second century of peals on Lavenham bells. The late Arthur Symonds completed 113 consecutive peals on these bells.

Now 77 years of age, Mr. J. Thornett rang the tenor to a quarter peal at Middle Littleton, Worcs, on June 2nd, in honour of his golden wedding anniversary. On the same day of the week 50 years ago he rang the same bell for his wedding.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. T. Elson, now nearly 90 years of age, is in St. Pancras (U.C.H.) Hospital, St. Pancras Way, N.W.1, and has had a leg amputated. He is remarkably cheerful and would be pleased to see any ringing chums. Visiting hours: Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 3.30; Wednesday, 2 to 3; other days, 7.30 to 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

While a new ring has been installed at St. Giles', Cripplegate, the repairs from bomb damage are far from complete, and the church is still in the hands of the builders. It is probable that the dedication of the bells will coincide with the rededication of the church.

We are informed that the spire of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East has to be rebuilt, and until the masonry has hardened the bells cannot be rung.

Tuesday, May 22nd, saw the revival of an old custom at Romsey, Hants, when the Abbey bells were rung during the mayor-making ceremony. The new Mayor is Councillor H. G. Mackrell, an Abbey choirman.

Today is the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by the Birmingham ringers. There are three survivors of the band—Messrs. Albert Walker, J. F. Smallwood and F. W. Perrens.

Trinity Sunday was a great day at Pirton, Herts, when the local band rang their first quarter. They desire to express their gratitude to their instructor, Mr. Frank Croft, for his patience in teaching them.

Mr. D. J. Lewis and Mr. E. Phillips started ringing when the bells were hung at Cadoxton in September, 1898. They have been Sunday service ringers ever since, and both took part in the first peal on the bells in March, 1914. On May 26th they both rang in the 50th peal on the bells.

Mr. G. M. Atkins, on holiday in Guernsey, had the pleasure of ringing at St. Michael-da-Vale, the only ringable bells in the island. He informs us that St. Peter Port bells were rung up till the occupation when a bomb in the harbour damaged the tower. St. Joseph's R.C. have eight bells plus two semitones which are only chimable.

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RECORDS COMMITTEE WANT COMPOSITIONS—NEW PUBLICATIONS BY METHODS COMMITTEE—BUSY YEAR FOR TOWERS & BELFRIES COMMITTEE — HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS & BEGINNERS

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1955:

- Jan.
1. 5184 Macclesfield Sur. Maj. (Chester).
3. 5056 Nechells Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
6. 5152 Olton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
13. 5024 Bedfordshire Sur. Maj. (Bedfordshire).
13. 5088 Witton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5056 Yardley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
20. 5152 Icknield Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
27. 5024 Calthorpe Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
29. 5040 St. Faith Little Bob Maj. (Norwich).
31. 5056 Hatfield Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).
Feb.
3. 5152 Deritend Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
7. 5024 Digbeth Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
19. 5056 Humberstone Del. Maj. (Leicester).
21. 5152 Portland Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
Mar.
3. 5056 Sudbury Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
5. 5056 Peering Sur. Maj. (Essex).
9. 5152 Bearwood Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
12. 5280 Perivale Alliance Bob Maj. (Lancashire).
14. 5088 Kingsbury Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Aldridge Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
28. 5056 Umberslade Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
April
21. 5152 Greet Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Evenlode Sur. Maj. (Oxford).
28. 5152 Jaffray Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
30. 5024 Hanslope Sur. Maj. (Peterborough).
May
5. 5152 Weatheroak Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
14. 5040 London Exercise Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).
16. 5120 Ladywood Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
June
16. 5024 Queslett Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
23. 5056 Bournville Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
24. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (53 methods) (Yorkshire).
July
14. 5120 Queensland Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
Aug.
18. 5024 Kenninghall Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
18. 5152 Xanthus Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
Sept.
3. 5088 Scothorne Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
10. 5376 Caerleon Sur. Maj. (Llandaff & Monmouth).
11. 5088 Walesby Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
17. 5152 Dunholme Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
21. 5152 Woodstock Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
22. 5024 Walbrook Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
Oct.
8. 5088 Sleaford Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
12. 5088 Arnesby Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
19. 5056 Bruntingthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
20. 5040 Bristol Alliance Maj. (Leicester).
Nov.
2. 5152 Countesthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
5. 5088 Canterbury Imp. Bob Maj. (Oxford).
9. 5184 Donisthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
10. 5056 Catesby Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5040 Hawkhurst Bob Triples (Oxford).
16. 5040 Tunstead Little Imp. Bob Maj. (Norwich).
17. 5152 Valbourne Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
26. 5024 Heydour Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
Dec.
8. 5152 Jesmond Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
17. 5184 Xavier Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
31. 5152 Edmondthorpe Sur. Maj. (Leicester).

HANDBELLS

July
13. 5040 College Triples (Southwell).

In spite of repeated requests for compositions of new methods, one conductor only has sent these along to the Committee; for these we are very grateful, but there are still about 100 outstanding.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report and Mrs. L. K. Marshall seconded.

Mr. P. Johnson said the Yorkshire Association could produce any composition rung for the Association which the Committee desired.

Mr. W. F. Moreton: Is it not the duty of the conductor when any new method is rung to send it to the Records Committee?

The President: It should be sent to the Records Committee.

The report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report stated: We have little to report this year. After a longer delay than was expected, the book of Doubles Methods was published last autumn and appears to have been generally welcomed. We believe it is filling a long-felt need.

Work has proceeded on revising the Minor and Triple Methods books, but the progress has been slower than hoped for. We trust we shall be able to report that the work has been finished on both these books at the next session of the Council.

Moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said they had now had a formal request from the Council to consider the revision of Triples and Minor methods, and if the Council asked them to expedite the matter it would be done.

In reply to questions, Mr. Felstead said they would include Spliced Minor, but they did not contemplate putting in irregular methods.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said the number of irregular methods was not very large. If people did not know what they were called they would get in a mess. The same applied to Triples. There were quite a number of Triples methods that had never been published. Mr. Trollope put some in 'The Ringing World' which he believed were quite well worth ringing. The Triples collection was very poor. These new methods could be put in a tabulated form, as he believed that place notation was now well understood.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had access to the late Rev. A. T. Beeson's collection. There were practically as many irregular as there were regular methods. A lot of the methods had two names. As regards Triples and Mr. Speed's suggestion, they were in the midst of producing by formula all the six lead Triples methods that had treble and triple changes. As most of them knew, his first love was Spliced Minor, and that would be included.

Mr. John Fidler said it was his privilege to try and sort out Mr. Beeson's collection.

Mr. G. E. Feirn asked if the Minor Book contained the Alliance methods.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The report stated: The year has been somewhat uneventful since few additions have been made to the collection, which has now reached a total of 315. It is felt that there are still quite a number awaiting discovery, and the Committee makes no apology for renewing the request for co-operation from members of the Exercise. Only by such co-operation can the task be completed.

The Collection has been arranged in two volumes, the first covering the period ending 1799 and the second 1800 to 1825. Where possible, details of interest such as style of lettering and ornament and the general condition of the board have been noted in the record. The bindings are of the 'spring clip' type so that pages can be added at any time and in the correct position chronologically without disturbance to existing leaves.

Title pages are in course of preparation and it is hoped that both volumes will be available for inspection at the Council meeting.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, in moving the adoption of the report, said they wanted to emphasise that they did not consider the work finished. If any boards were discovered, would particulars be sent to him. The volumes were in loose-leaf form so that additions could be made at any time.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year members of the Committee have dealt with 42 enquiries, chiefly concerning the rehanging of bells and the provision of new frames and gear. Inspections and reports were made regarding the restoration of bells in 29 towers; in ten instances advice was given by correspondence, and in the remaining three advice was sought on problems of sound control. The work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has made inspections and given advice in three Cheshire towers; in two his advice was taken and bells are to be rehung, but in the third, much against his advice, the incumbent afterwards called in a 'local craftsman' to carry out the 'restoration'—the result is not known.

Mr. F. E. Collins inspected and advised on restoration work in seven towers. In two the work has now been completed and in the others his advice is being taken and restorations are pending. The seven towers are situated in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Sussex.

Mr. J. Freeman has been called in for advice in one Lincolnshire tower. Here it was desired to ascertain whether it was safe to ring the bells, and his recommendations were followed.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has inspected one tower in Hertfordshire and has given advice on the problems of reducing tower oscillation; he has also been consulted regarding the rehanging of a ring in Warwickshire.

Mr. W. Osborne has been consulted in 11 instances. In eight of these he made inspections and reports and in six cases faculties have been granted for restorations on the lines advised by him. In two other instances he has given advice by correspondence; and in the remaining tower he advised on problems of sound control. He reports great interest among Church Councils to put bells in ringing order, and maintain them in good condition. Nine towers dealt with by Mr. Osborne were in Somerset and one each in Dorset and Wiltshire. One involved the rehanging of a mediæval ring of three.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 16 enquiries. They were situated in Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Yorkshire. Inspections and reports were made in eight towers, and in each instance the work is either in hand or pending; in six cases, chiefly with Docean Advisory Committee secretaries, advice was given by correspondence, and in the remaining two advice was sought on

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Central Council—Continued

sound control. He has given many lectures to Diocesan Authorities and Church Authorities, and he has had correspondence with the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music on the subject of bell tones and tuning. In one instance he advised against a proposal to weld a mediæval bell.

Mr. E. A. Young's advice has been sought regarding the restoration of two rings in the City of London. He dealt with enquiries regarding these by correspondence, and the Convener has also had correspondence with him on matters concerning bell and tower restoration.

The new edition of the Council's handbook on 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.' has proved to be one of the library's 'best sellers' during the year.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, said the report of the Committee was very condensed. If the reports were written out they would amount to many hundreds of sheets, and members of the Committee had done a great deal of work. They had had much to sort out between Parochial Councils and Diocesan Advisory Committees as to the manner in which bells should be rung. Mr. Clarke had had a difficult case in which the advice he gave was not accepted. Instead of a bell-hanger a local craftsman was called in, but they did not know the result yet.

Mr. J. W. Clarke seconded.

The president said there was one case mentioned of a tower in Hertfordshire where the bells were hung in a wooden tower built up inside a Norman tower. He was able to convince the architect, although terrified at the time, that he could anchor the frame to the stone walls.

Mr. Clarke said he had given advice when it had been asked for, and it had not always been accepted. He went into a great many towers in the research work he was doing. 'One of the worst troubles was birds getting into the tower, and the other was that incumbents thought that the bell room was a place where no one should go, and if it was suggested that money should be spent on the bell room hands were raised in horror.' There was a great deal of neglect of bell rooms, and one of the reasons was the statement that bells should receive attention once in ten years. He had done his best to get incumbents and churchwardens to give attention to bell rooms, but it was a hard job.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the bells were rung regularly in these towers.

Mr. Clarke: With most of them they are a stoney band.

The report was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The following amendment of Rule II, of which notice was given last year, was submitted to the Council.

- (ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of
 - (a) Past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. librarian of the Council.
 - (b) Honorary auditors and conveners of committees, ex-officio.
 - (c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

The committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

- (iii) At the annual meeting next after each Triennial Election members of any committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.

The hon. secretary said at the standing committee it was agreed to amend (iii) to read 'have the right to attend and speak on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.'

Mr. P. Corby moved as an amendment to clause (c) that 'The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed' be deleted. Mrs. Staniforth seconded and this was agreed to.

The other alteration to rules, including the recommendation of the standing committee, were agreed to.

HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS AND BEGINNERS

Miss M. R. Cross moved: That the Central Council publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.

Miss Cross said last year they sold 246 copies of 'Hints to Instructors,' and there were at present 287 copies in stock. If they did not do anything about reprinting they would have no books in 1958. There had been experiments in new teaching technique in various parts of the country, and further, the book should be enlarged to include rounds and early stages of change ringing. The book was not suitable for beginners: she thought that a book for beginners should be written.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded the motion.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: After what happened in Leicester Cathedral belfry a night or two ago can we know what is a beginner? [Laughter.]

Mr. F. Sharpe said he was constantly being asked for a book for beginners. The book they had was primarily for instructors. Twice young people had sent the book back, saying: 'We don't think it is suitable for beginners.' He thought the book should contain a section for beginners, giving them a definition of the rudiments of change ringing and the technical terms used.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson said he lost on every copy of his book. If such a section was included he would be pleased to stop producing his. He was sure there was a market. In two or three years he had sold between 2,000 and 3,000.

Mr. Walter Ayre: Do we want a book for instructors or beginners? As we go round we all see faults in handling. He suggested that a film strip be made on the handling of a bell.

Mr. Clarke: I think it is an excellent suggestion. The only snag is getting a projector to show the film. I know schools have them. Whether we can get the loan of a projector I do not know. I feel that a film strip is the real answer.

The president said there were photographs but they were static, taken by Mr. Jenkyn. The photographs were of old Mr. Hibbert. The

book arose from a matter he brought up, and Mr. Jenkyn, Mr. Dyke and Mr. Hibbert were responsible for its production.

Mr. John Fidler: As one gets about the country one feels that it is the instructors who want instructing because there were very few who could impart their knowledge.

Mr. N. Chaddock said he agreed entirely with the motion and suggested that ideas for beginners be invited to be published in 'The Ringing World.' He thought the film strip was a good idea. As to projectors, the more they got in touch with education authorities the better. Many of their instructors today were in the teaching profession.

Mr. W. F. Moreton said they wanted a book to teach instructors how to teach, and secondly a book to teach beginners. He did not agree with the advantages of a film strip. These pictures could be put in a book. He thought a proper film would be very useful. He did not think a projector would be so difficult to obtain as some people imagined.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead suggested that Miss Cross and Mr. Speed should work out something on the lines suggested by the motion.

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Felstead's suggestion and said he would like to recommend to beginners 'Village Bells.'

The hon. secretary said the standing committee supported the resolution and suggested that Miss Cross and Mr. Speed be asked to draw up what they consider to be required.

Mr. F. E. Perrens suggested that Mr. Wilson be added to this sub-committee.

The Council unanimously agreed that Mr. W. Wilson, Miss Cross, Mr. Speed and Mr. Dyke be appointed a committee to produce a book on the lines suggested, including hints for beginners.

(To be continued)

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OXFORD.—On June 3rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. J. Roaf 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. H. Niblett 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, R. B. Meadows 6, R. A. Hodgson 7, P. R. Sanders 8. First in the method for all except 3 and 6. Also on June 3rd, at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin: 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Niblett 1, F. A. Barrett 2, C. T. B. Taylor 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, W. H. Jackson 5, J. H. Smart 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY RINGING—IS IT WISE?

Sir.—One notes, in the current issue of 'R.W.', that an hotelier has complained to his local Chamber of Trade about church bells being rung at 6.30 a.m. on certain occasions, and wonders whether this ringing was worth the hostility it has undoubtedly engendered in his mind and that of his guests, not to mention those others who may have suffered in silence. The remarks addressed, apparently, to the hotelier regarding noises at 10.30 p.m. appear quite ill timed and irrelevant; one might just as well comment on the din created by, say, the local salvage department's dustbins.

This practice of ringing at unearthly hours of the morning appears to be not uncommon in certain parts of the country and leads one to the conclusion that those who indulge in it have a great capacity for self delusion. Whilst Mr. Average Man is usually not hostile to the sound of bells it is almost always only 'when distance lends enchantment' (or the louvres are blocked up well) and at a time when he is out and about and expecting to hear them that this happy state of affairs prevails. To inflict them upon him when he, quite rightly, does not desire them is, to my mind, likely to have unpleasant repercussions, in spite of high falutin' words about the 'challenge of the bells to an indifferent world.' That would could be a very bitter enemy if the challenge is overdone, for at no other time have we ringers been so dependent upon public goodwill and, in the case of the above mentioned hotelier, by what right can we jeopardise another person's livelihood?

I very well recall arriving in Amsterdam en route to London and realising, with horror, that the hotel chosen, hurriedly I admit, was immediately opposite the Westertoren carillon, the chimes of which, at each quarter, are almost the length of a short 'touch' and 'carry on' for 24 hours each day. Fond as I am of bells, and particularly of the Amsterdam carillons, I thought that this was a little too much but, as things turned out, a back room and the soporific effects of excellent Dutch gin, in quantity, relegated the sound of the chimes to insignificant proportions; but I have not stayed there since, lest I be given a front room and the gin be not so good. What must be the effect upon a person not fond of bells? And could not this case be paralleled in places where early ringing takes place?

By all means let us see that our bells are rung but at a time reasonable and acceptable to our unseen audience, upon whom so much depends, for to force ourselves upon them when not required, be the day Christmas, Easter, Whitsun or what you will, is not enthusiasm for ringing but sheer, dangerous and anti-social thoughtlessness.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

RAILWAYMEN'S PEALS & PROPOSED FORMATION OF GUILD

Dear Sir.—Arrangements are now complete in connection with the above. Headquarters will be at Christ Church Parochial Buildings, Crewe, across the way from the church, where cups of tea will be laid on. Take a bus from the station to the market square, which is town centre, and two minutes from the church, which can be seen. Time: I would appreciate meeting as near between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Peals have been arranged—and bands—at Christ Church, Crewe (10), Nantwich (8), and Acton, Nantwich (6). Arrangements can also be made for ringing at Sandbach (8), Holmes Chapel (6) and Gogstrey (6), so that everyone might have a ring. All railwaymen are welcome, and bring any ideas with you—and happy meeting.

SYDNEY FOSKETT.

W. FRANK STENSON.

SUGGESTED NEW DUTY FOR CONDUCTORS

Sir.—The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, and the subsequent discussion thereon at the Central Council, makes dismal reading and throws a lurid light on the amazing manners of the vast majority of ringers. It has been calculated that there are 40,000 ringers in the country. Of these, one-eighth take 'The Ringing World'; the rest go to make up the army of cadgers and scroungers who are content to cull their information second-hand rather than pay the price of three cigarettes per week for it. Is there any reason why 'The Ringing World' should continue to print their names?

I suggest and pass it on to the appropriate committee, that conductors when sending reports of peals or quarters for publication should omit the names of those whom he *knows* do not take 'The Ringing World.' All the essentials would still be there for record purposes, the only difference would be blanks instead of certain names. It would place a heavy onus on conductors, but it could be done.

It will be said that these are hard words: they are so purposely, and it is time a little straight talk was had on this matter. If it shames a few shirkers into taking the journal it will have served its purpose. We do not want to see the journal priced out of existence—that would be a calamity—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

THE EXTRA POSTAGE

By Monday morning 143 postal readers out of over 2,000 had kindly remitted the extra 1s. 3d. postage for their 'Ringing World' for this year. Remittances can be sent either to the Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, or Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Receipts are not given.

BELLRINGERS' GUIDE

Dear Sir.—I should like to say a very sincere 'Thank you' to Mr. R. H. Dove for his second edition of 'The Ringers' Bible.' When one considers the terrific amount of work which must go into a directory of this kind, Mr. Dove is to be congratulated on the lack of errors.

I was pleased to see that the compiler has got to grips with the tricky business of county towns and city boundaries, and also that he has broken away from Crockford and tried to keep place names as they are in local usage. In the first edition some of our favourite 'double-barrelled' villages turned up in the most peculiar places.

Finally, Mr. Dove also gives us an after-sales service usually only reserved for expensive things like cars and refrigerators, for in yesterday's post, lo and behold, an amendment list!—Yours sincerely, MICHAEL HORSEMAN.

Nailsea.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, was the first by the treble ringer as a grandfather! It was rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Patricia Anne Chamberlain (née Cartwright) on May 2nd in Nairobi, Kenya. Pat Cartwright was, before her marriage, an active member of the Sunday service band at Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Whilst on a ringing outing on Whit Monday, a well-known S.E. Dorset ringer lost his cap (and almost his head). The cap was last seen floating serenely down the River Dart at a point six miles upstream from Buckfast. Other members of the party sent 'the cap round' for new headgear as an expression of gratitude for arranging a most enjoyable outing.

MAINTAINING STANDARDS AND THE CASUAL VISITOR

Dear Sir,—I would be glad if you would allow me space in your columns to comment on Mr. Rouse's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 15th.

He comes very near to hitting the nail on the head when he remarks on the shortage of ringers at some towers, including our Cathedrals, but seems to miss the point that, in such cases, hospitality is but a virtue made of necessity. It does seem that in cases where the bells are fully manned and perhaps where the ringers have to travel some distance to ring, they would, with justification, resent yielding a place to the casual visitor, especially where, as in the Metropolis, a visitor may be a frequent occurrence rather than the rarity he is elsewhere.

Further, it does seem desirable that tradition and high standards should be given some respect, and that there should still be some towers where to ring is a real privilege not to be had just for the asking.

Lastly, no one with self-respect need be abject in asking to ring anywhere, but humility would not be out of place when the standards expected are high.—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER,

Spondon, Derbys.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden's peal of Cambridge Royal is easily recognisable as being the old ten courses often used for Cambridge Maximus, i.e., 2W, 2M, 2H repeated, with 3M and 3W added to give the 14 courses for a peal of Royal. I have a copy of a peal on this plan by J. Carter, and I believe I am correct in stating that it was rung at St. Clement Dances', conducted by W. Pye, and the figures published in an old Middlesex Association report about 1912.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

STRIKING

Dear Sir,—Would that Leslie D. Mills' letter in your issue of May 25th be published every month. Do the majority to-day realise what pure change ringing is?

In how many peals of Minor on a really good six do those participating hear the rhythm of ten bells going? True Minor is not rung without hearing this. Speed kills the effect. I am always proud of footnote 'believed to be the slowest peal on the bells.' Any band can 'get through' a fast peal, but it takes a good band to ring a slow one.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING & AFTER

Dear Sir.—At the general meeting of the Diocesan Association of Ringers at Norwich, the president referred to ringers who rang for service and then didn't stay as hypocrites. I have an invalid wife whom I have to look after as I cannot get a woman to do the work. We have a decent band of ringers at Beccles now, and I have spent many hours helping to get them along. As my wife cannot eat solid food, I have to cook every day, so I ring for Sunday service and go home to cook. I go to one service on a Sunday, either 8 o'clock or Evensong. Are we hypocrites, I wonder?—Yours, etc.,

C. BAILEY.

Beccles.

Note.—We feel certain that the president would be the last person to classify Mr. Bailey as a hypocrite. It is when no attempt is made to join in the worship of the congregation that Sunday service ringing becomes hypocritical.—Ed.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Two New Peal Records

THE annual general meeting of the Association took place at York on Saturday, May 12th—the first time the county city has provided the venue for 36 years, the last occasion being on January 31st, 1920. The fine ring of 12 at the Minster was available during the afternoon, and the recently-restored ring of six at the York Institute of Architectural Study in the evening. Ringers were present from each of the four Districts, and the fine weather added a lustre to the event.

Following Evensong in the Minster, an excellent tea was enjoyed at the Festival Restaurant, from which an adjournment was made to the Institute of Architectural Study, where the business meeting was held, presided over by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, W. Barton, J. Ambler, F. A. Staveley and L. M. Woodhead.

A vote of thanks to the Dean of York and Minster authorities, the authorities of the York Institute of Architectural Study for the use of the bells, and in the latter case the provision of a room for the meeting, was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, who included also the Minster choir, and complimented them on the perfection of their singing. Mr. A. E. Sellers seconded and this was carried with applause. A similar vote of thanks to the York Minster Society for their excellent arrangements was moved by the general secretary, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson and carried unanimously. Mr. H. Walker replied.

The president presented the Association's 80th annual report, which stated that there had been a decrease in membership mainly due to the carelessness of many members in regard to the payment of their subscriptions. The balance sheet showed that 625 current subscriptions had been paid which, with 68 new subscriptions, made a total membership of 693. This was 69 fewer than last year.

With regret, the death of Mr. Clement Glenn was recorded. He was a former general secretary and had rung 375 peals for the Association. 'He was a most able peal conductor, and no one had a better knowledge of abstruse compositions in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, in which he specialised.' The death of Mr. Robert B. Smith, a member of the general committee of the Eastern District, was also recorded with regret.

The peal secretary's report stated that 106 peals had been rung at 54 different churches and four handbell centres. First peals had been rung by 34 members, and eight members had rung their first peal as conductor. The record for the most Major methods ever rung to a peal was now held by the Association, by virtue of the peal rung at Conisbrough in 53 Spliced Surprise Major methods. In the realm of Minor on handbells a peal in 109 methods, the most methods rung to a peal, was rung on November 3rd. The peal secretary, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, had both rung and conducted the most peals during the year with totals of 32 and 18 respectively. Mr. H. Scott was second with 27 peals. Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris rang his 100th consecutive Surprise peal for the Association, and this was quite likely the first time this had been achieved by a member of the Association.

The accounts showed a loss on the year of £15 18s. 3d. There was a balance on the Capital Account of £258 9s. 8d., and on the Yearly Account of £54 19s. 3d. From the Bell Repair Fund grants of £5 each had been made

to Marsden, Sherburn and York Institute of Architectural Study. This account had a balance of £57 5s. 7d..

The report and balance sheet were adopted on the proposition of Mr. S. H. Steel, seconded by Mr. V. Bottonley.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris was re-elected general secretary, and Mr. W. E. Critchley peal secretary.

After discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripon on September 15th, if the necessary arrangements could be made. Having regard to the geographical difficulties associated with the Northern District it was urged upon members to make a special effort to support the meeting.

The president announced that the Snowdon Dinner would be held in York on October 20th, and the Archbishop of York (Dr. H. M. Ramsay) had kindly accepted an invitation to attend. The dinner is becoming more and more popular, and again the committee and organisers looked to the loyal support of members to ensure its success.

Peter Windley (St. Martin's), Leslie Leach (St. Marie's, Sheffield), Miss Jennifer Holmes and Miss Pamela Robinson (Otley), Christine Cutts (Whiston) and Rosemary Hick (Leeds) were elected members.

Some considerable discussion ensued on the cost of producing the annual report, and eventually Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded, a resolution that the General Committee appoint a sub-committee to examine the whole position and report to the January general meeting. This was carried.

This concluded the business and members were able to enjoy further ringing at the Institute until 9 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

South Norfolk Branch Gain 12

Twelve new members, including a new band from Starston and the Rector (the Rev. J. F. Gratton-Guiness), were elected at the South Norfolk Branch's meeting at Redenhall on May 12th. Forty-one ringers attended, representing 26 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Matters referred to the Standing Committee included a request from one member that the annual meeting of the Association should be called on a date which did not clash with the F.A. Cup Final.

The Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), who presided, congratulated Mr. William Flatt on attending his first meeting as Ringing Master of the branch, and for making arrangements for the service, which was conducted by Canon Pickering (Rector).

Western Branch

Thirty-five members representing 15 towers attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch held at Sculthorpe on May 26th. Various methods, and rounds for the not so experienced ringers, were conducted by the Ringing Master, Mr. C. V. Ebberson.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Gunn), assisted by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), and an excellent tea provided by the wives of the local band.

At the business meeting a short report of the Central Council's meeting was read and discussed. The president spoke of the future of 'The Ringing World,' and appealed to all members to increase the circulation by becoming postal subscribers.

An invitation to hold the next interim meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the bells at Gaywood on July 21st was accepted, and the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Wells on August 25th.

SALISBURY GUILD HAVE A SENSE OF OPTIMISM

The Annual Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on May 12th drew a large attendance of ringers to Sherborne, all parts of the Diocese being represented.

The Master (Canon G. Carew Cox) presided at the annual meeting held in the Digby Memorial Church Hall, supported by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (vice-president), Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford (hon. assistant secretary).

The chairman opened the proceedings with prayer. Apologies were received from Lord Shaftesbury, the Rev. R. A. Wells, Canon Markby, Miss Eloic, Messrs. L. A. Wilson, G. H. Harding, Alan Macdonald and F. Peacey.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, in his report, stated that there had been a slight increase in membership to 1,082. During the year 26 peals had been rung. In the Branch hon. secretaries' reports there seemed to be a sense of optimism, and showed a steady and general improvement all round.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, viz: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews. Mr. F. Peacey not wishing to stand, the Central Council representatives elected were the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. W. C. West, G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £226 16s. 6d., which included £100 invested, and was considered satisfactory, as was the report. The hon. secretary and treasurer was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Guild.

In his vote of thanks the Master mentioned Canon S. B. Wingfield Digby for the services in the Abbey and all the incumbents who allowed the use of their bells, and the hon. secretary, North Dorset Branch, who in his first year as hon. secretary went to such trouble to ensure the success of the Festival.

Grants of money were made to: Broadwindsor £5 5s.; Bow Bells £2 2s.

A letter of congratulation had been sent to Mr. L. A. Wilson, and it was asked that one be sent to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, past master, both in connection with their 80th birthdays. The chairman then closed the meeting with prayer.

The service was held in the Abbey. The address by the Vicar, the hearty rendering of the hymns and Grandsire Triples on handbells were most inspiring. Some American tourists expressed themselves as most privileged to be able to join in such a service never before experienced by them.

The last item in the proceedings was a meat tea, when 150 ringers and their friends enjoyed the fare supplied by Rothwells, caterers, who had on a previous occasion supplied the wants of hungry ringers and knew just what to do.

DEATH OF MRS. A. J. HUGHES

The sympathy of many ringing friends will be extended to Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, in the passing of his wife on June 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had been married for nearly 50 years. She was always a good friend to the Exercise and had been hostess to many famous ringers in past years. The widower shares his bereavement with his two daughters and son and seven grand-children.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsun Tour

THE University of London Society held their Whitsun tour in Essex this year with their headquarters at the Green Man, Harlow. Most of the party assembled on Friday evening, May 18th, at St. Mary's, Harlow, and here one of the female members, not to be outdone, gave an exhibition of tenor ringing.

A fine morning greeted us on Saturday, and after having queued to use the only bathroom in the inn, an advance party journeyed to the first tower of the day at Newport. Here the frame was loose in the tower, and it was without regret that we soon left this rough-going six. However, by this time our main transport for the tour had arrived in the form of a hired Bedford 'Dormobile.' This vehicle formed ideal transport for the tour and at one period it carried 14 somewhat squashed passengers.

Journeying on to Thaxted, the lovely town and bells were much admired, and it was here that a splinter group, who preferred to use public transport rather than wait for the 'Dormobile,' eventually caught up with the main party. Great Bardfield was next on the list, and then lunch was taken at Finchingfield to the accompaniment of jet aircraft screaming overhead. The font at Finchingfield stands in the midst of the circle of ropes, but, nevertheless, the pleasant eight were enjoyable to ring. Again at Wethersfield visibility was somewhat reduced by a wooden post in the centre of the belfry, and it was here that Senator Clouston measured a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. movement in the frame.

At Sible Hedingham a course of London came round, but on the other hand Double Norwich did not go very well. The last tower of the day was at Bocking, where we had the pleasure of ringing with some of the local ringers including the immediate past master of our Society.

Some early risers attended Communion at Harlow on Sunday, and after breakfast the party rang for service on the ten at Bishop's Stortford. Stedman would not go here, but the best memory of Stortford will be the difficulty that was experienced in finding a seat at the service after ringing. The majority of the party spent Sunday afternoon in looking over the treasures at Audley End House, but, nevertheless, the handbell friends gave a demonstration in the grounds to the amusement of some onlookers. Evening ringing was at Saffron Walden, and after the journey back to headquarters a demonstration of tune ringing on handbells by John and Renée Armstrong was much enjoyed.

On Monday morning, after going to the wrong church at Stansted Mountfitchet, our time for ringing on this anti-clockwise octave was somewhat reduced, but nevertheless we arrived at Great Easton on time. Then on to Great Dunmow, where the fine octave was much admired and a course of Lincolnshire came round in fine style. The day's organised ringing finished at Fyfield, where the ringing chamber is lit with fluorescent lights, and it was there that the traditional touch of Original Minor was rung. After saying goodbye to some of the party, 'Geoff's Goons' in the 'Dormobile' travelled on to ring with the Essex Association at Great Waltham, and after tea the 12 at Chelmsford Cathedral provided a fine conclusion to a most enjoyable tour in the beautiful countryside of Essex.

The Society thank, in addition to the organiser, Richard Stephens, all the incumbents and local ringers

Louis MacNeice's feature, 'Bow Bells,' to be broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service next Sunday, is likely to make a strong appeal to ringers.

MR. FREDERICK H. DEXTER

There will be regret much further afield than Leicester at the passing of Fred Dexter, or, as he was affectionately known, 'The Sergeant-Major.' He had not been well for some time, but the end came suddenly on June 6th. Although he had not done any ringing for several years his interest never waned and many who visited him could testify that his ability was not impaired, and attribute to his help and guidance their great progress made as ringers.

He was mainly responsible for putting Leicester on the pedestal it has enjoyed for many years, and it was he who made the late Harold Poole the great ringer and conductor he was. Fred was a great composer and conductor and undoubtedly an authority on Stedman.

In the belfry he was a martinet and had no patience with indifferent striking. He expected and generally succeeded in extracting the maximum of effort. Outside the belfry he enjoyed the convivial relaxation which usually followed a peal and was generous to a fault.

He was a widower, and the loss of his wife a few years ago was a blow from which he never fully recovered. He leaves a son, Harold Dexter, who was at Cambridge University and has recently been appointed organist and musical director at Southwark Cathedral.

The funeral was on June 9th.

MR. GEORGE PRESTON

The death occurred in Christchurch Hospital on June 3rd, at the age of 86, of Mr. George Preston, one of the oldest and best-known ringers in the south of England.

Born within the sound of the bells of Christchurch Priory, he joined the band in 1887, the eight bells then in the tower having just been rehung on a new frame. It fell to him to introduce change ringing, and soon he became the acknowledged leader of the band. As a young man he took part in several tours with the leading ringers of the time, but records of these and of his early peals were lost when his house was flooded in 1916.

Although he was always ready to arrange a peal for a special occasion, or to make one of a band for a peal attempt, it is not as a peal ringer that he will be remembered. His main interest was in service ringing, which nothing would cause him to neglect. In recent years his increasing infirmity had made the climbing of a hundred steps to the ringing chamber on Sundays almost a superhuman effort.

Few can have taught more ringers than he did. Perhaps among his proudest moments were when, shortly after the ring had been increased to ten, he called a peal of Caters on the bells, and again, when they were augmented to 12, a peal of Cinques—in each case the ringers were regular service ringers, and most of them his pupils.

In 1937, to celebrate his jubilee as a ringer, he received a presentation from a large number of friends, and, ten years later, when his 60th anniversary was celebrated, he received the personal congratulations of the then Bishop of Winchester. His ambition to be a ringer at the Priory for 70 years was not granted, but his period of service fell short of this by only a few months.

As a boy, George Preston had an accident, which resulted in a broken spine and left him permanently injured. Yet he was usually found at the heavy end of the circle and was an all-round sportsman. In his younger days he played football for his town, he was a keen oarsman and yachtsman, and no mean performer with gun and rod.

The funeral service, held in the Priory Church and attended by a large and representative congregation, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Price. He emphasised the great service Mr.

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Preston had given to the Church and the example he had shown by his devotion to duty, especially in the face of growing disability.

The interment took place in Christchurch Cemetery beside his wife, who had died 15 years earlier.

MR. C. H. WEBB

When Mr. Charles Henry Webb passed away on April 26th, at the age of 71, the Exercise lost one of its staunchest supporters. Harry Webb was known to thousands in the Midlands, not just amongst his friends in the Coventry and Leicester Guilds, but also to the public in this area and to ringers throughout the country. His straight stance and waxed 'sergeant-major's' moustache, and his absolute intolerance of anything not of the best, assured him the respect of his contemporaries and the awe of the youngsters. Harry was a stonemason by trade and examples of his excellent work hang in many ringing chambers in the country.

Harry had an absolute passion for bells. His ringing days started at Croft in Leicestershire, with the Midland Counties Association, and though he moved subsequently to Rugby and then Coventry, his heart turned always towards the towers in the neighbourhood of Croft. His first peal was Grandsire Triples in July, 1919, and most of his subsequent ringing was on eight. He rang several peals on ten and one peal of Stedman Cinques. Harry's thirst for bells though could not be satisfied by tower bells alone, and as a handbell ringer he was known far and wide. In this way he came into contact with the public on many occasions, particularly at Christmas time, when for many years he led the tune ringing team from Allesley, Coventry, round the local hostels and hospitals. From the former he would collect for charity with great success, and at the hospitals and old folks' homes his reward was in the happiness he brought to his listeners.

Despite his austere moustache he had a kindly twinkle when he got four bells in his hands, and many an 'evening out' has been enlivened by his complicated and energetic rendering of many well loved tunes. 'Soldier's Joy' and 'Grandfather's Clock' probably rank as his own favourites, and on tower bells it was no secret that his favourite methods were Superlative Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters.

Harry had not enjoyed very good health for some years, his recurring heart trouble causing him several long, tedious spells in bed. He was the patriarch of a large family, extending to four generations—he had several great-grandchildren—and he was quite satisfied to have had his 'three score years and ten.'

HIS PEALS

His first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by Ernest Morris, was rung at Stoney Stanton in July, 1919. His last was Plain Bob Royal 'in hand' in June, 1950, at Newfield Road, Coventry. This was his first peal on ten 'in hand.' A few weeks before that he rang his first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at the same address. The list is as follows:—

Tower bells.—Doubles: Grandsire 8 (cond. 1), Stedman 1, two methods 1, four methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 12, Kent 3, Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Cambridge 1, four methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 17, Stedman 18.

Major: Plain Bob 19, Kent 4, Oxford 2, Little Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Spliced Treble Bob 3, Double Norwich 6, Shilton 1, New Cambridge 1, Cambridge 8, Superlative 4, Bristol 1, London 1.

Caters: Stedman 4.

Royal: Cambridge 7, Melton 1.

Cinques: Stedman 1.

'In hand'.—Grandsire Doubles 3 (3), Plain Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Royal 1.

Total: 136 (4)

D. A. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

Fine weather favoured the Kent Branch for their meeting at Ashford on May 26th. The service was taken by the Vicar (Canon N. M. G. Sharp).

Some 40 ringers and friends then sat down to a very satisfying tea, which had been prepared by members of the Mothers' Union, in the Parish Room. After tea Mrs. Mitchell (vice-president) accorded the usual votes of thanks and then asked the gentlemen to leave, so that the ladies could hold their business meeting.

Mrs. Mitchell then asked the secretary (Miss Jill Haffenden), who is to be married in July, to accept a set of six glass goblets as a wedding gift from members of the Kent Branch. Accepting the present, Miss Haffenden thanked the members most sincerely for the gift and good wishes that went with it. Several new members were elected. It was decided, subject to permission, to hold the next meeting at Walmer on either August 11th or 18th. In future the collection at the service will be donated to church expenses.

The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the belfry where ringing, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major, continued until 8 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on May 26th, with over 50 ringers present. The bells were kept going with a minimum of time between touches. The striking throughout was of a very high order, the rounds by the learners being perfect (and most of them are still at school).

Visitors included Alfred Barnes, of Manchester, who has almost reached 90 years of age. His ringing is still very good, and so is his memory. He said that if he lived until next April he would have completed 70 years' ringing. It is 50 years since he rang his first peal of Stedman at Walkden. Another visitor was the ringing secretary, Mr. Stephen Li. Parry. There are some very enthusiastic ringers in the District—a band had rung two peals and then came to the meeting to finish off the day, one or two having a handful of blisters.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. He gave all a very warm welcome. P. C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch Branch at Lymington

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Lymington on June 2nd, attended by 25 members. Mr. S. Clarke, of Harlow, Essex, was a welcome visitor.

Prior to the meeting the hon. secretary of the District presented the recently-married chairman and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniells) with a case of fish knives and forks to mark the occasion and to express the District ringers' good wishes for a long life of happiness. Mr. J. E. Daniells suitably replied, and on behalf of himself and his wife expressed their pleasure at receiving such a pleasant surprise.

Two new ringing members—Mr. J. Coleman (Fordingbridge) and Mr. Charles Pring—were elected at the ensuing business meeting. The next quarterly meeting will be at Bournemouth on September 1st. Ringing in all methods took place during the afternoon and evening on the octaves at Lymington and Lyndhurst.

The outing in North Cornwall on May 5th, during which 11 towers were visited [see R.W., June 1st], was arranged by Mr. Alan Carveth, of Truro. Our correspondent tenders his apologies for the error.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

SHELLARD—BALLARD.—The engagement is announced between John George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Shellard, of Sulgrave, Northants, and Edith Joyce Ballard, of Plump-ton End, Paulerspury, Northants. 8442

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. DARMON is now 39, St. Mary's Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex. 8475

The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Eric SUTTON and Michael is now 15, Springfield Road, Swindon, Wilts. 8466

FOR SALE

BELLS FOR SALE from church recently closed. Six by Warner (1871) hung dead in wooden frame. Ellacombe chiming apparatus in good tune, with cast cannons; tenor reputed to be 9 cwt. Lowering and transport to be provided. Inspection and offers invited.—Vicar, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells, Breconshire. 4843

HANDBELLS WANTED

Enthusiastic band of beginners require set of handbells, 28 or more, for furtherance of the Exercise in Central Africa. First local ring of tower bells expected soon, and we want to be ready.—Rev. P. G. L. Cole, Parish Office, Harker Hall, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. 8480

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. SCOTT B. PARRY thanks all who have applied for a copy of his book, 'The History and Art of Handbell Ringing.' They will be forwarded as soon as possible. 8487

BELLRINGERS' GUIDE TO CHURCH BELLS (DOVE).—Order now from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Price 6s. 6d. or full cloth 9s. 6d. (postage 6d.). Interleaved 12s. (post 9d.). 8481

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MISCELLANEOUS

Will Brian Heppenstall, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, please contact John Martin, 25, Ashley Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, who has mislaid his address. 8450

The North Weald ringers will *not* be at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, June 19th (Epping Upland, instead). 8470

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Merriott, Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 8418

BEDS and HERTS ASSOCIATIONS—Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Sandridge open 2-3 p.m. 8399

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Practice meeting at Over on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock in Sunday School Hall near church. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8440

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held jointly with the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) at St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, on Saturday, June 16th. 1956. Bells 3 p.m. Please try to attend this meeting and help to get the North-West District working again.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8417

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 8414

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Haxey on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Epworth, followed by business meeting and ringing at Epworth.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8483

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, Harmondsworth, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Harlington, 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at nearby café.—F. A. Finch. 8464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Winterbourne Earls (5), June 16th, 7 p.m. onwards. Silver Star bus 6.35, 6 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec. 8425

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Market Café. Please send names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Hutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8460

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), June 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8433

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bewdley, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8435

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Bletchingley, 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 20th. 8462

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 8485

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise, before June 19th. Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—C. K. Lewis. 8479

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Wirksworth, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Owa tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. Trent bus No. 37. Special methods: Ashted Surprise Major, Court Bob Triples. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8415

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, June 23rd, 3 p.m., at Gainford. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. N.B.—Names for tea to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington, by June 20th.—E. P. Rock. 8478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Marshfield, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 19th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 8474

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chipping Campden, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 19th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8472

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, June 23rd, Down Ampney (5), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Meysey Hampton 5 p.m. Bells (6) and service afterwards.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 8448

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Weybridge, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oatlands Park bells after tea. Names for tea by June 20th to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 8447

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8455

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting, Downe, Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5. Business 6 p.m. Lovely six bells here.—J. Thornley, Sec. 8458

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, June 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., with a break at 5 p.m.—S. H. Symonds. 8441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Tour, June 23rd: Fenny Drayton (5), 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.; Witherley (5), 4 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Sheepy Magna (6), 6 to 7 p.m.; Congerstone (5), 7 to 8 p.m.—F. Measures, Dis. Sec. 8456

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Mary (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names before June 18th to Mr. W. L. Ketteringham, Church Lane, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 8433

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), June 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 8465

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting follow. Names by June 20th, please, to Mrs. Squires, Dale Cottage, Milton Abbas, Blandford, Dorset.—Hayne, Sec. 8449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by June 20th. Mr. I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. Other towers available: St. Giles' and Wichampton. 8473

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service at St. Mary's, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15, and 6 to 6.45; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 8421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, Chidingly (6). Look up Cambridge Minor. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8476

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Lockerley on June 23rd. Arrangements as usual. Tytherley after tea. Names by June 19th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8471

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey (10), Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 21st to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. New reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8424

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, June 26th. Saturday, June 30th, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8484

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townsend, 7, Quayby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. per head). Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, June 20th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Home Farm House, Ringwould, Deal. 8477

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. 8468

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Hexham Abbey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8452

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Aldrington, near Hove, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for tea, please, by June 27th, to Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove, 3.—Kathleen M. Yeo.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ewerby (10) on June 30th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer outing, Saturday, June 30th, Cotswold district. Bus, collecting ringers numerous points, departing from Woodstock 1.15 p.m. Are you interested? Yes! then please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, not later than June 24th. 8469

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL.—June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraybury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 27th, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 8444

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8454

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Coffinswell's New Band

The Mid-Devon Branch held an enthusiastic meeting at Coffinswell, near Newton Abbot, on June 2nd, the main object being to assist a new band of ringers which has been formed there. The bells were rung continuously throughout the afternoon, several of the new recruits being given ample opportunity to ring, whilst at other intervals members rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, which was kindly provided by the parishioners, the Rector and churchwardens extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and thanked them for all the assistance which they had already given. Mr. J. E. Lilley (Branch chairman) and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president) spoke in reply, and thanked the parishioners for their kind hospitality. Mr. Gale was appointed captain of the tower, and it was resolved to hold practices on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock, the Mid-Devon Branch consenting to send instructors on each occasion.

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