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A REAL SURPRISE FROM BODMIN

IT would be wrong to say that Bodmin has declined; but it has not grown as it might have done. It refused the Cornish main line a hundred years ago, and is served by a branch from Bodmin Road. The County Jail was closed several years ago, so Cornish prisoners on remand travel to and from Exeter. It still retains the Assize Court and County Police Headquarters. Truro accepted the main line, got the Cathedral and so became the Cornish city, and the County Hall was built there. However, Bodmin gives its name to one of Cornwall's two Archdeaconries, and has as its chief glory the largest parish church in the county. Thus hearts often burn as to which is Cornwall's county town.

Bodmin had four bells in the reign of Edward VI, five by 1691, six in 1699, and in 1767 a new ring of eight was hung, which was Cornwall's first octave. This gives the town an 8-bell ringing tradition of almost 200 years. The band today is strong in number, and Canon G. W. S. Harmer, who accompanied his band on the annual outing on July 2nd, told me his eight bells are always rung twice on Sundays. The time for ringing at Carbis Bay was booked for 3 to 4.30, and I determined first to enjoy the ringing in the quiet of my own garden hard by. A gentle 'ting' of discovery as to which bell was which, told me activities were to begin. Not being used to such little trebles, the ten bells were up before even Bodmin ringers or I expected—such experts at rising do not take long to catch up on a tenor of 9½ cwt.! Silence reigned. Breath was, no doubt, taken and exhortations probably given as to how the bells should be rung. Again the ten rang out; but it was no good, the trebles were far too quick; and as a band of this calibre just will not have such ringing, the trebles were set, and eight continued till they settled to some really good stuff. After this, single ringing of the trebles explained that their weight was being measured, and that determination was going to overcome the rare experience of ringing ten in Cornwall. Again the ten rang out, and this improved as the trebles were gradually kept away from the tenor. Cornwall is famed for 6- and 8-bell ringing, but ten is a new technique to be mastered.

I now went to the tower to offer my welcome and congratulations, to hear more 8- and 10-bell ringing, and by invitation to join in a 'peal' myself. It was an occasion both of discovery and surprise. The discovery was that a few ringers from St. Tudy (6) and Cardinham (8) were amongst the party of over 30. The surprise was this: A call came for some changes on the back six. My natural expectation was call-changes. Middle-aged men caught

hold, and the bells settled to the most regular cartwheel rounds any judge could wish for. 'Go' was called from the treble, and off they went into Grandsire Doubles with the same unvarying regularity, and with no open lead at hand. Bobs and singles were called, and the end of the 120 was unconducted and the bells continued in rounds until 'Go' was called again for yet a different 120. I had heard some time ago that 'Scientific' was being tried at Bodmin. One has heard similar stories before; but to have the fact proved in one's own tower that it was not only being tried but had been 'conquered' was the biggest surprise ever and a pleasure beyond anticipation.

Questions I had to ask. The story is this. Some two years ago a suggestion was made that 'Scientific' be tried. Such a suggestion is usually thrown out of a round-ringing tower immediately, but not this time. Others were sympathetic. A book was obtained plus a blackboard. An evening outside the ordinary practice was chosen, and eight or so of the band met regularly for months. They dedicated themselves to it. They have not disturbed the long tradition of the tower, and respect is paid to the past and older members; but now, without any outside assistance—college, school, tutor or instructor—ringing at Bodmin is intermingled with perfect 120's rung in their own way. What is more, the older men listen with respect for their colleagues' ability. I had to praise them. I exhorted them to ring a quarter peal, and explained what this entailed. 'The Ringing World' must be an addition to their tower. The next step is to be Grandsire Triples; and with the present foundation and the experience that the striking can be just as good as in call-changes, there is no doubt that 'Scientific' has come to stay and will make the future pattern. I could not but be convinced that this surprise result had been achieved by nothing but sheer determination and team spirit. 'We made some row when we started,' said one, 'And we had some rows between ourselves,' added another, amidst much good humour, 'But we always went back to the board and followed out the line,' remarked a third. So method ringing has its place right in the centre of Cornwall, for an ancient cross in Lanivet Churchyard, three miles out of Bodmin, is said to be the pivot of the county.

I went outside to hear more ringing and to talk to those who had had their turn. As the bells were rung down it was evident the visitors were as much at home on ten as on eight. It is the team spirit of Bodmin that conquers. In this instance one cannot but feel that this result has been achieved by way of service to the Church first, and then as a body wanting to serve better and in a more perfect way, and never failing in the intention. I asked them all to come again soon.

A. S. R.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THEBLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

NORAH M. RANGLES.. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES.. .. 9
MARGARET A. SWANN 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
HOWARD HOWELL 5	HARRY BOSWELL 11
PETER A. SHARP.. .. 6	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ANTHONY COX Treble	†S. JOHN WITHEY 5
ERIC SUTTON 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	RONALD WRIGHT 7
†MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 4	CHARLES G. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES G. JONES.

* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GILLIAN TAVENER 5
ELISABETH A. NEGUS .. 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
*G. BONSOR.. .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
HILLARY M. JOHNSON .. 4	HUGH M. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. Patrick I. Chapman has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on Civic Sunday in honour of the 300th anniversary of the restoration of the Monarchy.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD TEMBY Treble	GRAHAM MCKAY 5
JAMES E. BURLS 2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 6
GEOFFREY TEMBY 3	ALAN CAPSTICK 7
JOHN BAGNALL 4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 5
MRS. PAMELA ASHLEY .. 2	BARRY HOLLAND 6
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES .. 3	A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. 7
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES FLEMING. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT M. DYMOND .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.. 2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN.. .. 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

A PEAL OF 5056 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

BETTY FAUNCH.. .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 5
JUDY MOIR.. .. 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
*THOMAS BARKER 3	*STANLEY WALMESLEY .. 7
DONALD LAWSON 4	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band, and for the Lancashire Association.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5104 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Treble	DENNIS COOPER 5
LESLIE W. BACON 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	†JOSEPH SAXTON 7
*MARY BARLOW 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor on leaving Creswell for Bristol.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 2	PETER D. BEEDIE 6
GLADYS MANCHIP 3	D. KAY ADKINS 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

A compliment to Pamela and Derek E. Latchford, of Bottisham, Cambs. on the birth of a son—Mark Edward.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	*REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 5
MARY C. POYNER 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 6
*PHILIP J. EVANS 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
JOHN S. DEAN 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday peal for Mary C. Poyner and Reginald H. Newton.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE.. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

MARY ROAST Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
PETER J. CAME 2	PETER J. EVES 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST 7
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN HARRIS	Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	DEREK TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Sunday School.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., July 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
*BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

A birthday peal for Mrs. C. Wright and Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., July 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*REGINALD G. PEARCE ..	Treble	HARRY STACEY	5
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. .	6
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .	3	D. ROY BOULD	7
*CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. .	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Major. T. G. Myers has now conducted a peal from each bell in this tower, and believes it is the first time this has ever been accomplished in Devon. Incidentally, of the ten peals rung on these bells, he has rung in nine and conducted eight.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NEVILLE JENKINS .. .	Treble	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ..	7
JOHN E. ROOTES	4	CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. .	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Stedman, and has now 'circled the tower.' † First of Triples.

A birthday peal for J. E. Rootes.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	Treble	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .	5
*MARION ARCHER	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
*MALCOLM FOSTER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	7
A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. .	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Spliced T.B. Major.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wright (July 9th).

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywards' variation.

Tenor 15 cwt.

IAN H. ORAM	Treble	PETER F. BORER	5
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	*TREVOR A. CROSS	6
REV. J. SHEPHERD-WALYN	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	4	HUBERT H. FURMINGER ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 200th peal.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PETER CORDEROY	Treble	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. .	2	ROBERT B. BLOD	6
ALFRED R. T. GRIENOUGH	3	JAMES P. BLOD	7
ERNEST J. GRACE	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOD.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert E. Lock.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

*LINDA J. KEW	Treble	*D. KENYVN WALTERS ..	5
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .	6
†HOWARD OGLESBY .. .	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
WALTER HUNT	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
In memoriam Albert E. Lock (deceased July 6th, 1960), for many years Secretary and Treasurer of the North Berks Branch of this Guild, and a representative of the Guild on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

WALCOT, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. .	Treble	*J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. .	5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .	2	CEDEC J. A. BROWN .. .	6
WILLIAM H. HURFORD ..	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .	4	ROGER O. FRY	Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since 1932.
Arranged and rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. A. Hutchinson, Rector of this parish from 1932 to 1960, who is to take the living of Nettleton with Littleton, Drew.

SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

FRANK C. PRICE	Treble	MICHAEL J. PALMER .. .	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .	2	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. .	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	JOHN HILL	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

DAVID G. PICKETT .. .	Treble	*KENNETH E. YOUNG (12)	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES ..	2	MALCOLM G. LANE .. .	5
	3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

* First peal of Minor. First of Cambridge by all the band.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 47 methods: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance, Kent Little Court and Bastow Little Court; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Lammas, Steventon, Olney, Tibenham, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (4) London and Wells Surprise; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Plain and Double Bob.

JO MORETON	Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	*IAN M. HOLLAND	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 47 methods.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT .. .	Treble	HAROLD LONYON	4
GEORGE FORRESTER .. .	2	DENIS HENSHAW	5
ERNEST PIMLOTT	3	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the hanging of the bells.

CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR

—36—14—12—1236—34—3

6ths place, 1.-c. 156342.

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CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 and two 2,160's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
ANNE J. BULLARD Treble | JOHN J. STANIER 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2 | JOHN C. SLATER 5
DEREK PRICE 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except the tenor ringer.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble | REGINALD J. HERBERT .. 4
LAURENCE J. MAINWARING 2 | LESLIE EVANS 5
ROSEMARY D. BRAY 3 | ROWLEY BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by ROSEMARY D. BRAY.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment on the conductor's 21st birthday.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 FRYERNING SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

ANNE EDWARDS Treble | HARRY STEBBINGS 4
MARY ROAST 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST 5
*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 3 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

FRYERNING SURPRISE MINOR

—34—14—12—1236—12—36

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 48, 50, 51 and 52. Tenor 12 cwt.
*ALAN BIRD Treble | ALAN G. PAYNE 4
DAPHNE BROWN 2 | HAROLD BARSLEY 5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

A compliment to Robin Brown—Bachelor of Arts of the University of Leeds.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, London, York, Wells and Durham. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.
MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2 | PETER A. SHARP 5
LOUIS WILLIERS 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., July 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor size 15 in C.
CLIVE M. SMITH 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY 3—4

*PENELope SEDGWICK .. 5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GERALD PENNEY 1—2 | WALTER AYRE 5—6
STANLEY HUCKLE 3—4 | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 7—8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a welcome to Mark Edward, son of Derek E. and Pamela A. Latchford.
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles (4 callings): Miss J. Purnell 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 3, D. Uphill 4, D. J. Purnell 5, First of Plain Bob by all.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill J. Smith (first quarter) 1, M. Angela Carter 2, J. A. Conrart 3, J. W. Berry 4, Marie R. Cross 5, S. A. Scott (first as cond.) 6. Rung in gratitude and thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Albert E. Lock, for many years captain of the Abingdon ringers.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On July 10th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, B. R. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, F. Absalom 10. Rung by the Sunday service band in grateful memory of Albert E. Lock.

ASHTON KEYNES, WILTS.—On July 4th, 1,960 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Stone (first quarter) 1, R. Wakefield (first quarter 'inside') 2, P. J. Lewis 3, B. Wake field (cond.) 4, P. Wakefield 5. Rung by members of Cirencester Grammar School, and was the first feat of its kind performed by a band of ringers from the school. It is also believed to be the longest length rung on the bells.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. Hopkins 1, June Dear 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scott 4, C. Harwood 5, R. Castledine (cond.) 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. First in the method by 2, 3 and 4. First in the method by an all-local band.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. Wall 2, D. Elliston 3, G. Richins 4, H. Barnes 5, J. Bagnall 6, A. H. Woods 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. Rung for Sunday school anniversary.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.—On May 7th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Pridmore 1, T. Crowden (first quarter) 2, C. Dams 3, P. S. Heath 4, C. Pepper (first quarter) 5. Conducted by C. Green. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, J. P. Blond 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Sarah B. H. Layman and Mr. Eric W. Carter.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. W. Brown 1, K. C. Knight 2, Susan J. Beresford (first 'inside') 3, H. W. Brown 4, P. F. Romney 5, E. F. Packham 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. A. Packham 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Packham, for many years a ring at this church and at St. Peter's, Twineham.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grand-sire): H. R. Thomas (first quarter) 1, C. A. Lewis (first 'inside') 2, R. C. Warburton 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, A. B. Elmsmore (cond.) 5, T. Pugh 6. Thanks to tenor man (aged 72) for standing in at short notice.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): A. Smith 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, M. Legg 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung for Patronal Festival.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grand-sire): R. Newman (first quarter, aged 12) 1, W. Dyer 2, C. A. Whitten (cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, G. P. Green 5, W. Newman 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, E. Drew 6, R. G. Edwards 7, F. Bennett 8. For Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Mary J. Marshall 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, F. Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, Hilary Johnson 5, P. Chapman 6, H. Johnson 7, D. Marshall (aged 15, cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the assistant curate, Rev. A. A. Horsley, M.A. Also on June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonner 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, Hilary Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, R. Darby (first quarter of Major) 5, D. Marshall 6, H. Johnson 7, P. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Solemn Evensong on the Vigil of St. Peter.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): G. Franks 1, Mrs. J. Larkin 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, W. Steen 4, M. Larkin 5, A. Mould 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tessa P. Kemp (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. Kirk (first quarter) 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, Eileen M. Fearn 4, Gladys Richardson 5, Carol Fernley 6, A. Richardson 7, F. Osbaldiston 8. Also on July 3rd, 1,344 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Tessa P. Kemp 1, A. Kirk 2, Gladys Richardson 3, S. Ellison 4, A. Richardson 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1 and 2. For morning service.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On May 6th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Dexter 1, P. S. Heath 2, C. Dams 3, C. Green (cond.) 4, G. Busby 5, R. Todd 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, R. Parish 2, J. Collins 3, S. Clarke 4, E. Curzon 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Curzon, both members of the band.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Jordan (cond.) 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss E. Jackson 3, D. Bosley 4, Dr. R. Bennett 5, W. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, J. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled before the evening service as a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan Perrett 1, L. Hawkins 2, N. Kne 3, A. Bull 4, E. Norris (first quarter as cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. For Evensong.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Kibble 1, R. F. Turner 2, Miss A. Hales 3, W. Lawrence 4, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. H. Idle 6. On the front six. For Patronal Festival.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Frost 1, D. Trueman 2, D. Benfield 3, B. E. Frost 4, J. Payne 5, J. W. Feele (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—On July 10th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,341 Grand-sire Cinques: R. Overington 1, W. Williams 2, B. Hinde 3, D. Painter 4, J. Crampion 5, W. Cook 6, J. Phillips 7, D. Randall 8, J. Prior 9, B. Baker 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, E. Rowe 12. Also on July 10th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Miss S. Atkins 2, H. J. Eldred 3, J. Maybrey 4, A. M. Stacey 5, J. Perrett 6, A. Fulwell 7, W. G. (cond.) 8, R. Hartley tenor (covering).

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. F. Cockell 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, W. C. West 4, Dr. H. Heaton 5, M. L. Noad 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. Hunt 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 8th, 1,680 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Gillian Sims 1, R. Werrett 2, J. Werrett 3, H. Werrett (cond.) 4, W. Hitch 5, M. Collins 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Werrett, on their 21st wedding anniversary.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On July 3rd, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Todd 1, Miss J. Hoy 2, P. S. Heath (cond.) 3, C. Hudson (first quarter) 4, B. Buswell 5. Rung for Evensong for the Feast of St. Peter.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. C. Guthrie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, Miss D. R. Southam (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, D. F. Breakpear (first quarter) 5, Miss C. A. Major (first quarter) 6, T. D. Wickins (first quarter) 7, T. J. Crane (first quarter) 8. Rung with 6, 2 and 8 cover bells. A wedding compliment to Derek Baldock, member of the Rainham ringers, to Miss Valerie Cronin.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Game (first quarter on working bell) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Joan Hanning 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, Pamela Haynes (first quarter) 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilkie (12 years, first quarter rung at first attempt, without a bad blow being struck) 1, Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 2, D. M. Hibbert 3, M. Hatchett 4, H. A. Bradbury 5, F. H. Walters 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

ROTHERHAM.—On July 5th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Miss C. Rodgers 2, R. Woodward 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, I. Fraser 6, P. Coote 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung as a welcome home to Miss Patricia Walker, one of the local band, who has been in France for three months.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on June 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. M. Skinner 1, P. C. Plant 2, J. L. Queen 3, I. R. Sice 4, P. R. Turner (cond.) 5, I. Collins 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. Jackson Page on his retirement, after 40 years at Shebbear as boy and Master.

SLOUGH, BERKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Hilling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Livingston 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, Linda J. Kew (first in method) 4, W. Birmingham 5, E. L. A. Hudson (first in method 'inside') 6, D. K. Walters (cond., first in method) 7, D. Livingston 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the life and years of service to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as branch secretary and C.C. representative, of Albert E. Lock (Abingdon), died July 6th, 1960. R.I.P.

STAINES, MIDDLEX.—At St. Peter's, on July 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Lane 1, J. Tomkinson 2, E. Skipsey 3, D. Pickett (first of Major) 4, D. Hawkins 5, R. Shepherd 6, D. Morgan (first of Major) 7, C. Fynes (cond.) 8. Rung for Patronal Festival.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. J. Stanley 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, T. F. Stone 5, A. T. Collins 6, C. G. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss C. Lansley 8. Rung to welcome Richard John, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin, ringers at this tower, born April 27th, 1960.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Miss M. Wright 4, G. Wells 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary and birthday of Mr. W. W. T. Daniell.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, H. W. Impey 4, E. R. Gotham 5, F. Bedford 6. Conducting shared between 4 and 5. For Evensong.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Facy (first of Minor) 1, R. A. Eggleston 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, A. R. Lamphie 6. Rung as a farewell gesture to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves for America shortly.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: I. Stoter 1, J. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, C. Lay 4, C. Lester 5, A. E. Fullbrook 6, H. White (cond.) 7, K. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to the memory of Albert E. Lock, of Abingdon.

W. HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Machin 1, Janet Payne 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, J. Pladdys 4, R. Webster 5, J. Maughan 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, G. Owen 8. Rung as a farewell to Ruth Anderson, who has left the district to live in Peterborough.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. E. Brewer 5, F. Avery 6, R. W. Hayward (cond.) 7, R. T. Wine 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, D. J. Hunt 3, B. A. Shaekleton 4, R. G. Hooper 5, J. H. Gibert (cond.) 6, R. J. Bowden 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method for 4, 5, 6 and 7, and first 'inside' for 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Heather M. Pullon 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. First in the method by all.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On June 26th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Moore (first quarter) 1, Miss M. West (first 'inside') 2, W. Vince 3, Miss J. Spreadbury 4, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, Miss W. Whitaker 6. Rung for Matins, which was attended by the Mayor of Wood Green; as a compliment to the ringer of 3 on this wedding anniversary; as a compliment to the conductor on obtaining his B.Sc. degree; and as a welcome to Rev. R. D. Gould, curate. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Moore (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. West (first of Minor) 2, Miss W. Whitaker (first of Minor 'inside') 3, W. Vince 4, Miss J. Spreadbury 5, A. Spreadbury (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

IN the large company that attended the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Christ Church Cathedral, on July 2nd, were nine boys from Groton School, Mass. U.S.A., accompanied by a master, Mr. Russell Young, who visited Oxford last year.

The Guild was honoured by the presence of the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. H. Carpenter) who is president of the Guild and who gave the address. In accordance with custom, the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) conducted the service and a choir of ringers led the singing. The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master) and Mr. H. Badger, of Headington, deputised for Dr Watson, as organist.

The Bishop, in his address, said at the present time there were so many other attractions ringers had to be keen, persevering with a gift of loyalty, involving a sacrifice of time from other pursuits to maintain their ringing. The Bishop hoped that young ringers would be steadily forthcoming, for recruits had to be trained. It was the responsibility of the older ringers to pass on the lesson of regular service and the spirit of enjoyment of ringing to recruits.

Three points were made by the Bishop in his address; that what was done for God should be the best and cost something to the giver; that the prime function of the Church was the worship of God; that more people would attend if they presented the Church as a body of people who worshipped rather than as a social club.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master was supported by the officers at the business meeting held in the Chapter House. He reported the deaths of two vice-presidents—Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, and Miss S. Davis, of Bucklebury, and expressed his regret at the serious illness of Mr. A. E. Lock. (Mr. Lock has since died.)

Miss M. R. Cross, the honorary general secretary, in her report mentioned the wonderful success that had attended the Instruction Course, at Big Wood, Radley. After the report had been accepted, the Master presented Miss Cross with a copy of the life of the late Bishop of Oxford as a token of appreciation of her work done in connection with the course.

The annual report had been printed and the Master congratulated Mr. P. Walker, the editor, on a piece of work which was of a high standard.

The officers' reports were accepted as printed in the report and all the officers were re-elected. With regard to the subscription for 1961 the honorary treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, proposed that this should be discussed at the autumn meeting, as by then the finances of the Guild could be more clearly seen. This was agreed to.

RESTORATION GRANTS

Restoration grants of £20 each were made to South Newington, Arborfield and Shipton-under-Wychwood. Grants to West Hanney and Eynsham would be considered at the October meeting. The honorary treasurer explained that a certain amount of money came from grants made by Parochial Church Councils of 2s. a bell in their towers, some from collections and grants from meetings, and the remainder from the investment of a bequest. The annual income was roughly £100 and this was normally voted out in grants.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Newbury. A committee of branch secretaries, with the general secretary as convener, was appointed to consider the question of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Guild. Another matter to be discussed is whether the festival should be held in the afternoon instead of the morning.

THE LUNCHEON

Guests of honour at the luncheon, held in the Dining Hall of Christ Church, were the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the Dean of Christ Church. The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by the Deputy Master who said ringers as members of Church and State were always ready to ring on all State

occasions. Many of them were loyal members of the Church and in many parishes they formed the nucleus of many Church activities. In a welcome to the Dean, Mr. Sharpe mentioned that this was the first time he had met the Guild and thanked him for allowing the Guild to have its own choir. Thanking Dr. Carpenter for his address at the service, Mr. Sharpe said they hoped to print it in the 1960 report. Before the formation of the Guild ringing was done in about 4 per cent of the parish churches. 80 years later it was 60 per cent and they hoped that in the years to come the Guild would raise it to an even higher percentage.

The Bishop in his reply said he realised that the qualities which were needed to make a good ringer, which he mentioned in his address, were also needed by the State.

OVERSEAS 'BRANCH'

Mr. C. H. Kinch in proposing 'The Visitors,' especially mentioned Mr. W. G. Wilson, who was now known to many of them as one of the lecturers at Big Wood; Mr. G. Lewis (Powick), Mr. Sanger, Mr. L. Cockey and Captain Poyntz, a former Deputy Master. Mr. Russell Young, of Groton School, said Mr. Kinch was now paying his second visit to the festival and he expressed the wish that it would become a 'hardy annual.' He also welcomed the ringers of Groton School and expressed the hope that perhaps one day some of the Oxford Guild might be able to pay a visit to its 'overseas branch.'

Mr. W. G. Wilson in reply said he had always considered the Oxford Guild as the leading territorial Association in the country. In size it was the largest having, he thought, 365 towers and he was waiting for the day when some young and enthusiastic member of the Guild should set out on the task of ringing in a different tower in the Diocese on each day in the year.

Their Master, continued Mr. Wilson, was one of the incumbents of the Diocese, thus emphasising the close link between ringers and the Church; the Deputy Master in his official capacity as president of the Central Council was the leading ringer in the country; the honorary general secretary had been the convener of the committee which produced that best seller, 'The Ringer's Handbook' and other officers of the Guild were equally well known. The Guild was the first to run an instruction course without the assistance of an education authority and it led him to do a thing he had never done before—not even in the Army—get up at 5 o'clock on two

mornings running. He suggested that the next course should be run so as to avoid May Morning in Oxford.

PREMIER GUILD

The Master replied and said the flourishing condition of the Guild was due to the hard work of the other officers, the branch officers and the members. The Guild would do its best to merit the title of the premier Guild.

The vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the festival was proposed by Mr. H. L. Roper (honorary librarian), who had a special word for the honorary general secretary and also Miss Daphne Pollard, who undertook a great deal of the typewriting and duplicating.

Ringing was available after lunch in no fewer than 19 towers.

LUTON RINGERS' OUTING

St. Mary's, Luton, ringers had a most enjoyable outing to the Worcestershire area, on July 2nd. A noteworthy feature was that we were a few minutes in advance of schedule throughout the day—not just accidental, but good planning! This happy state of affairs depended on the co-operation of all—thank you, everyone, especially Mr. Secretary.

Our first tower was Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the light eight were very easily handled. Then on via Broadway (beautiful, as ever!) and Evesham to Worcester, where we found the ten at All Saints' none too easy on the muscles, but this was counterbalanced by a most excellent lunch.

At Alcester, our early arrival was the indirect cause of a little embarrassment to one of our young lady ringers, who, wandering off alone to make a quick survey of the town, rather lost her bearings and called in a sweet shop, ostensibly for a bar of chocolate but really to inquire the way to the church. 'Oh, you'll find it easily enough, miss,' replied the shopkeeper, 'there's a crowd of bellringers arriving presently, and they'll be raising ELLSDEELYTE (presumably a local word meaning a pleasant noise) for about an hour!'

But what a joy to ring are those lovely bells! We shall remember Alcester with great pleasure, and hope we have not left too bad an impression behind. The pleasant 10 at Banbury made a grand ending to a good day's ringing.

Our sincere thanks are tendered to the incumbents and the local ringers, who made us so welcome.

A. E. R.



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On June 4th. at Cranford, 12-year-old Kenneth Young did very well in ringing 'inside' to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The band was planned to consist of all Stanwell Sunday service ringers; as one ringer was not available, Dr. Neal Smith kindly helped out at very short notice by ringing the tenor. Incidentally, the conductor, Mr. Christopher B. Fynes, believes he is the first to ring two tower bells to a peal of Minor in this method.

In reply to a disputation, Cunecastre, also known as Cuneangium, now Chester-le-Street, in Co. Durham, was the seat of a Bishop from 883 and continued to be head of the Diocese until 995.

To people ringing peals for the Devonshire Guild, we are asked to state that the Guild holds them responsible for sending the report of the peal to 'The Ringing World' for publication. The Guild deals with the question of levies.

Members of Hereford Cathedral School Society rang the back eight at the Cathedral for their school Commemoration Day service, July 9th. The Society is fairly strong, though by the nature of things constantly changing in personnel, but they are a great help in maintaining the service ringing at the Cathedral during term.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, of Crantock, announced at the Truro Diocesan Guild festival, at Werrington, on July 9th, that he was retiring from the post of Guild secretary next February, an office he has held for 30 years. Mr. Trehwella has the distinction, we believe, of being the senior Guild secretary from the point of view of service among the bodies affiliated to the Central Council.

After an absence of 15 months, through illness, Mr. Roger Fry has returned to the peal lists, by turning in the tenor at St. Saviour's, Bath, to a peal of Plain Bob. This was the first peal on the bells for 28 years. The bells are not by any means easy to ring but Roger made a first class job, thus proving to himself as well as the rest of the band that he is fit again.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The detached tower at Beccles was damaged in a thunderstorm in mid-June. Lightning smashed the 27 ft. flagstaff, bringing down the weather vane and then pierced and buckled the lead roof. A big hole was made in the brickwork of the bell chamber, and rubble fell among the ten bells, which will not be rung again until the tower has been thoroughly examined.

Overheard in a remote West County 5-bell tower: 'We're going to have the bells done up, and another bell put in: a six do make a much better octave.' (!)

At the Oxford Guild festival the youngest ringer present was 10 and the oldest, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of St. Ebbe's, Oxford, is now in his 89th year. Mr. Wilkins was one of the band who, 50 years ago, set up the Double Norwich record for the Kent County Association.

With the recent peal at Sellindge, Kent, a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods has been rung in all six districts of the K.C.A. This tower was the 125th for a peal in the county for Mr. Pat Cannon, and the 134th for Mr. Ralph Bird. The peal was also the 600th for Mr. Bird, to whom we offer best wishes for the next few hundred peals.

Councillor M. E. Dockerill, who has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin, is the first Protestant to hold the office for over 60 years. Those who attended the Central Council meeting at Dublin will remember that it was Mr. Dockerill, as Deputy Mayor, who gave the civic welcome to the Council. We wish him a happy year of office.

We regret to announce the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. C. H. Hawkins, as honorary secretary of the St. David's Diocesan Guild. One of the founder members of the Guild, he has been in office as secretary throughout the Guild's life, and is the Guild's first life vice-president. His services to ringing in South Wales have been exceptional. Although he now cannot take an active part in ringing his interest is unabated. The new honorary secretary is Mr. E. H. Thomas, of J. Amanwy, Llwynhendy, Llanelly.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOME 80 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Whitchurch, on July 2nd. Ringing commenced at 8.30 a.m. at East Woodhay, some of the long distance visitors having camped out in the locality during the previous night in order to get a good bag of the 19 towers made available during the day.

The general meeting was held at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Whitchurch, the Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers, taking the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. R. R. Savory) and the general treasurer (Mrs. T. Chapman). Following the Master's welcome, the meeting stood in silent tribute to two members lost by death: Messrs. G. Bunday and W. C. Lampard.

The minutes of the last general meeting were confirmed, and this was followed by the presentation and acceptance of the accounts and balance sheets.

The general secretary announced that during the last year two of the Guild's Central Council representatives had resigned their offices, and the Executive Committee had filled the vacancies with the election of Messrs. A. V. Davis and J. Hartless.

In the absence of the honorary peal recorder (Mr. D. T. Matkin) his report was read by the general secretary. During the year 10 members had rung their first peal. Although the peal total for the year was rather small, viz. 37 tower-bell and two handbell peals, there had been quite a variety of methods. Conducting had been shared between 17 conductors, and three 'firsts for the Guild,' viz. Winchester Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Spliced Plain and Kent Royal, had been scored, all conducted by the general secretary.

Mr. A. V. Davis gave a very thorough and lucid report of the Central Council meeting. The only comment arising from this report was from Mr. C. H. Kippin, who expressed the opinion that 'the Central Council must be daft to recognise a 4-bell peal and not a 9-bell peal'! (Laughter.)

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead presented the librarian's report, commenting that the library was not used as much as it could be. Members now had an up-to-date list of books contained in the library printed in the back of their triennial reports, and he hoped that more members would use the library in future.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

A proposal was forwarded by Mr. G. K. Dodd for alteration of the Guild's rule regarding peal booking fees. Mr. Dodd expressed the opinion that this vexed question of non-resident members paying peal booking fees, which in fact went towards the printing of peals in the Guild's triennial report, could be relieved by making the fee optional. If ringers from outside the Guild did not want their peal printed in the Guild's report, Mr. Dodd felt that they should be allowed to forgo the payment of their 'sixpence per rope.'

Considerable discussion followed, Mr. A. V. Davis and Mr. C. H. Kippin speaking against the alteration of the Guild rules. Mr. Kippin stated that last year members had not been in favour of an annual subscription increase, and the 6d. peal fee was part of the solution to the ever growing problem of printing a Guild report. Members had decided then what they wanted in the way of a report. A good triennial report had just been produced, into which a lot of hard work had gone, and Mr. Kippin urged members to keep the report in its current form.

Mr. Dodd then stated that his main objection to the ruling had been the inability of non-resident members to even purchase a report which they may have helped to subsidise by way of peal fees. The Guild Executive Committee had, however, assured Mr. Dodd that surplus copies of the report were available to people outside the Guild at cost price. In view of this decision Mr. Dodd withdrew his motion.

The general secretary announced a request he had received from the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for peals to be rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 30



MR. FREDERICK E. COLLINS,
Surrey Association

In Mr. F. E. Collins (usually known as 'Ted') the Exercise possesses one of its best 'back room boys.' His experience in the bell industry has particularly fitted him to be a member of the Central Council's Towers and Belfries Committee. In this capacity he has made many inspections, given advice on bell restoration, and is prepared to deal with any case or problem within 100 miles radius of London. In certain circumstances he is prepared to travel even further. He has the right idea of ringing, which is that a 'Servant of the Exercise' is one who, apart from the pleasure and enjoyment that ringing gives, has put far more into the Exercise than he has taken out.

Florence Nightingale. She was a Hampshire woman and is buried at Wellow, near Romsey. A memorial service is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, on August 14th, in connection with the dedication of a Memorial Chapel at Southampton General Hospital. Any peals rung to mark the occasion, the general secretary stated, should be forwarded to him, so that they could be contained as one item in 'The Ringing World.'

The place and date of the 1961 annual general meeting was then discussed and upon the proposition of Mr. L. Bailey, it was agreed to go to Newport and Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on July 1st, 1961.

Two new life members were elected at the meeting: Mr. E. V. Lowten, of Alton, and Mr. E. Lampard, of Winchester.

Before closing the meeting the Master thanked all those who had helped to make this such a successful meeting, particularly Mr. G. K. Dodd and Mr. A. W. Alliston. Mrs. Kippin then proposed a vote of thanks to all the Officers of the Guild for their work during the past year.

The meeting was followed by the annual service, held in All Hallows' Church, conducted by a Guild member, Rev. P. K. Venner, of Abbot's Ann.

Following an excellent tea prepared by wives of members of the Whitchurch band, ringing was resumed at Whitchurch, Overton, Laverstoke, Deane and Kingsclere until 8.45 p.m., by which time even our visitor, A.P.C., had decided that it was time to turn his attention to Kingsclere's 'White Hart' and a session with the handbells to end a very successful day.

R. R. S.

Born at Ringwood, Hants, in 1901, he learned to ring there when he was 15 years old and was also educated in the same place. After ringing call changes for two years, he, together with other youngsters in the tower, decided to learn to ring Grandsire. They travelled around, and eventually came under the influence of that splendid old stalwart Fred Townsend, of Poole, who taught them how to ring Stedman, and later, that other fine ringer George Williams—who in 1922 called Ted's first peal at Dibden, Hants. Ted struck up a friendship with William Cheater, and together they cycled hundreds of miles in pursuit of ringing.

He is an engineer by profession, having served an apprenticeship in general engineering. In 1926 he went to the Croydon Bell Foundry as a bell hanger, and during 11 years there carried out many restorations in all parts of the country, which included Birmingham Cathedral and his own tower at Croydon—both rings of twelve. In 1936 he was appointed to the important position of foreman mechanical engineer of the South Eastern Gas Board, Croydon.

He has been a very active officer of the Surrey Assoc., serving for 10 years as Ringing Master, Northern District; Master in 1957-8-9, and again elected in 1960 as Northern District Ringing Master. He has been C.C. representative for the Surrey Association since 1945, and in 1952 was elected to the Towers and Belfries Committee. In addition to teaching youngsters at his own tower, he devotes a considerable amount of time to giving lectures about bells and bellringers to various organisations such as youth clubs, etc., in the Surrey area.

By May, 1960, he had rung 412 peals, and conducted 80 of them, in a wide variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Maximus. He is just as happy calling a peal of Grandsire for youngsters as he is in calling Surprise Maximus with experts. Notable amongst his achievements are peals in connection with College Youths, of which Society he was Master in 1953. They include a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter, Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, and a past Masters' peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon. He was also one of the College Youths chosen to take part in the opening of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral in 1951. His wife, Olive, is also a ringer, and they are well known all over the country.

Truly an enthusiast, he is the right man in the right place, and no doubt, in view of recent legislation, he will be applying his knowledge and experience to giving expert advice on the important matter of reducing noise in the vicinity of churches where bells could cause annoyance.

JAFUS.

The Central Council

Mr. E. A. Barnett regrets that, owing to other commitments, he will be unable to deal with any but the most urgent matters concerning the Council until, probably, mid-September. Orders for records will receive attention, but he asks other correspondents to accept his apologies for any delays which may be caused.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

The Devizes Branch at their meeting at Urchfont, on July 2nd, with Mr. A. Weeks in the chair, decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. F. Stephens upon celebrating their golden wedding. Mr. Stephens, who is 77, still rings every Sunday at St. James', Devizes. Meetings were arranged for West Lavington, Rowde, and Westbury.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. Owen) was thanked for conducting the service and also the ladies for providing tea. In reply the Vicar hoped the branch would not be too long in paying them another visit.



The 13th century Church of St. Peter, Stourton, Wilts, overlooks the beautiful pleasure grounds owned by the National Trust. The tower is unsafe and is to be restored. The six bells have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's and will eventually be rehung with new headstocks and on ball bearings.

'Stourton is visited by many thousands of people annually and we hope when our bells are again ringable many ringers will visit us,' writes Mr. F. Fowler, jun., towerkeeper.

LEARNING WITH THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Terms not found in the 'Beginner's Handbook'

SALLY.—The motheaten woolly bulge that moults when you touch it.

TAIL-END.—The greasy end of the rope that slithers out of your hand at backstroke.

BELL.—Moving mass of metal with a will of its own.

STAY.—Deceptively bulky baulk of timber (remarkably fragile).

RINGING CHAMBER.—Room in tower, reached by narrow spiral staircase, usually without handrail.

BELL CHAMBER.—Source of cacophony, accessible only by vertiginous climb up ladder (how on earth did they get the bells there in the first place?).

ROUNDS.—A series of changes not corresponding to any official method.

BEGINNER'S PROGRESS

'Now try ringing both strokes': Let the rope go slack and lasso the light bulb.

'You can't PUSH the bell up with the rope': Lasso yourself.

'PLEASE don't let the rope go slack': Lasso the instructor.

'Grip the sally with all your fingers and it won't slide': Miss the sally.

'Don't look up': Examine rotten floor-board; miss the sally.

'Don't look down': Examine plaques on wall; miss the sally.

'Don't bump it at handstroke': Bump it even harder at backstroke.

'Now set it': Ring your bell down.
'She's not making any mistakes!': Lose all control of your bell.

'That's rounds': That was.
'Stand': Spend half an hour trying to set it.

'You can try rounds on unmuffled bells tonight': You will make an absolute fool of yourself and the entire Guild, nay the entire town, will know.

'She's not bumping any more': Break the stay.

Remarks in inverted commas were made by the instructor and the sequel in each case is what happened. 'In spite of this,' writes G. H. Champness and R. L. Taylor, of Cambridge University Guild, 'however, we are continuing to ring undeterred, and hope that this account of our misfortunes may cheer other beginners—and those whose days as beginners are long past.'

Send Your Cards, Please

Dear Sir,—My husband (Rev. I. J. Richards) and I have been readers of 'The Ringing World' for well over 30 years. Much to our regret the Llanarth Church bells need a large sum of money to put them in ringing order. I am anxious to start a fund for this purpose and thus interest some of the young people in this small country parish. I am asking for used or unused picture postcards (not birthday or Christmas cards), which I can sell towards the fund. Will readers please help.—Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs.) I RICHARDS.

Llanarth Vicarage,
Llanarth, near Raglan, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S COURSE

In a report to the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the residential course held at Big Wood, Radley, from April 29th to May 1st, Miss M. R. Cross stated that it was attended by 53 full time members.

Lectures were: History of Bells and Bell Maintenance, the Deputy Master; Composition and Conducting, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Method Learning and Handbell Ringing, Mr. W. F. Moreton; Bell Handling, Mr. A. York-Bramble, in place of Mr. A. D. Barker, who was indisposed; Rope Splicing, Mr. J. Moore.

Practical demonstrations were held at Ifley, St. Thomas', Oxford, Radley and Sunningwell. Group discussions were held on questions set by the lecturers and also on tower management and problems which could arise in connection with ringers and the clergy. The practical demonstration in rope splicing was well attended.

The age range was typical of the Guild as a whole, ranging from 14 to 70. Just half the members were under 21. There was a noticeable lack of people between 25 and 40—the period when marriage and work make their biggest demand. Financially, the course paid for itself and there was a balance of £3 10s.

On the Sunday more than half the members rose at 4.30 to attend May morning in Oxford—an experience not to be forgotten. This was followed by corporate Communion at Radley Church, when everyone who could attended.

'J.W.', who travelled 250 miles to attend the course, wrote: 'All through dinner, big names like Sharpe, Wilson, and many others, were frequently mentioned. To a relatively new bellringer, these names conjured up pictures of demi-gods, but they turned out to be very human really, and after listening enthralled to all their lectures, it turned out that they were only ordinary people like the rest of us.'

'O.D.G.'—the letters that now mean something quite definite to me: wonderful hospitality and organisation, and a very successful first bellringing course. Let's hope it's not the last.

Mr. York-Bramble, in his stimulating lecture on 'Bell handling and instruction of beginners,' stressed the need for a system of training beginners which ensured that they were encouraged to make steady progress. His scheme was that after giving the would-be ringers an introductory lesson the instructor should point out that a fair amount of time and trouble would be needed to reach any degree of proficiency, but that the ultimate reward and pleasure would make it very worthwhile. A novel idea was that a hanging bellrope, such as that of a lowered bell, should be used for practising the grips and transfer of the hands on the rope until they were automatic. During this rope-handling drill, the pupil must be in the correct position, standing on a line drawn from the middle of the 'circle' through the rope and looking ahead through the sally towards the centre of the 'circle.'

The second stage of learning to ring was the handling of a bell, and for this Mr. York-Bramble divided both hand and back-stroke into 'fall' and 'rise' sub-strokes. In all sub-strokes it was important to move the hands in a vertical straight line following the natural line of the hanging rope, and for back stroke it was essential to adjust the length of the rope's end and to give not more than two inches below the pupil's hands when these were in the raised position. The four sub-strokes should be taught in the order back pull, hand pull, back rise and hand rise, and should finally be combined in the complete cycle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KIDDERMINSTER AND SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir.—The possibility of synthetic bells being installed in a Kidderminster church, to which you refer in your issue of July 1st, was brought to my notice by an office colleague who saw the report in a local paper. I wrote to the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to express the hope that the committee would advise the Chancellor not to grant a faculty for their installation, and was encouraged to receive his reply to the effect that the D.A.C. disliked synthetic bells just as much as ringers do. If a faculty is granted therefore, it will evidently be against the advice of the D.A.C.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
Crayford, Kent.

SPLIT MIND FOR HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—Firstly, let me congratulate my good friend Mr. Lock for his excellent articles in 'The Ringing World' under the title of 'Alphabet for Beginners.' They have without doubt proved to be of great interest and value not only to those directly concerned but also to the 'so called experts.'

I did notice, however, under the letter 'H,' referring to handbell ringing, that according to the expert it was not possible to ring with a split mind. This caused quite a discussion in the Leicester camp and we realised without any doubt that this is the way we endeavour to ring our peals. In other words we ring two distinct blue lines and to use a phrase, at one time commonly used in the Leicester Guild, 'don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.'

It would be very interesting to know if any other handbell bands ring as we do or whether we are left 'high and dry' and in the future not to think of ourselves as experts as we do not conform to the above school of thought.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. STANFORTH.

Leicester.

'HYPOCRISY'

Dear Sir.—The word 'hypocrisy,' with which Mr. Ivins makes so free, means the deliberate concealment of inward sin behind a front of outward morality. Our Lord was probably the only man who was ever in a position to apply it to any individual, and in fact He never did—only to types—but the things He said about it make it an accusation of appalling gravity, as well as one which can never be substantiated in this life.

This correspondence about the Kirby-le-Soken record should never have begun; now it has degenerated to a point where the participants are accusing one another of deadly sin. I suggest that it is time for you, Mr. Editor, to call it to a halt.—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton, Devon.

MR. A. W. COCKS

Dear Sir.—Regarding my letter, as published in 'The Ringing World' of July 1st, may I point out that in print the date '1928' at the end was omitted and also that I was, of course, referring to the issue of June 17th.

However, on reading the report of the Biographies Committee in the issue of June 24th, it turns out that no case of mistaken identity whatsoever has occurred, but that little was known of Mr. Cocks until recently.

With apologies to those concerned.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. WHEELER.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

AN INSTRUCTIONAL COLOUR FILM

Dear Sir.—Ringers at St. Mary's Church, Rickmansworth, have, during the last few months, been making a teaching film on bell-ringing. Details are as follows:—

An 8 mm. colour film, running for about 8-9 minutes, showing briefly the fundamental points of ringing under the following headings:

- (1) Handling a Bell;
- (2) Ringing up;
- (3) Ringing down;
- (4) Teaching Methods.

The film is being made available to the Exercise at a nominal fee of 5s. per week plus postage. Within a radius of 20 miles of Rickmansworth it may be possible to arrange for an instructor to attend and give practical demonstrations of the points shown. Otherwise notes will be provided for use when showing.

If sufficient interest is shown, the time change will be used to make a copy of the film, which will be presented to the Central Council.

The central characters in the film are two 12-year-old boys who have been taught in this church during the last 12 months. One has just rung his first quarter peal.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth.

BOB DOUBLES AT TONG

Dear Sir.—Mr. Peter Scholfield wonders what George Bolland would have thought about the peal of Bob Doubles at Tong, Bradford, in 2 hours 34 minutes (Belfry Gossip, July 8th). Since neither Mr. Scholfield nor I ever met G.B., I suppose his guess is as good as mine.

In all probability he would have disapproved of a peal of Doubles in any number of methods, and there are other things he would be unlikely to approve either, such as the neglected state of Tong bells, also the fact that they are rung about once a year and then only because of a bequest. His views upon the state of ringing, in general, throughout Yorkshire would be unlikely to be very flattering either.

Of one thing I am certain. He could not possibly have been less encouraging to the mainly youthful band than has been the case.

Apart from myself, and I must confess that I was glad to make up the band, as I actually like these toneless, tuneless, breathless and odd-struck bells, the remainder of the band had an aggregate of four peals to their credit, one having covered two and the 16-year-old conductor trebled to two. Three 'first peals,' three 'firsts inside' and the conductor's first attempt at such, was not a bad achievement, even if it was only humble Plain Bob Doubles.

There is nothing remarkable in a peal of Doubles on a light six in 2 hours 34 minutes, and not long ago Peter Scholfield himself rang a peal of Minor on these bells in only two minutes longer. I wonder what George Bolland would have said to that?—Yours etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A LEG PULL FROM CORNWALL

Dear Sir.—I would like, through the medium of this paper, to offer my humble apologies to Mr. Cyril 'Aloysius' Wratten, for my bold statement in saying that Hartley, Kent, had no bells. Little did I realise that this church was the proud possessor of a 'ring' of two or rather doubtful character.

As Mr. Wratten is shortly to be wed to a member of the Rectory household, and is no doubt, 'well in' with the Rev. Mr. Williams, perhaps we could start a fashion by ringing the first two-bell peal of 2,520 extents.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Kenwyn, Cornwall.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir.—In connection with your entry in the Belfry Gossip of June 3rd concerning my activities, I had not proposed to write and correct a slight error in your wording, but as Mr. Shepherd's letter, published recently, accords me praise which I'm not entitled to, I thought it best to write. I would like to thank Mr. Shepherd for his kind remarks and if I may pass on to other aspirants to calling the composition that there is an easy way of learning the composition which has been shown to me by Mr. Frank Darby, of Beddington.

First of all, write out the peal dividing the single bobs and double bobs as follows:—

Single	Doubles
5 3 4 5 4 4 4	3D 3D 7D 4D
4	4D 5D 5D 7D 7D
	and so on...

Divide the result into 4 or 5 parts as you will and then learn the blocks line by line, each line being self contained and unique.

There are three quarter peals in the composition which can be extracted, learnt and called, before the peal is attempted. Thus having called these three quarters (two of them overlap each other) the conductor has only to learn about one-third of the peal which he will not be able to call prior to the peal attempt. These quarters are:—

- (1) From the beginning to
3 3D 7D Then 5.5.3.3. for rounds.
- (2) 'Going off' course called 7D=3 5 4 2 6
Then
7D

- 3 4D
73 5D

..... up to
57 4D 4D 7D Then 5.4 for rounds.
53 5D

- (3) 'Going off' course called 5.3.7.=
3 7 2 5 4 6.
Then
4D 7D

5.3. 5D 5D to the end.

The first two quarters are exactly 1,260 changes and the third is 1,526 changes. Incidentally, a quarter peal of 1,316 changes similar to the third one given above, passed to me by a leading Kent ringer, which I'm told is rung frequently in that county, is false. This quarter starts: Single at one, bob at one, single at three and bob at two, thence the Original from

5D 5D
3 4D to the end.

If the would-be conductor is like me, cannot transpose easily in his head or read lead ends (heads?) easily, he need have no fear about calling this composition as he will only require to know one lead end and that is 2 3 4 5 6 7. So long as he has learnt the composition and observes rule No. 1 (which says that the 2nd and 6th are never called before except in the last four calls), all additional effort is unnecessary. Any shift course will become apparent within a couple of hundred changes as the next bell which you wish to call before is safely out of reach in the hunt or the second bob of a double brings the 2nd or 6th before.

I hope these few comments will help and encourage other would-be conductors of this composition as they did for me and I wish them the same success as I had.—Yours truly,

ROY D. TOMLIN.

Hockley, Essex.

P.S.—Mr. Darby has told me often that there is a shorter quarter than the 1,526 from the last part of the peal which does run true in about 1,316 changes and if anyone can supply this composition we would both be very grateful.—R. D. T.

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SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

It was the first annual festival since the consecration of the church in May, 1959, to be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on June 25th. and with fine weather, it proved a great success. The ringing throughout the day, under the guidance of the Master, was above normal. Amongst the visitors who were welcomed were one from Somerset and one from Gloucester, who were on their first visit to St. Mary's.

To make the service more homely and the atmosphere warm and friendly Canon H. C. Williams decided to hold the festival service in the Trinity Chapel. It was a tight fit, but the Vicar was proved quite right in his judgment. In his address he spoke of unity amongst all church workers, and without it one couldn't go very far. He also said how often young girls and boys who took up bell-ringing were very interested during the first few weeks only to drift away and forget all about it later. Those young ringers who were there today would, he hoped, take a lasting interest in the art, and become important church workers of the future.

After an excellent tea which had been laid out in the 'Robing Room,' the tables were cleared for the business meeting which followed. We were again honoured with the presence of the Bishop, Mr. J. J. A. Thomas, who presided.

The Bishop, after his welcome, presented the certificates for the ringing competition. The winning band was Porthcawl (Mr. Michael Larchin), second Cadoxton (Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis), and third Sketty (Miss Hazel Way), and a few words of praise were said to each in turn.

Apologies for absence from members, and the very good wishes from Mr. Ernie Stitch, were read.

Arising out of the minutes a committee meeting was held and the ringing competition successfully carried through. A notice of motion by Mr. T. M. Roderick, altering the rules re membership of affiliated towers, was withdrawn, the matter to be left for discussion in committee.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the honorary auditor. The officers are: Master, Mr. John T. Williams;

honorary general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare; honorary treasurer, Mr. David Stokes; honorary auditor, Mr. Magnus Peterson. A proposal to continue with the committee of five members was discussed and after voting on the issue it was lost to a proposal by Mr. John T. Williams, that the committee be made up of one member from each tower, names and addresses to be sent to the general secretary as soon as possible, which was then carried.

In his peal records report, Mr. G. I. Lewis said seven peals had been rung during the 12 months. The writing of the names of the towers in the Peal Record Book was being carried out during the next week or so.

The general secretary, in his report, thanked all officers of the Guild for their co-operation and help during the year. The Guild, he said, was now in a very satisfactory state. The sale of badges was extremely good, and were still being asked for.

The Ringing Master reported additional interest at Gorseinon and Llanfeigan. Everywhere, he said, there were signs of improvement.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in the general account of £34, and in the Bell Restoration Fund, after allowing for grants to various churches, £33. Since this statement, the collection for this fund realised £2.

The place and date of the ringing competition in 1961 is to be left to committee. It is the Northern District's turn for the annual festival next year and this will be held in the Cathedral at Brecon. The date is to be fixed by the Bishop and the general secretary.

A discussion re membership certificates ended by the matter being left to lie on the table. Mr. Trevor Roderick proposed that each tower be supplied with a copy of the rules and the general secretary was asked to carry on with this, as soon as possible.

Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers, also St. Mary's bellringers, were thanked for the tea provided. The Bishop was thanked for presiding at the meeting, and also Canon H. C. Williams for the use of the bells and conducting the service. With further ringing in the tower, this concluded the day's festival.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

Down in New Forest, the people stirred
As the sound of their own church bells they heard.

'Just fancy that, not bad,' they said,
'Must be they chaps from Portishead.'

Our outing had started one early June morn,
When a party of upwards of thirty were borne
To Wincanton; for 'Cow and Gate' and
racing 'tis noted.

After trying the bells, 'twas for these we voted.

On leaving this place we got off our course
For which our pilot showed little remorse.
The driver said roads were wrongly numbered
But most of us thought 'twas he who had
blundered.

Through Shaftesbury Town, and then for a
In a 37-seater up Zig-Zag Hill! [thrill
They say road's not meant for a coach of
this size.

Which aptly bore name of 'Enterprise.'

O'er Dorset Down and Cranborne Chase
To Cranborne itself—a quite pretty place.
Tho' we arrived here a little bit late
No time was lost raising fine Taylor eight.

'Twas here a local was heard to say,
'We don't often hear bells rung that way.'
After taking refreshments, we once more
embark

Pondering on meaning of local's remark.

Lymington was next to do us favour
And here we managed a course of Bob Major.
We just had time for a quick look round,
Then northwards thro' Forest again were
[bound.

Through Fordingbridge we then did pass
And stopped for tea at the old 'Hour Glass.'
'Twas a pity, following this grand repast,
That our own time here ran out so fast.

Our last ring was Westbury; here bells, of
course.

Are almost as famous as Westbury White
Horse.

Here we will leave you, with old clock still
ticking.

And a ring of eight bells that'll take some
licking! A. J. G.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Dore and apart from the enjoyable ringing and bells, was notable in that 11 new members were elected from the new band now regularly ringing these lovely bells, which for many years had been silent.

Tea was taken on the Vicarage lawn in glorious sunshine, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Garth Heawood). Proceeds of the tea were given to the Appeal Fund for World Refugees.

The August meeting will be at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday and will be joint with the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division).

N. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On July 2nd the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild met at Northowram. Ringing was from early afternoon until late evening with a short break for the service and tea. The Vicar addressed the Guild with a very warm welcome and remarked that the bells were ever pleasing to the ear. Also, that he for one was very glad that the age of electronic noises had not come before the art of change ringing in calling people to Church.

The Guild elected six new members, and ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Cambridge and Superlative. Many thanks to the ladies for a most enjoyable tea. Next meeting: Marsden, September 3rd.

D. S.



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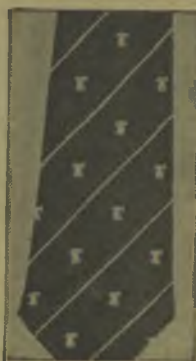
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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT E. LOCK

'I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.'

How well these words, said with so much feeling and expression at his funeral, on Saturday last epitomised the whole life and work of Mr. A. E. Lock, bellringer, master-craftsman and churchman.

Albert Lock was born 81 years ago at Sutton Courtney, three miles from Abingdon, where his family had already been monumental masons for nearly 150 years. At Sutton the family owned 'The Plough' and had done so for several generations. One of a large family he was educated at the Culham College Practising School where he received an education well in advance of that of many schools of the time. When he left school he joined the family business and became a master-craftsman, his lettering being some of the finest produced in this century.

He was interested in many things and became well known in North Berkshire as a very fine cricketer (playing for Berkshire at one time) and as a footballer. He played cricket until just before the last war and is still held in very high esteem by the younger generations who played both with and against him. He often played against the Oxford colleges and was considered a worthy opponent. Another of his hobbies was fishing. Here he excelled and a number of families during the Second World War were grateful for the contributions which he made to their larders.

In the First World War he served in the Royal Flying Corps. He was a member of the Special Police from the time of the suffragettes until after the Second World War. Although in his sixties, he did regular duty with the police during the war years.

He was a member of St. Nicholas' Church and of the joint band with which he rang there and at St. Helen's. He was also a member of the P.C.C.

Albert Lock learned to ring as a boy at Sutton Courtney, where his interest was first aroused when, together with some other boys, he used to ring the bells partly 'up' (they were then rung from the ground floor), leave the ropes swinging and bolt at the approach of the ringers. History does not say if they were ever caught, and if so what form of retribution befell them. Whatever it was, it was not an appearance in the Juvenile Court. Eventually he taught himself 'to ring a bell up' and finally became the captain of the band at Sutton Courtney. At the beginning of this century he came under the influence of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and went to Drayton to practise method ringing. He rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Drayton on April 28th, 1906. In the years before the First World War he rang thirty-six peals, the majority of them with Miss Kathleen Holifield, who was later to become his wife.

SERVICE TO THE GUILD

In 1921 the North Berks Branch of the O.D.G. was formed and six months after its formation he took over the secretaryship, retaining it until his death, a period of exactly 39 years. During that time Albert Lock built up the branch to its present strength for he was always willing to teach new bands, give help in time of need and it was his habit to visit the towers regularly on practice nights.

Rarely a week went by without one or two towers receiving a visit. Often this was done by bicycle, some visits entailed a ride of thirty miles. In recent years Mrs. Lock has acted as chauffeur as she often did before the last war. Only those who have lived in the branch for many years will realise how much time and energy went into this work and how, in spite of many bitter disappointments, both in his own towers and in the branch towers, A. E. Lock was always willing 'to have another go' to get things going. Very few ringers in North Berks can say that they owe nothing to him. In recent years he had devoted much time and care to the training of the young bands in Abingdon and the recent formation of the Abingdon School Society brought to fruition a long awaited desire.

For many years a committee member of the General Committee of the O.D.G. he was elected, in 1933, to be one of its representatives on the Central Council and had continued as such until his death: the recent Council meeting must have been one of the few that he missed. In argument he was one to be reckoned with but was always open to conviction should the argument prove sound and the change be justified: he loved the old ways but was prepared to accept the new if they proved their worth. This was very evident in the field of change ringing. Although firmly grounded in the four standard methods, in the 1930's he joined the Oxford band, which under the leadership of W. J. Judge was breaking new ground and ringing Spliced Surprise—this when he was in his late fifties. He did not call his first peal until 1921, when he called Stedman Triples at the age of 43. During the next 29 years he called 40-50 peals in the four standard methods, rang in a silent peal of Stedman, at Goring, in 1937, and a silent peal of Cambridge, at Buckland, Berks, in 1938. The majority of his peals were of Major or Triples but in the post-war years he rang more peals of Minor than he had before 1939. His peal total is probably not far short of 225 practically all of which were rung for his own branch and Guild and in the company of his wife.

By his death the Oxford Guild has lost a devoted and selfless servant, one of its most faithful of instructors and one who devoted himself wholeheartedly to whatever he undertook, be it work, service to his church, teaching the young, instructing or helping a band in difficulties, ringing for the joy of ringing or enjoying the companionship of his fellow ringers. Fond of a good story and a quiet joke he will be very much missed at ringing meetings, on ringing outings and at all places where ringers gather together.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place at St. Nicholas Church, Abingdon, where he had worshipped Sunday by Sunday for so many years. The whole service by its hymns and psalms expressed a feeling of great thankfulness for a life devoted to an ideal and for work carried out so quietly and unassumingly throughout the years.

How true of A. E. Lock were the words printed in the last Guild report which he read while in hospital: 'Sometimes I find one bellringer or one chairman who never misses, whose quiet example has inspired successive generations, whose loyal, sometimes lonely service has been a perpetual witness to his faith and devotion. Such men are true servants of God.' (Bishop of Dorchester in his address at O.D.G. festival, 1959.)

M. R. C.

Mr. Lock was cremated and the ashes were interred at Sutton Courtney on July 16th, in a casket of stone made by two of his fellow craftsmen.

Family mourners were Mrs. A. E. Lock (widow), Mr. H. G. Lock (brother), Mrs. Cooper (sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lock.

Clergy present were the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon (Rector of St. Nicholas'), Rev. J. V. Pixell, Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. C. F. Cross (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild).

Others present included Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Miss M. R. Cross (honorary general secretary, O.D.G.), Mr. A. R. Pink (secretary Diocesan Board of Finance), Mr. W. F. Judge (Ringing Master of the Oxford Society), Mr. P. Walker (honorary secretary, Oxford Society), Mr. G. L. Armitage (representing Sutton Courtney Bellringers), Mr. S. F. Wiggins (representing the Bowyer Lodge of Oddfellows), Mrs. Holifield (representing Mr. Gordon Holifield) and representatives of many towers in the district.

Many of the towers in N. Berks rang quarter peals to his memory. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung as the cortege left the church—conducted by A. R. Pink.

MR. DAVID WILBUR

A member of the Barwell Society, Leicestershire, for eight years, Mr. David Wilbur was one of a band of ringers taught by the writer, who, like many others, have graduated through membership of choir and Sunday school, to become a most loyal ringer.

At the early age of 23, David was killed in a road accident at Earl Shilton, when his car was in collision with a G.P.O. van on June 24th.

Because of his unfailing devotion to his church, David's place in the belfry will not be easy to fill.

For Evensong on Sunday special touches were rung half-muffled to his memory and also for Mr. George Hough, father of the vice-captain of the Barwell ringers, who died the same week.

Those taking part were members of the Barwell Society: Miss P. Hough, Messrs. A. H. Hough, C. Lucas, A. A. Lucas, G. P. Garner, R. Colver, T. Pickering, J. Hill, C. R. Belton, T. C. Belton and Joseph Needham.

T. C. B.

MR. GEORGE PACKHAM

AN APPRECIATION

By the passing on June 24th, of Mr. George Packham, St. Peter's, Twineham, lost an old and loyal friend. He was 83.

He learned to ring in the neighbouring tower of Bolney, well over 50 years ago, and as far as we know had taken part in five peals—four of Grandsire Triples, at Bolney, and the first peal on the five bells at Twineham. Grandsire and Plain Bob were his limit, but he enjoyed good striking and earned a reputation locally for being one of the best 'covers' for miles around.

Apart from his regular ringing activities, he sang in the choir and was vergar and sexton for 35 years, resigning on account of ill-health a few years ago.

A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bolney, on July 5th, in which two of his sons took part. Unfortunately, Mr. C. Wilkins, one of those who had rung with Mr. Packham for many years, was prevented by indisposition from participating.

As a man, George Packham was a quiet, lovable character, though not afraid to speak up for what he felt to be right if the occasion demanded. The example he set us will long be remembered. May he rest in peace.

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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES

(Continued from page 473)

'Here then is the formula for a team. Number of successful peals out of 10=10—average P of team.'

'Have you proved your last formula?' I asked.

'Only to a limited extent,' said Mr. Dodge. 'It may need modifying in the light of further information. However, we are now in a better position to assess whether a peal is likely to succeed or fail. For an error to grow into sufficient dimension to ruin a peal several things have got to happen. Let us examine the possible sequence.'

- (a) A ringer with a low R goes wrong and blunders on for several changes.
- (b) He in turn dislodges someone else with (shall we say) a moderate R, who blunders on.
- (c) Being unable to find their bells, several of the others, some of whom were 'coasting,' forget what they should be doing and join in the fun.
- (d) Catastrophe. It is possible for a ringer with a high R to make a mistake and involve a second ringer with a high E but a low R who in turn begins the sequence.'

'It is in a scramble of this type that "Blue-Line Bill" comes into his own,' said Mr. Dodge.

'Blue-Line Bill?'

'Yes,' explained the Professor. 'Some ringers have a "Blue-Line" mind which is sometimes accompanied by a "Blue-Line" action. Where both these accomplishments are combined it often proves an asset in a peal-ringer. The conductor who knows his team can be certain that this ringer will plod on regardless of the confusion around him and that if and when order is restored he will be in his place. Furthermore, if any ringer finds himself trying to perform a certain operation only to discover that "Blue-Line Bill" is already doing it, he knows immediately that it is time to look around for something else to do!'

'Such a ringer seldom speaks to correct others—there is no need—although occasionally he will (if asked) state what he is doing; also he has a Grade I E. This places the conductor in some embarrassment on the very rare occasions when "B-L-B" gets off the rails. It is so difficult to believe that he really can be wrong that the form of address to such an individual is more or less standardised: "Shouldn't you be doing a 6-5-6?" (or some such operation).'

'If "Blue-Line Bill" shakes his head (he doesn't deign to reply), it is about time to call "Stand"!''

'At what stage of the peal are things likely to go wrong?' I enquired. 'Are some periods more vital than others?'

'Indeed they are,' replied the Professor. 'I have discovered that there are two, what I call, Critical Periods. Number one is the first quarter hour or 20 minutes. Many peals are, as I have said, preceded by a false start which is, after all, nothing less than a lost peal. The newness of the method, the "feel" of the bells and the rhythm are contributing factors although the knowledge that it is always possible to make a fresh start, or even the desire to do so after a jumble in order to ring a good peal, are reasons not to be ignored.'

'And the second?' I asked.

'That is far more serious,' said the Professor. 'It must be remembered that it is a physical impossibility to maintain an unbroken concentration for a period of time ranging from between 2½ to nearly 4 hours. Even in the most complicated Spliced peals the mind will wander for short periods of time. Towards the end of the peal, particularly the last half hour, mental fatigue in case of difficult stuff and constant repetition bordering on boredom in the case of comparatively simple methods, or even anxiety about catching a bus or train, tend to make this the second critical period.'

'It must also be emphasised,' said the Professor, 'that very good ringing for long

periods tends to induce in some ringers a soporific effect and/or inculcate a sense of false security. There is a story told about that grand old Bolsover ringer, John Flint, that once in a peal he was conducting, and for no apparent reason, he began to inflict verbal punishment on the ringers around him in the manner that only John Flint could. They were told to "listen to their bells" and "pull themselves together," with other similar expressions. After the peal was concluded one of the ringers took John on one side and asked him the reason for his attack as the ringing had been apparently first class. "Yes," said John confidentially, "the ringing was so good and had been excellent so long that I was afraid that the first mistake would mean the end of it..."'

'Which appears to support your argument,' I exclaimed.

'Exactly,' said Professor Dodge. 'But if there is one factor that contributes to the obliteration of a peal more than any other in the last half hour it is vanity!'

'Vanity?' I said incredulously. 'Vanity!' repeated the Professor. 'Most ringers at this juncture are already adding the peal to their total or imagining what it will look like in the "R.W.", and who will be reading all about it. This, I am convinced, causes more minds to be wandering at the same time, often with the disastrous effects we know so well, than any other reason.'

'You're a sceptical brute,' I said.

'No, just a truthful one,' he answered.

With that noble sentiment echoing in my mind I made my way home.

JOINT MEETING AT TEESDALE

A joint meeting of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held in the border country of Teesdale, on July 2nd. The meeting began on the Durham side of the Tees, at Barnard Castle, where there was a good muster of ringers, coming from as far afield as York and Appleby.

Touches of Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, and the Vicar (Rev. J. B. Brown) conducted a service. After tea at the King's Head Hotel, the party crossed the river to the attractive village of Cotharstone, which was a new tower to most of them. The bells there—a pleasant six with a 7 cwt. tenor—are rarely rung. This was evident from the inordinate length of the ropes, some of which had never had a tuck put in, and most ringers were catching well above the sally.

An additional hazard was the box holding the clock chiming machinery. This structure, over five feet high, penned the ringer of the second against the wall, and threatened skinned knuckles at every handstroke, besides concealing any ringer below average height.

In spite of these handicaps, the bells went well to touches of St. Clement, Grandshire, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

E. P.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Darton, the first time the tower had been visited for over 30 years. The visit was most appropriate as the day previous a baby had been born to the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. S. Scott) and Mrs. Scott. In a warm welcome the Vicar mentioned that this was the first baby born in the Vicarage for about 30 years. He thanked Mr. Douglas Stables and Mr. Noel Moxon for their work in checking the bells and tidying the belfry. Nine towers were represented. Next meeting, August 13th, at Eastwood, near Rotherham.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Aldeburgh, Suffolk, bells are to be taken down for overhaul.

Entering our peal columns for the first time is a peal by Leicester University Society, rung by resident members. This was at Wanlip.

Printed notice seen in the rear window of a ringer's car at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Whitechurch: 'Running in, Running out, Make Bob.'

OUTINGS

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET

Sunshine, the beautiful countryside of Somerset, magnificent churches and fine bells—these are the things that make for an enjoyable time. At least, this is certainly what the Crewkerne ringers, plus a few friends from Merriott, found on the afternoon of June 11th, when they set out for an afternoon's ringing, plus picnic on Ham Hill.

The first tower visited was Preston Plucknett. Here we found a pleasing little 15th century tower with six bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Alas, this tower proved to be our Waterloo—and we weren't fighting with Wellington either! We were not really experienced enough to make a good job of ringing these rather difficult going bells. However, it is all added experience and we left Preston realising how much more we all had to learn.

We drove from Preston, through the lovely village of Montacute with its Big House, to the beautiful old church of Stoke-under-Ham—a Norman church basically with a 13th century tower and transept, all beautifully kept. Here we were met by one of the local band who rang with us on these fine bells, probably the best bells of the afternoon. There was certainly some music to be got out of this fine six (tenor 17 cwt.), and this fact spurred us on to ring amongst other things a successful course of Kent.

However, the prospect of food did its work and we reached the top of Ham Hill in record time. Having satisfied the inner man we simply descended to the bottom of the hill to the village of Norton-sub-Hamdon. Here we found a grand Perpendicular church with a 98 foot high tower—after we'd climbed the steps to the ringing chamber didn't we know it! The six bells (tenor 18 cwt.) were soon ringing to a variety of methods and, as the tower swayed, the picture frames hanging from the walls almost kept the rhythm of the bells as they too swung from side to side.

This was the last tower of the afternoon and as we left everyone felt that this kind of excursion was something that could well be repeated.

C. J. B. M.

SPALDING, LINES

Spalding ringers and friends from neighbouring towers held their annual outing on May 21st. An enjoyable hour was spent at the first tower, Lutterworth, before proceeding to Stoke, Coventry, where we had the pleasure of ringing a bride-to-be into the church.

The next stop was for lunch at Warwick, after which we rang at both St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, many younger members preferring the fete in the castle grounds. Moving out of town we visited the pleasant six at Whitnash, where a G.O.M. of 95, Mr. Hawley, met us and joined in some ringing with us.

We visited Leamington for tea, after which we called at the towers of Lillington, Daventry and Weedon Bec, where we had to wait a few minutes for a broken rope to be repaired. We then journeyed on to Northampton where a stop was made for refreshments, and eventually arrived back home at midnight, having had a most enjoyable day.

We extend our very grateful thanks to all incumbents and our organisers, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, who did a splendid job at rather short notice, and who were also on their first outing with us.

ANON.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS

A half-day's outing into Derbyshire was enjoyed by Melton Mowbray ringers and young friends from Oakham, on June 18th. Before tea at Long Eaton, ringing took place at Old Sawley and Breaston. At Stanton-by-Dale not only the bells but liquid refreshments in the lovely rose gardens at the Old Manor House were much appreciated. The latter is the house of Mr. Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Crookes, who are Old Meltonians.

The last tower, St. Helen's, Trowell, provided a test with no stays on the second and six; nevertheless, a fine touch of Oxford Bob Minor was rung. The chairman (Mr. R. E. Manton) and secretary (Mr. T. Templeton) were responsible for the arrangements.

J. H. C.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bristol Rural.—Please note that meeting at Westerleigh, for Saturday, July 23rd, has been cancelled.—F. Hussey, Branch Sec. 6313

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, S.W.1, at 3.15 p.m. 6276

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henstridge (6), July 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Sherrin, 8, Ash Walk, Henstridge, Templecombe. 6278

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, Kings Lynn.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting 6251

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Winchcombe (6), July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6255

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Note change of date. All Saints', Poplar (10) 4-5.30 p.m. Tea own arrangements. Short business meeting. Further ringing from 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 6299

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—An open day will be held at Hope, on Saturday, July 23rd. All welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. 6290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6279

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe, on July 23rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify tea to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 6302

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wolverton, Hants, on July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. 6300

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—Show and sports on Tuesday, July 26th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Eight bells. Magnificent church. Visitors very welcome. 6308

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Rededication of bells of All Saints' Church, by the Assistant Bishop of Derby, on Saturday, July 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome. 6322

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, near Bude (8), July 30th. Service 4.15 p.m., tea to follow. Numbers for tea by Monday, July 25th, to R. Pearce, Buttsheer Cross, Bridgerule Holworthy.—Sec. 6321

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thorne, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 28th, please, to Mr. T. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Moorends, Thorne.—R. J. Sander-son. 6321

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Trumpington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head).—G. Blake and E. W. Bullman. 6318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Egham, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 6315

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 30th. Ringing at Orsett, Essex, from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Stanford-le-Hope from 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Blatch, 'Brick House,' Malting Lane, Orsett, Grays, Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. 6295

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Alfriston (6), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, advisable to bring own. Ladies please support. All visitors welcome.—L. M. Beene, Hon. Sec. 6266

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, July 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Evensong (said) at 7 p.m. All welcome. Good Rudhall 8 here.—Thornley, Sec. 6284

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Elton (5), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 6323

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, August 1st. Ringing 3 until 8.30 p.m., with break for service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m., in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith, W. Parrott. 6315

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rotherham, Bank Holiday Monday, August 1st. Parish Church bells (10) from 2.30-9 p.m. Eastwood (8) 2-4 p.m. Short service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Moorgate Street, at 5 p.m. Names by July 28th, to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. All welcome.—J. J. Gilbert and J. Seager, Hon. Secs. 6327

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—An extraordinary general meeting will be held aboard the yacht 'Ruby' at Wroxham, Norfolk, on Friday, August 5th, at 6.30 p.m. 6312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Wallington, on August 6th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6311

LATE NEWS

DEATH OF MR. FRANK SKIDMORE

We deeply regret to announce the death, on July 18th, of Mr. Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

The funeral service was held at St. Ambrose Church, Bristol, on Thursday at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Canford Cemetery, Westbury-on-Trym, at 2.40 p.m.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. Brewer (first of Stedman) 5, F. Avery 6, R. W. Hayward (cond.) 7, R. T. Wine (first quarter) 8.

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