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CALLING INTO ROUNDS

WHEN, a few years ago, Mr. Ernest Turner and Mr. Wilfrid Wilson were completing and preparing for publication the work on Grandsire, left unfinished at the death of that great student, J. Armiger Trollope, they considered, among other matters, the question of including in the book some notes on the calling round of Grandsire Caters. They finally decided not to attempt to go into the matter, on the grounds that the instructions that could be given would be of very little practical value. In a letter to a correspondent Mr. Turner recollected what must have been an amusing incident at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, when a well-known ringer attempted to call into rounds a touch of Grandsire Caters that had gone wrong. The details are not available, but the proceedings seem to have terminated when one of the ringers set his bell and murmured what might have been 'Ars longa, sed brevis vita'!

It is not, of course, by any means difficult to call Grandsire Caters into rounds. It can be done even if the three back bells are completely astray; but in the latter case a lengthy period of time would undoubtedly be needed, and the setting of the bells would be the sensible procedure. Where 7, 8, 9 are together in the Tittums or Handstroke Home the problem is fairly simple, provided the conductor knows his transposition tables reasonably well; but, even so, the amount of time available must be the determining factor.

The question we may ask ourselves is to what extent is it worth studying the method of calling Grandsire Caters into rounds. As far as can be recollected, the only writer to describe the process is Shipway. He deals with the matter at great length and in so many words that the argument, although quite logical, is apt to be lost sight of before the student arrives at the end of the passage. There is, in fact, a multitude of instructions and methods of procedure falling over each other in a small space of print, so that a sense of confusion pervades what is intended to be lucid instruction. It is doubtful if anyone would commit this passage to memory with any real profit, for although Shipway hints at the reasons for various steps, yet he does not make clear the principles underlying the directing of the bells into certain channels.

The secret of calling Grandsire Caters round from Tittums or Handstroke lies first in the knowledge of, and ready manipulation of, simple Turning Courses, and, secondly, in the technique of placing the 6th and 5th where

they must be. Bare lists of instructions are of little value and may after all be forgotten; but basic principles can be studied on paper, practised on paper and afterwards put into operation in the tower. It is no difficult matter, as experienced Grandsire Caters conductors know, to start from rounds, put the bells into the Tittums, and then call them home, within a reasonable space of time.

It will be recognised that there is nothing novel in the principles referred to above. Indeed, what applies to Grandsire Caters applies equally to all methods, and in all cases the principles underlying the process, and not a string of rules, are of the most importance.

The bringing home of 5, 6 in Plain Bob Minor, the gathering of 5, 6, 7 in Grandsire Triples and the manipulation of the working bells in Stedman Caters and Cinques all depend upon the fundamental principle of keeping a bell, or bells, in one position until its movement agrees with that of its partners and brings it into the desired coursing order. In Plain Bob this 'holding' of a bell is achieved by keeping it plain hunting, in Grandsire by putting it into the hunt, in Stedman by keeping it behind with calls. For the interested student here is the very beginning of his study.

Mr. Albert Walker, whose mastery of Stedman Caters and Cinques is well known, hands to the aspiring Stedman conductor a few notes of his own compiling. These notes contain no long and involved instructions and no long list of touches. They provide, instead, three well-known opening courses, a homing course to bring the bells round at backstroke and a specimen turning course or two that may be used for coming round at handstroke. Together with these are one or two simple short touches illustrative of the use of the opening and turning courses. The emphasis is, as will be realised, on general principles and, given an understanding of these principles, the conductor should, Mr. Walker holds, be able to enlarge his knowledge and increase his command of the method by means of his own private study and experiment.

This brings us, then, to where we started and to the question of the value of discussing bringing Grandsire Caters into rounds. Mr. Turner and Mr. Wilson did well to avoid long and useless lists of instructions. It may be, however, that a short thesis on the general principles underlying calling into rounds would not have been out of place, nor without value for the conductor wishing to study the construction of touches.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 10
ARTHUR H. REED .. 5	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 11
*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* 25th peal. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

*FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	DAVID R. REED 6
*ELIZABETH BROWN .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
*JEAN M. HARRIS .. 3	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 8
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAM .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 9
†FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 5	*JACK MUSSELL Tenor
	REV. JOHN M. G. SCOTT

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

FULHAM, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Treble	JOHN HILL 6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 2	CYRIL J. WATTS .. 7
JOHN CHILCOTT .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 8
JOHN B. SANSOM .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK .. 9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh M. Page.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*DOREEN DUTTON .. Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER 6
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. 7
*PETER COXALL .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 8
JOHN BIBBY .. 4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 9
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and on the bells.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 3	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. 7
JOHN B. BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
A. JOHN HOBLEY .. Treble	*A. ROY BARRETT .. 5
*A. CHARLES MORRIS .. 2	*HARRY M. WINDSOR .. 6
*GORDON SMITH .. 3	*DOUGLAS HARRISON .. 7
*ANTHONY A. UPTON .. 4	J. THOMAS GWILT .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor on joining H.M. Forces.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

HERBERT COLCOMBE .. Treble	JACK R. WORRALL 5
JOHN W. EUSTON .. 2	*JAMES F. DODSON .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
*G. STANLEY BREWIN .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
JOHN B. BENNETT .. 4	†PETER F. LONG Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

Specially arranged for the ringers of 3rd and tenor, members of the local band.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 6
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 3	RICHARD GRANT .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. 4	*A. HARRY MEASURES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal on eight bells.

A wedding compliment to Miss Norma Ansell, niece of Mr. E. C. Turner, and Mr. Ivan Hemmings.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
*REGINALD ROWLEY .. 2	*WILLIAM WENBAN .. 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
*D. KAY ADKINS .. 4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

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

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

THOMAS COOKE Treble	*DENNIS R. AIREY 5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK 6
ROLAND PARK 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

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

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*JOHN W. THORN Treble	†JOHN M. KEMP 5
†JOHN H. PHILLIPS .. 2	SIDNEY F. CARTER 6
†EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 3	†J. MARTIN PAGE 7
REGINALD DORE 4	PERCY W. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples in method. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on bells since restoration.

Rung for St. Andrewside.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*FRANK H. HICKS Treble	*DAVID W. BEARD 5
*RAYMOND OVERY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*WILLIAM ROGERS 3	*FRANK V. GANT 7
*ROBERT COLLINS 4	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to David W. Beard, and a fifth birthday compliment to Andrew John Corby, son of Philip A. Corby.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*ALLEN D. RIVERS Treble	*GEORGE F. BURTON 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
*NANCIE E. SWANN 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
*WILLIAM BUTLER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Treble	GRAHAM R. EYLES 5
WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 2	†PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	STANLEY M. EVANS 7
*EDWARD F. CONNOCK .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 100th peal for the Guild.

In memoriam Ernest F. White.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON Treble	*SYDNEY A. PAICE 5
*AUDREY M. TROTT .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	W. LESLIE WELLER 7
GEORGE FRANCIS 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) York and Durham.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
JAMES W. HAW 2	*LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*GEORGE COUZENS Treble	JOHN COUZENS 4
DAVID EMERSON 2	ROBERT ALLCOCK 5
ROY OWEN 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	*ALAN G. FEVER 4
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
*JOHN S. WYBREW 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cracknell, of Buxhall.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 50th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. Richard E. Manton, Leicester, and Miss Iris M. King, Blankney, both ringers, whose wedding was solemnised previous to the peal.



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HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
BRIAN MARTIN Treble | S. A. MARTIN 4
L. WOODBURN 2 | H. HILL 5
W. MARTIN 3 | A. E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

Specially arranged as a three generation peal for 1 (junior), 3 (senior) and 4.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
*MARIE K. ROBERTS .. 2 | *WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5
MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 3 | CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

*First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.
*BRIAN R. MYLES .. Treble | *BRIAN W. HALL .. 4
JOYCE MORSE 2 | RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 5
†MRS. W. A. GODWIN .. 3 | WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Godwin.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield District.)

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
S. PHILIP EASTLAND .. Treble | DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4
MARION BRADLEY 2 | E. GLYN HOLDGATE .. 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 3 | FRANK BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

A birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cumberland Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
*JANET E. MITCHELL .. Treble | GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
ANNE V. LEWIS 2 | ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS,

*First peal.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 extents of Grandsire and two each of Pitman's and Morris' 240's. Tenor 7 cwt.
*JOHN A. MARTIN .. Treble | EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3
ANN M. COX 2 | ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4

E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal in eight methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Fastest peal on the bells.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PERCY REEVES .. Treble | *WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4
WILFRED W. RING .. 2 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3 | †MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

WESTERLEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.
ERNEST F. SHEARN .. Treble | JOHN FERRIS 4
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 2 | HERBERT T. FERRIS .. 5
*DAVID G. YEO 3 | LEONARD F. DERRICK .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD F. DERRICK.

*First six-bell peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4 | *C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7-8
Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1-2 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4 | *H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

*First peal in the method.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT 42, NORTH WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 22. Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2 | *DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
*300th peal together on handbells. Believed to be the first handbell peal ever rung in Winchester.

A compliment to William G. Young upon his engagement, and to Michael Best on his birthday.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN SEXTUPLES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | *PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7-8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6 | HARRY POYNER .. 11-12

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 13-14

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
*400th peal. First peal of Sextuples by all the band and rung at the first attempt.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): S. Hall 1, Miss K. M. Cowley 2, G. Webb 3, W. Yates 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Webb.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, R. Felce 2, F. Stonton 3, R. Cadamy 4, D. J. Meager 5, W. Daniells 6, H. Sear (cond.) 7, R. Howson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alice Sear, sister to Harry and Walter Sear, interred earlier in the day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (1 extent each of Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and Stedman, 4½ extents of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): T. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Heather Tesson 2, M. Sprackling (first in more than one method) 3, I. Truman 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5. Enid Roberts 6.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. W. T. Daniell 1, W. Sidwell (first of Stedman Doubles) 2, C. J. Gardner 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. J. Berry 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. E. Hart 1, S. Osborne 2, E. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan 4, A. Sweetzer 5, H. Osborne 6, R. Vaughan (cond.) 7, E. Busby (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled on the death of Mr. J. Batty, verger at St. Peter's.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): F. Watson 1, P. J. Thomas 2, W. Thornley (cond.) 3, E. J. Jelley 4, J. Vernon 5, J. M. Jelley 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar of Croft and his wife.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, M. Mackenzie 3, P. K. Waterman 4, J. Mussell (cond.) 5, C. Foot 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Gray, vice-captain of this tower.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Bob Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Dalington 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, D. A. Chapman 6, A. Hill 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by all the band. Rung for Advent.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. Bishop 2, M. Bishop (cond.) 3, D. Jordan 4, A. Woodley 5, J. Gordon 6, G. Bishop 7, J. Napper 8.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Wallis 1, Brian Nichols (first quarter) 2, C. H. Harding 3, W. J. Athow 4, F. W. Lack 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6, R. V. Beldom 7. Rung after meeting short for peal attempt.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Tinbury (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Todd 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, E. Winters 6.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. P. Aldhouse (12, first quarter) 1, A. R. Barrett 2, A. J. Barrett 3, G. Smith 4, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the Remembrance Day service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Albanian Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Miss E. Farrell (first quarter in method) 4, T. E. Davies 5, S. Croft 6, W. G. Wilson 7, F. D. Bishop 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Corney (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. R. Smith 2, J. H. Crampion 3, C. E. Willmington 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Groves 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Haysom 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mary Hubble (first quarter) 1, A. Hubble 2, S. Linnett 3, F. White 4, H. Mansfield 5, S. Easter (first as cond.) 6, J. Clarke tenor cover.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. G. Pidoux (first quarter peal) 1, M. H. R. Glover (first on tower bells) 2, G. Harper 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, J. H. Smart 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. Rung for the festival of St. Hugh by the Oxford University Society.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss A. S. Noble 2, G. Hair 3, Miss R. Hemmings 4, S. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. S. H. Jones 6, J. H. Brittaff 7, W. E. Minor 8.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, T. H. Francis 3, W. R. Winterton 4, P. J. Coward 5, G. W. Slack 6, J. R. Leeming (first quarter Stedman Caters) 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, A. House 10. By the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew on Nov. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7 (covering). A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet R. French 1, S. Peller 2, F. Cherryman 3, Joyce B. Short 4, Ann M. Cox 5, Eileen M. Turner (first quarter as cond.) 6, R. Tickner 7, G. Enever 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.



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FROM SCOTLAND

'General Regulations for the Government of the Company of Ringers at Dundee.'

- '1. It is expected that every care will be taken for the prevention of injury to the bells, bell frames, chiming apparatus, belfry, and appurtenances thereto; and that under no circumstances shall the bells be clocked or clattered.
2. No person except the ringers shall be allowed to be present during the ringing, without leave of the steeplekeeper, who shall be responsible for their good behaviour, and for the belfry doors being locked during the ringing.
3. There shall be no smoking in the belfry or its purlieus, nor shall ale, beer or liquor of any kind, other than water, be brought into the steeple on any pretence whatever.
4. If any ringer or probationer wilfully and persistently, after warning from the steeplekeeper, violate these rules, be guilty of drunkenness, swearing, or any other immoral, irreligious, or offensive conduct in the belfry or its neighbourhood, he shall be liable to dismissal by the committee, on the representation of the steeplekeeper, with the approval of the magistrates in the case of the steeple, and of the Vestry in the case of St. Paul's, and of the proper authorities of any other church or public building.
5. There shall be one regular practice-night every week, on such a day and at such an hour as the steeplekeeper, with the consent of the authorities of his church or tower, may appoint. If in his judgment more practice be desirable, he must exercise a wise discretion, inasmuch as every resident is not a lover of bell-ringing, and the tongues of the bells should be tied, if there be more than one practice-night each week. In fixing practice-nights, due regard must be had to the church service and choir practice, those times the belfry shall be closed to all. Also the feelings and wishes of any sick person in the neighbourhood must be tenderly considered.'

FROM LANCASHIRE

These 'Rules for Ringers' are painted on a large tablet in the ringing room of the Parish Church of Burnley, Lancs (1).

- '1. That the ringers begin twenty minutes before Ten, and be ready for chiming fifteen minutes after Ten, and chime five minutes, or forfeit 6d.
 - ii. In the afternoon to begin twenty minutes after Two, and chime for five minutes before three, or forfeit 6d.
 - N.B. The above forfeits shall be paid to the churchwardens.
 - iii. Any person attempting to ring with spurs on to forfeit 6d.
 - iv. For not attending to practice on Monday and Tuesday evenings at ten minutes past eight to forfeit 3d.
 - v. For swearing, or telling a lie in the steeple, to forfeit 3d.
 - vi. For a ringer coming into the steeple intoxicated to forfeit 3d.
 - vii. For divulging anything out of the steeple which may tend to produce mischief to forfeit 3d.
 - N.B. Also to the informer 3d.
 - viii. For overthrowing a bell to forfeit 2d.
 - ix. For ringing with the hat on to forfeit 2d.
- June 9th, 1804.'

(1) Cheetham, 'Church Bells of Lancs,' part iii., p. 20.

NEWARK, NOTTS

In the ringing chamber of Newark Parish Church, Notts:—

- 'If you a hindrance to ye ringers be,
Twopence for it must be ye Sexton's fee;
With hat or spurs on dont begin to ring,
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string:
Dont swear nor curse: shun these stumbling blocks,
The law gives twelvepence, or else go to the stocks.
Who brawls or wrangles, whom ye major part Finds to be guilty shall pay his quart;
Who rings an hour bell, be it night or day.
If he o'erthrows, he shall his sixpence pay.'

WOBURN, BUCKS

I am indebted to Mr. H. Douglas Harris for the loan of a little booklet containing the original rules of the Woburn, Bucks, Company of Change Ringers, formed in 1867.

- I. We resolve to be a respectable body of men as well as good Ringers, and to give no occasion to any person to speak against us or bring disgrace on the Church. We will not take into our Company any person of low character, for the Belfry is part of the Church, and the ringers should bear a good character.
- II. We agree to have a Foreman of our Company who shall see the rules enforced, forfeits paid, and all moneys which shall come into his hands shall be regularly entered in a book kept by him and all necessary expenses shall be paid out of such moneys.
- III. That Mr. C. Herbert shall be Foreman, and Mr. W. S. Smith our deputy foreman.
- IV. Each member of the Company shall pay twopence per week into a Common Fund whether he be present or not: all arrears shall be paid up quarterly, when the accounts of the Company shall be inspected (by two or more of the ringers selected for the purpose) on the first Saturday on or after the 1st day of January, the 1st day of April, the 1st day of July: and the 1st day of October in every year at 7.30 p.m., at a place to be appointed by the foreman: all arrears for fines and subscriptions shall be stopped out of the profits.
- V. Notice of special ringing shall be given by the foreman.
- VI. Any ringer who shall not attend at all on receiving such notice, without giving sufficient reason, shall forfeit sixpence.
- VII. Any ringer absent three months is considered to have left the Company unless his subscriptions are paid.
- VIII. For practising we agree to meet every Monday in the year at 7.30 p.m. in the winter, and at 8.30 p.m. in the summer, except when any person is sick in the parish at the friends' desire the bells shall be silent, and from Ash Wednesday to Easter, but we will meet on the evening of Shrove Tuesday instead of the practice night in that week.
- IX. Any ringer late by fifteen minutes shall forfeit twopence, and if he leave before the bells are down he shall forfeit one penny, on same condition as contained in Rule 6 hereto.
- X. At the funeral of any of our Company we will ring a muffled peal.
- XI. We will neither do nor suffer to be done any damage to the Church: if anyone is wilfully guilty of it he shall pay for it or leave the Company.

XII. The ringer who fetches the keys is answerable for taking them back.

XIII. As a body we agree not to spend our money in drinking, and any member drunk on a ringing day, or in the belfry, shall forfeit two shillings and sixpence, and shall be in danger of being turned out of the Company.

XIV. Any member guilty of fighting, quarrelling, swearing, drinking or smoking in the belfry shall forfeit sixpence.

XV. None but the ringers shall handle the bells: no idle persons shall be in the belfry during the ringing: the foreman is responsible for the conduct of the Company, and shall report any misconduct to the Minister.

XVI. Any dispute shall be referred to the Minister, and we agree to abide by his decision.

Other rules refer to the handbells and their use, and concludes:—

XXII. And lastly, we agree to live as far as we can as good Christian men, and to be regular attendants at some parish church. Witness our hands this twenty-first day of November, 1867.

Charles Herbert.
William J. Smith.
William Gilby,
George Archer.
Charles Hill.
Alfred Green.

S. F. Cumberledge, Incumbent.

Tho. Bennett }
John Gilby } Churchwardens.

Four 'Probationary' ringers' names are given, one of which is Fredk. Tho. Tanqueray, who called the first 720 rung for the Bedfordshire Association, while Charles Herbert was the founder and first secretary in 1882. Mr. Douglas Harris also tells me that William Gilby mentioned above was his wife's father, and the churchwarden, John Gilby, her grandfather.

FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE

'Belfry Reform' in 1793.—Found during the alterations made to the belfry at Bourton-on-the-Water.

'Whosoever will practice to play on these Strings,

Must these orders observe amongst other things;

He that rings with his hat, boots, spurs on likewise,

To the Sexton shall pay a twopence excise:

For smoking tobacco, and drinking of drink;

To the Sexton shall pay a sixpence in chink;

He that is heard to curse, or to swear,

Shall twelvepence among the company share:

He also that doth a Bell overthrow,

A Groat to the Sexton shall pay ere he go.

And he that will not to these orders attain.

Let him never come hither to practice again.'

FROM RUTLAND

At Ryhall, Rutland, the old rules of 1715 were restored in 1857 thus:—

'Whoever. Comes into. This Place
His. Pleasure. For. To Take.
And. Rings. A. Bell. To Him. We. Tell.
This. Law. With. Him. We. Make.
That. Every. Time He Turns. A. Bell
In. The Light Or. Dark.
He. Then. Shall. Pay. Without. Delay.
Two. Pence. Unto. The. Clark.
August 31st, 1857. Cris. Holmes, 1715.'

(To be continued)

BILTON, RUGY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. Johnson 3, P. Barnwell 4, W. J. Vann (cond.) 5, P. C. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Canon W. O. Assheton, Canon Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral, Rector of Bilton from 1895 to 1935, aged 87 years. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 420 Grandsire): Miss P. Burnell 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. Johnson 3, Miss R. M. Cooper 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor 6. For the dedication service of a model treble bell in memory of Hilary Donald Leach, a former ringer.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss T. Rose 1, A. Ballard 2, O. Ballard 3, Miss R. Seabrook (first as cond.) 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, S. Honeyball 6, P. Mayle 7, K. Kemp 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. Sargeant, a former ringer at this tower.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Weeks 1, H. Gummer 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. Potter 5, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. A. L. Nind and Miss A. C. Plaxton (daughter of the Archdeacon of Wiltshire), who were married at Pewsey on November 12th.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Janet S. Bailey 2, J. Chilcott (cond.) 3, J. Waters (first quarter on ten bells) 4, J. B. Sansom 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, H. Belcher 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, J. Phillips 9, H. M. Page 10. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss B. Harris 2, G. Parsons 3, Dr. W. R. Winterston 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, R. Grimwood 6, R. Story 7, C. Nichols 8, G. Peters 9, E. Talbot 10.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. C. Noon 1, L. Copnall 2, E. Pimlott 3, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 4, S. Sage 5, R. C. Noon 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. B. J. Ongley to Miss J. M. S. Cooke, both local ringers.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Heaton (first quarter) 1, J. Cooper 2, E. H. Simpson 3, J. Armitage 4, G. Dixon 5, P. Whittaker 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Patricia Downs and Mr. Philip H. M. Bailey.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kewell 1, P. E. Dodd 2, K. Purse 3, D. A. Theedom 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, R. Evans 6. First quarter 3 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Cox (first in method) 1, A. Holway 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, E. E. Retter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. H. Eveleigh 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Miss G. Davies 2, W. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (first as cond.) 4, B. Shedell 5. First in method by all. Also on Nov. 22nd, 480 Plain Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Miss G. Davies 2, B. Shedell (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. Shedell 5.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Higham 1, L. Walmsley 2, J. Robinson 3, S. Walmsley 4, P. Barrard 5, G. Meadows 6, A. Meadows (first as cond.) 7, K. Ainsworth 8. Rung by Sunday service band for evening service on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, A. J. Slade 2, G. J. W. Abbott (first of Doubles) 3, C. H. Smart 4, H. J. Ford 5, J. Coombes 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all and on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Day (first away from tenor) 1, J. Stimson 2, A. E. Hinman (first on eight) 3, J. Fenton 4, F. Shepherd 5, H. Clayton 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, Mrs. J. Day 8.

PAUL, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, T. B. Rodda (first 'inside') 2, Elizabeth Ford (first quarter as cond., aged 17) 3, Decima Carne 4, R. Curtis 5, J. Ladner 6.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCs.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Barrett (first as cond.) 1, B. Atkinson (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, Miss J. K. Barrett 4, W. R. Cowell 5, B. Hall 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Bartholomew (first as cond.) 1, F. W. Elliott 2, H. Bradbury 3, T. Clark 4, Miss Mary Delderfield 5, J. Lloyd 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung on the front six in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, J. Kerry (first of Minor) 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Perrin 1, Miss M. Tomlin 2, W. T. Forrester 3, I. M. Parry 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Scales.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, R. Charge 2, June Clements 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Welbourne 5, G. Peters 6, C. Nichols (cond.) 7, R. Story 8. A birthday compliment to the father of the 3rd ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, R. G. Townsend 4, F. G. Wilton 5, G. Wells 6, T. Townsend (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung prior to the induction service of the Rev. F. W. Thomas, M.A., as Vicar.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, R. Rowley 2, A. W. Dix 3, D. K. Adkins 4, S. H. Hoare 5, W. Wenban 6, G. W. Seaman 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WATTON-AT-STONE, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Milton (local captain, first quarter since 1931), R. Dixon 2, M. Collings 3, P. Mchew 4, M. Orme 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells for over 22 years.

WESTMILL, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): A. Tuttle (first quarter, aged 13) 1, D. Jones (cond.) 2, H. Werrett 3, M. Orme 4, M. Collings 5. For Advent Sunday Evensong. First quarter on the bells for over 21 years.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. S. Payne 1, J. G. Underwood 2, M. J. Chown 3, R. S. Holland 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5, M. R. Tomlin 6. Rung, after a peal attempt had failed, as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Hancock, of the local band (average age 16½ years).

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Newing 1, Susan Jackson 2, G. Bowen 3, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 4, J. N. Diserens 5, P. L. Blissett 6, D. R. Morris 7, C. Tansell 8, G. Ambler 9, F. Pugh and J. J. Stanier 10.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Kingcott 1, W. H. Kingcott 2, T. Ferris 3, S. Clark 4, R. Clark 5, M. Collins 6, H. W. Knight (cond.) 7, H. Vowles 8. For evening service. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

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In the 'Round the World' broadcast which
precedes the Queen's Christmas message on
December 25th, South Africa will be represented
by a recording of the Coronation Day broad-
cast from St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Cape
Town. Mr. R. H. Stickley, of Johannesburg,
is hoping to fly down to Cape Town (956 miles)
in order to take part in the Christmas ringing.
He concludes his letter by adding: 'I hope my
fellow-ringers in U.K., who hear the broad-
cast, won't judge the striking too harshly.'

A remarkable record has
Mr. Job Burley, who has
rung twice every Sunday at

Fletching Church, Sussex, since 1880. Now,
at the age of 88 years, he has, through doctor's
orders, to cease ringing. Seventy-three years an
active ringer is a grand record. Job joined the
Sussex County Association on January 5th,
1880.

A conductor sending in a peal report states so-
and-so rang 'the tremble.' As it was a first
peal for the treble ringer we trust there was
no trembling.

The quarter peal that we record this week
from Leyland, Lancs, is the first by a Sunday
service band for over 25 years. Hopes are
entertained of a peal attempt shortly.

Stedman Cinques was rung half-muffled for
two-and-a-half hours on the bells of Birming-
ham Cathedral on the evening of Thursday,
December 3rd, for the Rt. Rev. Dr. E. W.
Barnes, formerly Bishop of Birmingham, whose
funeral had taken place earlier in the day.
Owing to a service it was not possible to ring
the last twelve courses in handstroke position
and complete a full peal. At the funeral ser-
vice the St. Martin's Guild was represented by
Messrs. A. Walker (Master), W. T. Froggatt
and F. E. Haynes.

An interesting ceremony took place on Ad-
vent Sunday at Bilton, Warwickshire, when at
evensong a working model of a treble bell (one-
fifth actual size) was dedicated by the Rector
(the Ven. L. J. Stanford, Archdeacon of Coven-
try), in memory of Hilary Ronald Leach, a
former ringer, who died two years ago. The
model will be most useful for showing begin-
ners and interested members of the congrega-
tion how a bell actually works. A quarter peal
of Doubles was rung in connection with the
service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On Advent Sunday the
Vicar of Warmley, Bristol.
Preb. C. W. Francis, dedi-

cated a portrait of Charles Harnell, late cap-
tain of the ringers for forty years and church-
warden for 28 years, to hang in the ringing
chamber. Charles Harnell was known and
respected by many friends and ringers around
the Bristol area, and when they visit the tower
at Warmley they will still see that welcome
smile that always greeted them.

Leicester handbell ringers have rung their
first peal of Sextuples. This feat was accom-
plished at the first attempt.

Mr. Stafford H. Green offers his congratu-
lations to Miss Hilda Snowden on her wonderful
feat at Exeter Cathedral on November 28th.
He writes: 'Turning a 33-cwt. bell in changes
and for a whole peal of Grandsire Caters by a
man is no mean feat—by a woman something
really outstanding.'

When Cldr. H. Weston was Mayor of Coven-
try he presented to the Coventry Diocesan
Guild a peal book. Recently he had an op-
portunity of inspecting the book and was
greatly delighted with the artistic manner with
which the peals had been written and illum-
inated by Mr. C. H. Webb. The book con-
tains a complete record since January, 1950.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G.
Jenney, of Leicester, on their golden wedding
anniversary. A peal was rung at Leicester
Cathedral for the occasion. It was Yorkshire
Surprise Maximus and Harold rang in it. In
spite of his years—he has passed the allotted
three score years and ten—he acquitted himself
remarkably well in his usual steady and reliable
manner, which confirms beyond doubt the ad-
vice he has so frequently received, 'Keep with
the kids and you will never grow old.' He has
been a member of the Leicester Cathedral band
for the past 42 years.

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N.E. COAST BOOST SYNTHETIC BELLS

VIGOROUS PROTESTS BY RINGERS

The statement in 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle' that 'synthetic bells get N.E. approval' has brought forth vigorous protests from Mr. K. Arthur, vice-president of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, and from Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers.

The article states: 'Synthetic church bells, which were criticised in the Church Assembly, have met with favourable comments in the North-East.'

The criticisms in the Church Assembly, reports 'The Newcastle Evening Chronicle,' are described as 'Victorian sentimentalism and reaction' by the Vicar of Earsdon, the Rev. C. Garrett Udy, who says the modern cost of new bells is prohibitive for scores of country parishes.

Standing in a commanding position, Earsdon church has three cracked bells, installed in 1860, but not rung since the relief of Mafeking.

CHANCELLOR SAID 'NO'

Experts told the Vicar that as the church stood over mine workings, the installation and use of a ring of new bells was impossible because of the danger from vibration.

The idea of broadcast bells, costing £160 to install, was accepted by the Church Council and the Bishop's Advisory Committee, but the Chancellor of the Diocese, sitting at a Consistory Court in January, said 'No.'

'I have a parish of 8,000 but I doubt if I could find sufficient skilled men to make a pulling team,' said Mr. Udy.

But south of the Tyne, in Felling, Christ Church has broadcast bells and, says the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Lindsay: 'There is no adverse criticism of them at all. In fact, after they were installed we got some donations towards the cost.'

The broadcast bells at Christ Church, part of a war memorial scheme, are linked up with a deaf aid system and a pulpit microphone.

BROADCAST FROM ROOF

Durham Road Baptist Church has a system of broadcasting bells from the roof, played from a recording inside the church.

'I think ours are very effective and sound very good indeed,' comments the minister, the Rev. C. E. G. Swift. 'We have always found them quite successful and generally favourably commented upon by people who heard them.'

When the Queen Mother visited Gateshead four or five years ago, the Corporation asked Durham Road Baptist Church to play the bells—a recording of St. Margaret's, Westminster—in honour of the occasion.

RINGERS' OPINIONS

Canon H. Stephenson, who until recently was chairman of Durham and Newcastle Association of Change Ringers, says the question of synthetic bells has never been discussed at meetings of the Association.

He thinks ringers who have made an art of ringing—an art not easily acquired—feel a little 'out aside' when it is simply reproduced through the waves of sound.

A member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers commented: 'It would mean the ending of the art if it became universal.'

While agreeing that the shortage of ringers was a reason for synthetic bells, he added: 'It is not going to ease the situation. The more you bring in these artificial aids the more the art of bellringing will die out.'

'There are more people ringing since the war than pre-war, but there are still not enough.'

'INCONGRUOUS AND LUDICROUS'

The statement was challenged by Mr. Harold Walker, who wrote the following letter to the Editor, 'Evening Chronicle,' Friday, November 20th, 1953:—

'I spend a lot of time in Newcastle and at the risk of being described as a "Victorian sentimentalist" I must make a stand against "synthetic" bells.

'A recording of York Minster bells is sometimes used for this purpose. The record was made 25 years ago following the restoration of the bells, and some years before "canned campanology" was conceived. The total weight of the bells recorded was 24 tons and it seems rather incongruous and ludicrous to hear the sound of this majestic ring, together with the deep boom of Great Peter coming from some slender tower not strong enough to carry even the lightest ring of bells. Had the ringers been able to foresee how this recording was to be exploited in later years, I doubt whether it would ever have been made.

'The Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee has taken a firm stand again "synthetic" installations, one of its reasons being:—

"Nothing faked should be used in God's service. We rightly dislike artificial candles, flowers, ornaments, etc. To hear a "ring" of bells from an obvious one-bell turret strikes any thoughtful person as an imposture, unworthy of a church which stands for truth."

'Parsons who encourage this sort of thing, to say the least, are very misguided, and they would be the first to protest against the use of recorded services and sermons in church. Still, in this age of progress one thing leads to another, and it may well be that having installed "synthetic" bells, it may be found cheaper to buy gramophone records rather than spend money on an organ which has fallen into disrepair. Then again it might be found easier to use records rather than train a choir. Finally a shortage of parsons could be overcome by the use of recordings.

'BELLS ARE PART OF WORSHIP'

The assertion was also vigorously answered by Mr. K. Arthur in the following letter:—

'Your report in the "Chronicle" that "synthetic bells get North-East approval" does not "ring true" to me. These reproduced or "canned" bells are an abomination and it is much to be deprecated that any church should have such an installation. The ringing of church bells is, or should be, as much a part of the worship of Almighty God as are the parts played by the choir and the organ, and I wonder who would approve of the substitution of these latter elements by a radiogram or relay system?

'Where the worship of God is genuine it cannot be secondhand and that is simply what "canned" bells imply.

'This primary consideration of divine worship is, of course, quite apart from the secondary consideration of the effects on the art of ringing, which is one of the few English crafts left to us where we are still the masters of the world.

'Another point in conclusion: What, I wonder, is the position regarding the performing rights of those ubiquitous ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, who so kindly officiate at "canned" performances?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bells to Scare Away Devils

In an address to members of the Guildford District at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, on November 28th, the Rev. C. G. Pearson said in non-Christian countries they did not ring bells as in England, but clashed pieces of iron and other metal before worship to scare away devils.

The same idea prevailed in mediæval England; the gargoyles of the cathedrals were in the form of devils flying out of church, being driven away by the bells.

The custom of ringing for a funeral was originally to scare away devils. There were attempts to stop it by the Puritans, but it had now come back again in the form of a muffled bell, although its purpose now was not the same.

The art of change ringing started in the 17th century, and it was purely English. Electronic bells were now being introduced whereby a man, woman or child sitting at a console could play them. He understood that many of the younger churches were having such contrivances fitted, and to him it was most deplorable. 'I hope while I last there will always be men and women coming forward to ring the bells and maintain the art of change ringing.'

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Following tea at S. Nicolas' Hall a District meeting was held, Mr. T. W. White presiding, supported by Mr. R. Kenward (hon. secretary). He extended a welcome to Mr. Alan Pendlebury, of Worsley, and to visitors from Henfield.

Nominations were received for the following District officers for next year:—Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Robinson; Deputy Master, Mr. R. W. Morant; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Kenward; assistant secretary, Mr. R. W. Morant; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horseman; Executive Committee, Mr. F. A. Munday.

A vote of thanks was moved from the chair to the Rev. C. G. Pearson for conducting the service, to Mrs. Gray for her services as organist, and to Mrs. Collings and her helpers for the excellent tea.

Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Mary's Church and in the evening at Shalford.

Christmas Greetings

This annual feature of 'The Ringing World' will appear in the issue of Dec. 18th. Greetings up to 30 words for 3s. Longer messages 1d. a word.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at Ossett

On November 28th the Leeds and District Society held a successful meeting at Ossett. The back eight were raised in peal, quickly followed by the two trebles, and kept going in Triples, Major, Caters and Royal methods till 5 p.m. when a halt was called to satisfy the needs of the inner man and to transact the usual routine business of the Society.

The president was in the chair and members were present from Armley, Batley, East Ardsley, Headingley St. Michael's, Halifax, Horbury, Elland, Leeds Parish Church, Keighley, Rothwell, Thorne, Wakefield, Northowram and the local company.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and the ladies was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, seconded by Mr. J. Roberts and carried. Mr. F. Bennett replied for the local company.

The next meeting will be held on January 16th and it was left to the secretary to make the necessary arrangements with a hope that it will be at Wakefield.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT HOLD SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

ON November 28th, under the auspices of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, a dinner was organised in Winchester for the second year in succession. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's were available during the afternoon when most of the standard methods were rung.

A fully choral evensong was held in St. Maurice's Church conducted by the Rector, the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield. Mr. J. A. C. King, Winchester District secretary, read the lesson, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, District chairman, gave an address. A feature of the service was the Te Deum which was sung at the end of the service. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, in his sermon, spoke of a personal experience of his when a finely-painted door of his house suddenly fell off its hinges. It was found that the door was rotten inside in spite of its having a fine coat of paint. He then suggested that ringers should ask themselves if they were coat-of-paint ringers. What was the quality of their ringing? He was not now talking of the number of methods they could ring but their striking.

The dinner was at the Westgate Lodge Hotel under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. He was supported by the Very Rev. E. G. Selwyn, Dean of Winchester, the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. C. Corfield, Rector of St. Maurice's, and Canon C. P. Cowley, Vice-Dean of Winchester.

After the chairman had submitted the toast of 'H.M. The Queen,' he extended a very happy welcome to the company remarking that he thought that the dinner was even more successful than last year. Continuing with the toast he said that this week the Queen was in the thoughts and prayers of everybody during her travels. The tour had caught the public's imagination for it was like a romance and an adventure.

Mr. S. J. Sanders, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' thanked the clergy for their support and attention to the Guild. He said that it was the ringing of bells that brought people to church and good ringing was a great encouragement. He also thanked the clergy for the very nice services they conducted at the meetings, which he considered very helpful.

COULD MANAGE THE SURPRISE PART!

Canon C. P. Cowley replied and said he wanted to stress the vital importance of the link between bells and the services which should be fostered and strengthened. He himself had never been able to ring although he thought if he took hold of a bellrope he could manage the surprise part all right! He always enjoyed going to the Cathedral belfry, however, and talking to the ringers there. They always opened with a ringers' prayer even on a practice night. This he considered to be a glorious thing and, as a result, the ringing was very good.

Mr. R. Smith, District Ringing Master, proposed the toast of 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild,' and recalled that it was about 44 years ago that he first came in contact with the Guild. Their church had been damaged by fire and when it was restored they needed ringers for the new ring of bells. The late Mr. W. Andrews came out and taught them, and so they joined the Guild. Since those days he considered that whilst the Guild had progressed in many ways, in one way it had not. In his own tower, and a few others in his District, the bells were not rung—not for lack of ringers but lack of enthusiasm. He had tried all ways of raising a band, even approaching the president of the Women's Institute. He had rung his first peal with the present and late Masters. He supposed he wasn't very good—at any rate they hadn't asked him since!

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN WINCHESTER

Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary, replied for the Guild. He said they were meeting on the eve of the 75th anniversary of the Guild's formation and mentioned several of the old stalwarts of the Guild who had travelled 20 to 30 miles for a change-ringing practice. That evening they had with them the handbell ringers from Bournemouth who that afternoon had rung a peal of Grandsire Caters. This was believed to be the first handbell peal in Winchester.

Mr. J. Bullen submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' He extended them a hearty welcome to the dinner which he hoped would be followed by many others. There were visitors with them from Southampton, Bournemouth and Portsmouth.

The chairman, in calling upon Mr. N. Andrews to reply, said he remembered that in his early days as a ringer when he had been ringing the treble to Bob Major, Mr. Andrews had put him in great fear when he (Mr. An-

drews) was ringing the tenor. He was happy to say he no longer feared him as he could now ring Bob Major without making too many mistakes.

Mr. Andrews said it was always a pleasure to come to Winchester. He wondered how such an atmosphere existed and thought it was due to the members' wisdom in choosing their officers. He always had an awful shock when coming to a Winchester meeting in his car and the chairman nipped past on his 'jallopy.' He considered the chairman a very good organiser. He always managed to avoid having a funeral or a wedding on the same day as a meeting. He then passed on to Mr. King, the District secretary, whom he thought was another good organiser, and then to Mr. Smith, District Ringing Master, who saw that all had a ring.

The evening concluded with a variety concert by various local artistes, followed by vocal efforts by certain ringers present who formed a choir. There was also some excellent handbell ringing on eight and ten bells by the Bournemouth contingent.

IRISH BELLS IN CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

THE bells of Christ Church, Shankill Parish, Lurgan, will represent Northern Ireland in the Christmas morning broadcast. The following notes on the bells by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody will be of interest to our readers:—

The first mention on record of a bell in connection with Shankill Parish, Lurgan, is in the vestry minute (now hanging in the ringing chamber), dated January 18th, 1675, which states:—

'Agreed by the Curate and Parishioners of ye Parish of Shankill, at a meeting of ye Parishioners this present day. We consider a bell more decent and fit for calling together ye Parishioners for Divine service, than a drum which has hitherto been used, that the sum of eight pounds be equally and indifferently apportioned on the inhabitants of this Parish, by distress or otherwise, by the churchwardens of this Parish, and that the sum be placed in the hands of Arthur Brownlow who is desired to lay out the same for one bell of about one hundred pounds weight, which bell we likewise agree, shall be hung in the Market House of Lurgan till a convenient steeple be erected for containing the said bell. Mr. Brownlow having consented thereto, provide the bell be always rung for market and town use.

'We likewise agree that the salary heretofore paid by ye Parish for beating the drum shall hereafter be paid to some fit person to be appointed to ring the bell, to begin from Easter next, if ye said bell be got up by ye first of May next.'

The bell mentioned above seems never to have hung in the present tower, as when it was built in 1737, and before its completion, a vestry minute dated July 5th, 1738, states:—

'That the sum of thirty one pounds be duly apportioned towards the discharging of one hundred pounds (Advanced by Wm. Brownlow, Esq.) as executor of the will of the late Jean Brownlow, in order to carry out the building of the new church, the 100 pounds was bequeathed by the said Mrs. Brownlow to buy a bell for the said church, when finished.'

Another minute, dated April 28th, 1739, added a further £62 to former total, then states: 'And particularly for paying dept due Mr. Brownlow for getting bell.'

The above bell (no founder mentioned) did duty until 1845, when it had become cracked. The minutes of a meeting dated September 4th, 1844, state: 'Taking into consideration the bad state of the bell which has become cracked

was deemed unserviceable, it was resolved that collectors be appointed to make collection for new bell.'

A meeting of the subscribers and collectors was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, January 1st, 1845, when the sum of £104 13s. was reported to have been collected towards the new bell. Several bellfounders in Dublin and London having submitted, it was resolved that a preference should be given to Messrs. Sheridan, Dublin, and Mears, of London, and it was resolved that Mr. Oulton should personally inspect the bells of these founders and choose the best to be got of about 25 cwt. weight.

Messrs. Mears, of London, got the contract and this bell was broken as scrap probably to add to the metal of the present ring in 1877; the clapper belonging to it is still in the tower.

The present ring of eight bells, paid for by public subscription collected mainly by the late James Ussher, who also procured the clock, was cast in 1877 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The tenor was recast by the same firm in 1886. The bells were rehung in an all-steel frame, quarter-turned, tuned and provided with new headstocks, ball bearings, wheels, etc., in 1937 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the work being again paid for by public subscription, the money being collected by the late C. W. Neill and the ringers. Mr. Neill was tower captain, and a ringer for over sixty years.

A carillon machine was installed in 1951 by Messrs. John Smith and Son, Derby, the gift of J. D. Kyle, Esq., in memory of his wife.

The weights and inscriptions of the bells are as follows, that of the tenor being after its recasting in 1886:—

Treble.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. 'Presented By The Children of Shankill Parish.'

2nd.—6 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. 'Presented By The Ladies of Shankill Parish.'

3rd.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

4th.—7 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

5th.—9 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

6th.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

7th.—13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.'

Tenor.—21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. 'Theophilus Campbell, D.D., Rector. James Malcolm, J.P., Courtney Johnston, Churchwardens.'

All the bells are inscribed with founders' name.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNDER-INSURANCE OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—It is, of course, usual for insurance offices to include in their fire, etc., policies the condition of average mentioned by Mr. Levett in your issue of November 20th, and if this is so in the case where bells valued at £2,000 and insured for £400 are damaged then only 20 per cent. of the loss would be covered and the office could, if it wished, settle on that basis. However, I believe that the office which probably transacts the bulk of church insurances (The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd.) does not include this condition of average in its policies for fire, etc. Therefore any damage up to £400 to the above bells would be covered and not 20 per cent. of the loss only. It is advisable for all Church Councils to ascertain from their insurance offices if this 'condition of average' applies to their policies. We, at Northfleet, inquired and found that it did not apply in our case. Some Parochial Church Councils do not feel it necessary to insure their churches for full value as they would not rebuild to original size in event of total loss.—Yours faithfully,

E. PEARTREE.

Northfleet.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of the peal-ringing section of our ringing community felt any sense of guilt on reading Mr. E. Nobles' letter expressing his surprise at the lack of footnotes to many of the peals displayed in 'The Ringing World.' Very few, I would suggest.

Surely it is hypocritical to try to convince oneself that the majority of peals we ring are not rung for our own personal pleasure.

It causes me much amusement to read through the peal columns and try to imagine how much thought and discussion has gone into the 'problem' of finding a suitable footnote for a peal. 'The treble ringer's aunt's birthday' is, without doubt, very popular, but we must give it to the select few who take infinite trouble in wading through a calendar of saints' days to find the right one for the day.

It goes without saying that all ringing is, or should be, dedicated to the glory of God; but surely, if everyone realises this, as they should do, is it necessary to take up valuable space in its explanation?—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—As courses of Grandsire, Double Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire are interchangeable, every composition of Grandsire can be used for three methods provided there are bobs at five. Holt's ten-part has plenty of bobs at five and is obviously a peal in three methods but seldom rung in more than one. I think it has not been explained that this ten-part composition can include St. Clement's and College, making a total of five methods. When the second is in the hunt for one lead ring St. Clement's, and for five leads ring College. This does not alter the calling but the parts will be in this order:—3, 1, 4, 2, 5, 8, 6, 9, 7, 10. Other variations with better distribution of the methods will be sent to all inquirers.

Similarly, some compositions of Oxford Bob can be used for any number of methods up to six.

I should like to join Mr. A. J. Pitman in congratulating Mr. C. Skidmore and his band and hope their success will create a greater interest in Spliced Triples.—Yours faithfully,

J. SEGAR.

71, London Road, Retford, Notts.

SYNTHETIC BELLS—A SHAM

Dear Sir.—A surprising fact is the number of clergy and others who condemn a person for staying away from church to hear a service over the radio, yet tolerate synthetic bells, bells hung stationary and a variety of forms of sham. It might reasonably be asked—where is their consistency?

I well remember one vicar at a church in Northampton, where I belonged (true it was during the war years), putting over in the church one Christmastide a full series of gramophone recordings of Handel's 'Messiah' in place of a trained choir.

Later, at a Parochial Church Council meeting I politely drew his attention to his gramophone recordings and his oft-heard utterances from his pulpit that 'nothing but the best was good enough in the service of Christ and the Church.'

With no disrespect to those clerics and laity who are sometimes adverse to, and would reduce our art to a mere sham, I believe no good is done by anyone constituting themselves 'yes men' to these people merely because they hold the position of some office bearer or don the clerical collar.

Are ringers ready to defend their art, fully alert to point out these inconsistencies, armed with the answers ready to give and the type of questions to expect?

An interesting place to meet these people is at a 'men's circle,' 'fireside' or similar meeting group. I have in the past given a number of talks to such bodies, and there must be many more who are quite capable of doing the same. Many of the misunderstandings and misgivings could be cleared up with greater ease were more ringers prepared to come out into the open and sacrifice an occasional hour to this end.

It might well be worth giving up some peal attempt or a night at a theatre to watch the reaction and the knowledge thus gained. And it does not require a person to have rung a peal of Cambridge Maximus to do it, either! Such a contention is, to say the least, absurd.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

THE TREBLE AND THE METHOD

Dear Sir,—Without belittling in any way the ringing of the treble to a peal of, say, Cambridge Surprise Royal for the first time, I do feel that a footnote to the effect what was the ringer's first peal of what particular method is a little misleading. In such cases, would it not be as well if the actual method were unnamed?

A question will probably be asked: How is a ringer, in publishing his list of peals on reaching a milestone, to describe the accomplishment of taking part in 100 peals of Double Norwich, all on the treble?—Yours faithfully,

D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

Southampton.

PEAL AT MUCH BANGHAM

Sir.—I think every one of our readers should thank Miss Oliver for her very real peal report.

The answer to Mr. Pitman's letter re more Triples being rung is that there are no methods of Much Bangham Surprise Triples. Good ringing in any method to a peal is to the glory of God and the pleasure of the inhabitants and ringers also.

In most cases where ringing is limited on peals forbidden it is due to fast-rung Much Bangham Surprise. Now for the brickbats.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—The proposal made at Halesworth to alter the date of the annual meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday seems to lack thought for others. This suggestion has been put forward by other Associations but let us think of those keen members who are in business and therefore denied the sociability of meetings, peal attempts, etc., which are usually held on a Saturday afternoon. Bank Holidays are their only chance.

The root of the trouble seems to be other attractions and finances. There are quite a number who attend a football match in the afternoon and turn up to ring in the evening, thereby not taking part in the business meeting. Others find it a strain to pay their transport costs with the expense of meals on top, so they just come in for a ring in the evenings.

If the subscription is raised my own District will be short of about 20 members, who are purely service ringers whose height of ambition is a few well-struck courses.

Obviously the committee's headache is the cost of printing peals. I will make a suggestion that only those peals which contain a 'first' or 'first in the method' or rung for a special purpose, either for the Church or nationally, be printed. Those rung for personal totals to be entered with a number unless the band pay the cost of printing.

Mr. Nobles objects to some of the peal footnotes but surely, sir, if we ring regularly for service, we are entitled to ring a peal purely for our own personal pleasure now and again. Plenty of musicians use a church organ to play marches, etc., which can only be personal pleasure. I was always taught that Christianity was the real foundation of happiness. Incidentally my next peal attempt, on December 12th, is by invitation of the Vicar, who says, 'I shall be delighted to welcome you and listen for three hours, I hope.'—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

THE MEN WERE LOST IN ADMIRATION

Dear Sir,—I feel certain that the whole Exercise should congratulate Miss Hilda Snowden on ringing the tenth at Exeter Cathedral, a bell of 33 cwt., to a peal of Grandsire Caters on November 28th.

It was truly an amazing performance on her part, for not only did she ring the bell beautifully, but she seemed as fresh as a daisy at the end. The rest of the band were lost in admiration. What a woman!—Yours sincerely,

F. L. HARRIS.

Chelmsford, Essex.

'CONFUSED AND UNWIELDY'

Dear Sir,—Whereas I have no doubts as to Mr. D. V. Moreton's ability as a physicist, I find his mathematics somewhat confused and unwieldy.

Surely when dealing with such a confusing subject as Extended Grandsire, it is far easier to use the system introduced by Herr Doktor Grosserkopf, of the University of Nebel.

Thus we Differentiate Mr. Moreton's equation, $m = A \sin(A/j)\pi$

to obtain, $T = A\pi/j \cdot \cos(L/j)\pi$

where T is the time of the peal and, as before, A and j are constants.

We then substitute this in the equation,

$$\int_0^n A\pi/j (n+m).dt. = dT/dt$$

$$\text{whence, } 1/2n^2 = \sin(L/j)\pi$$

where n is the number of bells and j is a constant given by the equation

$$3j^2 + 26j \cdot n + W = 0$$

where W is the weight of the tenor, in lbs.

We can thus calculate the number of changes rung.—Mathematically yours,

ALLEN TWYMAN.

Hale, Cheshire.

LETTERS—Continued

THE MASTERSHIP OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Dear Sir,—I do not think my old friend, Mr. Miles, is making a fair comparison. Mr. Cullen's letter was really a matter of the mastership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Both the Cumberlands and the College Youths hold a remarkable position in the Exercise. Years ago, no doubt, the Master was a first-class conductor in the true sense of the word, but in these days the mastership is an honour, or should be. Now the College Youths, to their credit, have recognised that and appointed one as an honour. We have seen one who lived miles from London yet visited all the meetings (to his credit) during his year of office. But the Cumberlands still maintain the idea that the Master must be the conductor at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. For years some have struggled at the annual meeting to alter it but the idea is still buried in their minds that St. Martin's should be as St. Paul's, a company of its own with its own conductor. Each Guild or Association has to choose a Master to suit the whole of its own Guild with the means of visiting its Districts and supporting the meetings.—Yours, etc., A. H. PULLING. Guildford.

GUILD'S RINGING BADGE

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' with reference to the Girl Guide Association badge may I ask whether this refers to the Guide badge which has been available for many years, or the Ranger badge (for those over 15)? As one who was instrumental in getting the Ranger badge incorporated in the Guide Handbook (P.O.R.) I should be interested to know, because a Ranger member of St. Mary's tower at Swanage, Miss Ruth Morgan (Swanage District Rangers' G.G.), obtained her Ranger badge for bell ringing under the new syllabus, 1953, on July 25th, 1953. I have not got a copy of 'The Ringing World' by me at the moment, but should be glad to know how this compares with the other dates.—Yours sincerely, JOAN DUNSFORD. Swanage.

MR. STAFFORD GREEN AND AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir.—Mr. W. Smith, of Turramurra, New South Wales, asks me to redeem my promise to write more of my ringing experiences down under.

Beyond the ringing I had in Sydney and one visit to Melbourne I cannot do so. Joan Hills has since written from a much wider and longer stay there and I can find nothing to add to that—to my great disappointment.

My one visit to Melbourne in a temperature of some 90 degrees—up many steep steps and on heavy bells—completely beat me.

The frequent performances since I left, and published in your columns are, I think, sufficient evidence of the growth of our art there.

I could wish nothing better for Australia than a bell foundry, hangers and clock builders by a consortium of our three great firms here and I believe there is scope there for such an undertaking.—Yours truly,

STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Irish Association was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus, on November 28th. It was attended by between 30 and 40 ringers from Hillsborough, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, Hollywood and Carrickfergus.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. Barry (chairman), and the visitors were welcomed by Canon F. C. Rutherford, the local Rector. Nine new members were elected to the Association and tribute was paid to the memory of Richie W. Adamson, first treasurer of the District, who died a few months ago. Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association, was warmly congratulated on reaching the age of 70 recently.

Before and after tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers in their usual hospitable manner, the bells were put to good use in ringing various methods and in assisting those learning change ringing. At the close Mr. John T. Dunwoody, the District secretary, thanked the local ringers, particularly Mr. John Milliken and Miss Young, the local secretary, for their hospitality. J. T. D.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a by-meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, when, favoured with fine weather, the event was well attended.

The fine ring of twelve bells was utilised during the afternoon, everyone having an opportunity to have a pull.

After an excellent tea at a local cafe, thanks were expressed to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Dean Prior for the use of their bells, the visitors fully appreciating all the arrangements that were made.

Ringing took place at Dean Prior Church in the evening, this being another popular tower in the Branch. A. L. B.

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Extracts from 'The Ringing World'
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Rung at Guildford, Surrey, on Saturday, December 6th, 1913:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

In 2 hours and 24 minutes

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Pitstow's Variation

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

In 2 hours and 10 minutes

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Holt's Original

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

In 2 hours and 17 minutes

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5,088 CHANGES

Miss Elsie Bennett	1-2
Alfred H. Pulling	3-4
Frank I. Hairs	5-6
Frank Blondell	7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

This is the first time three peals have been rung on handbells in one day, and the first time a lady has rung three peals in a day.

[For good measure, all except the tenor man rang in another peal of Stedman Triples on the following day.]

In St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, appears the following peal board:—

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES

On Monday, December 8th, 1913, in 2 hours and 38 minutes. Being 2 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 3 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alfred Howell	1
*Alfred W. Grimes	2
William T. Kemp	3
Richard N. Runham	4
Thomas King	5
William J. Nudds	6

Conducted by William J. Nudds.

* A. W. Grimes' 100th peal on tower bells this year.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In very poor weather the November meeting was held at Hedon on November 14th. Only 25 members attended and rang standard methods during the afternoon.

A service was held in St. Augustine's Church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Dann, who gave the Society a hearty welcome and preached an excellent sermon.

Tea was taken in the local tea rooms followed by the business meeting. One new member was elected from the Hedon band and the Vicar has now become an active ringing member.

At the end of the meeting a silver cup was shown to the members. It is known as the 'Captain's Cup.' It is inscribed as belonging to the Hedon ringers, dated 1687, and is decorated with a good-shaped bell.

Further ringing took place after the meeting until 8.30 p.m.

[We hope next week to give an historical note on Hedon Church and ringers' cup.]

LEICESTER GUILD FESTIVAL HELD IN THE SHIRES

Melton Mowbray a Success

THE autumn festival of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held, this year, at Melton Mowbray. This was the first time the function had been held in this district and members and friends from a large area made good use of the ringing facilities available. In addition to the grand ten of Melton the towers of Kirby Bellars and Asfordby were open for ringing.

At Asfordby the newly rehung ring of six was in demand. Formerly, visitors to this tower found the long unguided pull a little difficult. Now, the 'go' is excellent and each ringer can now concentrate on the method instead of, frequently, having to walk after the sally or 'sally' for someone else, a courtesy that was often returned. Needless to say, the locals had no difficulty—after all, some of them have been ringing these bells for up to 60 years.

Near the church was the old baker's shop, now closed, where the older inhabitants used to bring their Sunday dinners to be cooked while they attended service. The old baker also used to provide transport for weddings and, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, his carrier's cart jogged into Melton market saving the villagers a three mile walk.

Near Kirby Bellars is Kirby Gate, a meeting place for the Quorn Hunt which this year celebrates its bi-centenary. Melton Mowbray is situated in the heart of the hunting country known as the Shires (other parts of the country are merely the 'Provinces') and, in past years, was often the scene of considerable excitement when the town was literally painted red by the young bucks. One minor escapade was the famed steeplechase when the riders were dressed in their lady friends' nightdresses and which took place in moonlight. Melton is also famed for pork pies and Stilton cheese. A noted purchaser of the former commodity was, recently, Philip Harben, of television fame.

The company of ringers and friends, just over 100 in number, finally assembled for dinner at the Harborough Hotel where the dinner and social which followed had been arranged by the local District. After justice had been done to an excellent repast, the loyal toast was submitted by the Guild President (Mr. H. J. Poole). This was followed by a short speech by Mr. Poole in which he congratulated the District chairman (Mr. F. J. Williams), the District secretary (Mr. J. H. Cook) and other District members on the way they had organised the dinner and ringing arrangements. Unfortunately, Mr. Cook was unable to be present and the wish was expressed for his early recovery. Mr. Cook was the 'live wire' of the Melton District.

Continuing, Mr. Poole said there had been some discussion whether it was a good thing to hold these functions outside Leicester. He thought everyone that night would agree that results were very good. By holding the festival in the Districts an opportunity was presented for the local ringers to meet ringers from other Districts and from other parts of the country.

Mr. Poole paid tribute to the good work done in the District by Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby since their residence in the area. Mr. Corby had done a great deal to increase the enthusiasm in the District.

LEFT FOR MISSION SERVICE

The president said that, no doubt, many of the diners had noticed some of their colleagues had quietly 'slipped out.' All week Melton bells had been rung prior to missionary services held at the Parish Church and the final service was being held that night. He had felt that it would be wrong to have so many bellringers

in Melton that night with the bells silent for this service. Reference was made by Mr. Poole to the Rev. Mr. Jackson, who was present. He appreciated the work Mr. Jackson had done in Leicester while Youth Chaplain and the work he had done at Asfordby since taking up work there.

Replying, Mr. Jackson spoke of the great vitality of the ringers' organisation, the way they carried out their duties as ringers and as churchmen and of their services to the Church.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, vice-president, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and said how pleased he was to welcome them from places all over the country. Among those specially mentioned were Mr. Millat (Colchester), Mr. A. P. Cannon (Dorking), Miss Hilda Snowden (Halstead), Mr. Keith Holtham (Byfield), Mr. Eric Dench (Waltham Abbey), Mr. Richards (Kent), Mr. Mrs. and Miss Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. C. H. Harding (Bedford), Mr. R. G. Edwards (Birmingham), Mr. John Hill (Ewell), Mr. Ronald Sharp (Bedford), Mr. G. Vickers (Ancaster), Mr. F. W. Pinchbeck (Grantham), Mr. John Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson (Derby) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Milner (Southwell). Many of these, said Mr. Turner, were regular and very welcome visitors. He asked all to drink to the health of all visitors present.

Mr. R. G. Edwards replied to the toast and gently chided the president for, at the time, throwing out one of his peals, and recalled some of his pleasant recollections of peals and of his associations with Melton during the war years. He said Leicester was one of the high spots in the ringing world and commented on the high quality of bells made in the county. He expressed thanks on behalf of the visitors and particularly appreciated Mr. Turner mentioning them by name.

A social evening followed, the games, dancing and handbell ringing being much appreciated. Not the least enjoyable part of the evening was the opportunity of meeting and conversing with long-standing friends. All good things have to end, so, with 'See you next year,' the visitors wended their various ways home. W. A. W.

CHIMES AT COVENTRY

Through the generosity of Mrs. J. G. Gray, a chiming apparatus has been installed in the wooden belfry adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Coventry. The eight bells, which weigh a total of five tons, were taken down from Trinity tower during restoration 100 years ago. Because it was believed that the tower and spire were unsafe as a belfry, the present wooden belfry was erected in Priory Row and the bells were hung there.

But hopes that it would be possible to ring the bells in their new loft were disappointed. The ringers found that the belfry would not be safe either.

As a result, the bells, which have been described as magnificent, hang motionless and muted in the wooden belfry to-day as they have through the century. Chiming has been the limit of their voice.

Unless the church tower and spire can be made perfectly safe to take the bells once more—an undertaking that would mean great expense—the ring of eight is unlikely to be heard in its full glory again.

Central Coventry is particularly unfortunate regarding bells as the ring of bells in the Cathedral can only be chimed because of the state of the spire. There are, however, rings of bells at Allesley and Stoke.

Mr. C. H. Webb, of the Allesley band, has promised to chime the bells of Holy Trinity in the future.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Baldock

A most successful meeting was held at Baldock on November 28th, where ringing commenced just after 3 o'clock and most of the standard methods were practised. Members had a chance to see the local band's Coronation peal board, which was very much admired by all.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon L. P. Smith) with Miss D. Bate at the organ. The Rector welcomed the members to Baldock but was sorry not to be able to join them at tea as he had been ordered to rest as much as possible after a nervous breakdown. Tea was provided at Allnutt's Cafe, 34 members and friends doing justice to eggs and chips.

The business meeting was held in the tower with Mr. T. J. Southam, assistant general secretary, in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Dear, District Ringing Master, and Mr. E. Buck, District secretary.

Miss D. Bate was elected an honorary member and the election of Mr. C. H. Harding was confirmed.

The place of the annual District meeting will be at Hitchin on January 23rd, with a District meeting at Stevenage in February; special method, Oxford Bob Triples. A report was given on the committee meeting held at St. Albans on October 31st.

At the invitation of Mr. Geoffrey Carter, the District was invited to go on a 'slumming' tour in London. It was proposed to make it a half-day trip on February 6th. Mr. J. Dear consented to take on the job of organising. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

Further ringing continued until 8.45, the bells being left up for Sunday morning service ringing.

Towers represented were Clifton, Great Wymondley, Hatfield, Harpenden, Henlow, Hitchin, Knebworth, Norton, Royston, St. Albans, St. Ippolyts, Stevenage, Stotfold, Welwyn and the local tower. E. G. B.

AN UNUSUAL AFTERNOON IN EAST DEVON

A party of ringers spent a day among old bells in East Devon on November 25th. The first tower, Gittesham (3), tenor 15 cwt., had a sentimental attraction for Mr. A. Tapley (Sowton) and Mr. W. Eveleigh (Kilburn) as there they had learned to handle a bell. The tone of the Bilbie tenor was of very high quality but six changes were enough for the writer.

At Farway (3), tenor 12 cwt., the visitors were met by Mr. Hurford, of the local band. It was discovered that the second was up, back clapper; it went fairly well, however, when the bell was put right to ring rounds. The second had to be pulled out in front of the treble at hand, and behind of tenor at back.

The next tower was Northleigh with a complete pre-Reformation four, tenor 8 cwt., which were excellent and went very well. At Southleigh (4), tenor 7 cwt., there is a long draught and no guides. Here Mr. Hurford hunted the treble at second attempt very well but the bells were not up to Northleigh.

Lastly, Branscombe (6), tenor 14 cwt., which did not go too well. Methods rung were Grand-sire, Stedman, Bob Doubles, Bob Minimus and Stedman Minimus (false) and Bob Singles. An excellent time was had, especially on some of the bells where visitors are rare.

Thanks are given to the incumbents for the use of the bells. W. C. P.

5,067 STEDMAN SEXTUPLES

By C. W. ROBERTS

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Rung on November 29th, 1953, at Leicester, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

WEDDING BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

The wedding on November 21st at St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell, of Richard Herbert Luck to Sheila Joy Law, recalls memories of families with a long history as bellringers, churchwardens, and other office bearers at Weston Favell.

William Law, Reuben Law, Thomas Law, Peter Law, besides other relatives of the bride, all served in one capacity or another. But, perhaps none was better known than Sheila's grandfather (the late Thomas Law, who died during the early war years), who was belfry captain over a considerable period until his removal to Overstone in 1938, which ultimately spelt the breaking up of a band which, in its day, made ringing history in Northants, and at all times could be relied upon to ring anything from Plain Bob to Doubles on the Carter principle, besides ringing many peals elsewhere on all numbers up to ten bells.

Many ringers from towers in the neighbourhood owe their grounding to members of the band. It was as long ago as 1923 that the late Thomas Law conducted the writer's first quarter peal. Weston Favell, in those days, was a regular training place for recruits from far and near. Besides the late Thomas Law, most of the old band are now a past memory.

Although retired from active ringing, it was, however, a pleasure to include in the band ringing for Sheila's wedding one, in the person of Mr. Frank Rollings, who had not rung a quarter peal for 15 years and had seldom touched a bell rope during that time.

A framed peal card in the belfry for a peal rung on the day of the funeral of King Edward VII. shows that George Luck participated. He is believed to be a distant relative of the bridegroom.

The wedding couple left for their honeymoon to the tune of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. P. A.

A WEEK-END IN EAST DEVON

Five ringers from the Swindon area, together with one each from Bristol, East Budleigh, Exeter, Long Ashton, Nailsea and Withycombe Raleigh, met together for a ringing week-end on November 21st.

Sidbury, where there is a good octave restored and augmented by Taylors in 1947, was the first call, followed by a ring on the eight at St. Gregory's, Seaton, where the original scaffolding holes are still to be seen all over the outside of the tower.

After coffee and a short gambol on the beach, a move was made to Colyton, where the Mothers' Union banner proclaimed the patron saint to be St. Andrea, while all other sources of information (including the 'Ringers' Bible') called it St. Andrew. The party found a good heavy six (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.) in a central tower with an octagonal lantern storey above the bells.

Next came the run to Axminster for an excellent lunch and ringing on the fine octave at the Parish Church and then Awliscombe (a lumpy six rung from a gallery) and Buckrell, a light ring in a small tower reached by an outside stairway. A very fast course of St. Clement's Minor here was brought to an abrupt conclusion when the fifth rope came off the wheel.

After tea at Honiton came the run to Taldon, reputed to be anything between four and twenty miles apart, and a short touch was enjoyed on this mixed ring with a 12½ cwt. tenor.

Some very skilful map reading by the organiser-navigator brought the party to Broadclyst, where a full hour's ringing was enjoyed on these mellow-toned bells. Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round here.

Clyst St. George bells, which were restored by Mears and Stainbank a few weeks before, were pronounced a good job, and the rebuilt church and diffused lighting installation were favourably commented on. Although this concluded official operations for the day, the midnight wayfarer at East Budleigh might have heard the strains of 'lapped' Maximus emanating from the local hotel!

Sunday morning at 7.15 found some of the party ringing for early service at East Budleigh, while the lady members are reported to have stayed in bed and criticised the striking! Due to a faulty car battery, the start at Heavitree was delayed until 10.30, which prevented full appreciation of this glorious Taylor eight.

After lunch the sixes at Rewe and Stoke Cannon were visited, and at the latter place a short wait was necessary while the Sunday School sang (in a key estimated by one musical member to be K. blunt) 'Now the day is over,' which, indeed, after some half-hour's ringing on the single rope ends of these bells, it was.

On the way home the Swindon party visited Lyme Regis, and those returning to Bristol called at Lympstone, to ring for evening service.

Methods rung included:—

Major: Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Triples: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's.

Minor: Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise.

Doubles: Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

The sincere thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, the people who met and welcomed them at the towers, and to Cyril Deem for making such excellent arrangements.

M. J. H.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division at Hailsham

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hailsham on November 28th, when about 34 members attended from Burwash, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), Hailsham, Hellingly, Heathfield, Mayfield, St. Leonards-on-Sea and Wadhurst, and visitors from Hawkhurst and Tunbridge Wells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. C. Chapman, who welcomed the members to Hailsham.

Tea was served at the Coffee House, followed by a business meeting, Mr. R. Percy, secretary of the Association, presiding.

Arising from the minutes, regarding the resignation of Battle from the Association, the Divisional Secretary, Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, said how pleased he was to inform the members that Battle P.C.C. had reconsidered their decision, and now wished to remain affiliated to the Association. This information was warmly received by the members present.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. Pankhurst) also explained that he had sent out 30 notices of the Hailsham meeting to affiliated and unaffiliated towers, as agreed at the last business meeting, but had received only one reply from the unaffiliated towers.

The chairman made reference to the death of Mr. William Erridge, for many years a regular and faithful ringer at Christ Church, Eastbourne. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The following were elected members of the Association: Jean Baldock and Catherine Yeo, of Hailsham; Mrs. O'Dwyer, of All Saints', Eastbourne; Dorothy Matthews, of Heathfield; Daphne Lester and Margaret Parker, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings.

A prepared list of towers for 1954-55 meetings was presented to the meeting and, after some discussion, was adopted. It was proposed to hold the annual meeting in February at Eastbourne.

Mr. Downing proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and to those responsible for making the meeting a success.

There was no further business, and the members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.15 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, P. W. Tompkins 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, G. Mayes 5, J. Church 6, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 7, T. Dille 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Nicholls 3, R. Pye 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, C. Burton 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Burton, the conductor's mother.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barrance (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, H. Corney 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, J. M. Aspinall 7, D. W. Cowper 8. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J. C. Northan.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, Dec. 19th, at St. James', Benwell, has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 30th. Details later. 3617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting at Manchester Cathedral on Dec. 19th. Ringing for service 3 to 3.30 p.m. Bells 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cafes nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3618

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Dec. 19th, Foxton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton. Annual meeting, Kibworth, Jan. 16th, 1954.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 3620

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GOLDEN WEDDING

JENNEY—LAWRENCE. — At St. John's Church, Derby, on the 2nd December, 1903, by the late Canon C. H. Hamilton, Harold George Jenney to Ada Mary Lawrence, now of Leicester.

We thank God for His many mercies. 3565

DEATH

BOYLE.—Winifred, on November 28th, after a year in hospital. Beloved mother of Beatrice and honorary member Devon Guild, Combe Martin. 3608

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED to purchase, secondhand set of handbells.—A. J. Phillips, Victoria House, Pewsey, Wilts. 3598

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM.—Normal service ringing and practices have been resumed. We welcome everyone. Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; Thursdays 7.45 p.m.—J. Dafters. 3592

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COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Leamington Hastings (between Southam and Dunchurch). Saturday, December 12th. All welcome.—R. J. E. 3607

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3585

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 12th, St. Mark's Church, Exeter. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Manston Road Hall. Ringing, St. Mark's, 3-4.15; Heavitree and St. David's after tea.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 3564

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), December 12th. Names to Mr. Dukes, Telephone Exchange, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Please note, annual district meeting, Huntingdon, January 16th, 1954.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8572

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney, All Saints', Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3573

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 3523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, St. Modwen's, Burton, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Cotton. 3586

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Beenham (6), Saturday, December 12th. Usual arrangements. 3560

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—The meeting that should have taken place at Haverfordwest on Saturday, Dec. 12th, is **cancelled**.—C. H. Hawkins, Sec. 3601

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. 3527

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Westbourne (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 3603

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel December 19th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's, Bow Road, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3568

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cannington, Dec. 19th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3613

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy, Dec. 19th, in conjunction with the rededication of the ring of six bells recently returned and rehung. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 3587

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 16th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3615

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Port Sunlight (8), Dec. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided **only** for those notifying by 15th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3614

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's, Derby (8). Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 16th, to F. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby. 3612

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Dec. 19th. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notify for tea, by Dec. 15th, Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Glos. 3594

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe (6), Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2.30-7.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 3595

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—W. J. Southam. 3605

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Chilvers Coton on Dec. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening to be followed by a social. Owing to catering difficulties all names for tea must be sent, by Dec. 16th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton.—Audrey A. Timms. 3609

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea at 5. Business 6.—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 3593

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at Bell Inn 4.30. Strictly—no names no tea. Please notify by Dec. 15th.—Mr. N. Walker, 92, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. 3599

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, Dec. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5. Names, by Dec. 16th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 3600

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Saturday, Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. Diaries should be available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3606

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Dec. 16th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3596

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in the Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3588

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, Dec. 15th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3616

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Hunslet on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. J. Hogg, 1, Woodhouse Hill Mount, Leeds, 10, not later than Thursday, December 17th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3561

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Friday, January 1st, 1954. Members who have not received circulars and any prospective members should get in touch with B. D. Threlfall, 191, Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey. 3557

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1954. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 28th, to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 3590

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual ringing day and dinner will take place on Saturday Jan. 30th. Will all old members of the Society who do not receive a circular about this please contact me.—The Hon. Sec., Change Ringers, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8. 3597

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