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### 'ORANGES AND LEMONS'

THE fact that this book is dedicated to 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, who have rung the bells of London Town since 1637,' is sufficient to whet the curiosity of any London ringer and also those many hundreds of College Youths in the provinces. Miss Gladys Taylor bases this book on London churches, with many references to their bells, on the nursery rhyme of 'Oranges and Lemons,' in which a couplet is the message of the various bells. There were two versions of the rhyme—the shorter embracing the churches of St. Clement Danes, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Sepulchre, Holborn, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, St. Dunstan, Stepney, St. Mary-le-Bow, all famous churches beloved of ringers in the pre-blitz days. The long version adds such churches as St. Giles', St. Peter's, Whitechapel, St. John's, St. Ann's, 'the slow bells of Aldgate, St. Helen's and Old Bailey,' the last couplet running:—

Gay go up and gay go down  
To ring the bells of London Town.

Fascinating and terrifying is how Miss Taylor describes her visit to the bell chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, high up in the south-west tower. She is not alone. A ringer of over 1,000 peals once commented to the writer that the only bells that 'put the wind up him' were those of St. Paul's revolving. Perhaps other ringers have had a similar experience. 'Oranges and Lemons' gives this expressive version which has or should have a definite place in ringing literature:—

'Suddenly—with such force as though a heavy blow had hit one's ear-drums—the bells went into action. We were swamped in an immense and deep reverberation that hummed all around, deafening us and cutting us off from the outside world, a reverberation threaded by the high sweet whistle of overtones.

'It was quite terrifying at first. The bell chamber was a mass of heaving metal. The bells were dipping, tossing, somersaulting in wild gaiety. Four lively smaller ones plunged over almost simultaneously; two bigger ones bowed to each other as though setting to partners, and then when the order of ringing changed, bowed to those on their other side. Over in a corner the great tenor bell dived and swung up, dived and swung up in a solemn "pas seul," while before him the smallest bells romped and flung themselves about in a frenzy.

'On and on the bells danced madly till one turned dizzy. So rapid were the repetitions that movement never ceased. And all the time the deep deafening throbbing and its shrill whistle persisted. I leaned over to try and catch the note of a bell just below me, but no single sound could be distinguished in that all-pervading hum. . . .

'Going into the ringing room was like entering a church, so hushed was the atmosphere. Thirteen men and boys in shirt-sleeves,

their faces glistening with sweat, were manipulating the ropes in a tense calculating silence broken only by the conductor calling the changes. The ringers stood on big box-like pedestals of varying heights, with arched metal grips into which they could thrust their feet to avoid being pulled off them by the weight of the bells. The tenor bell is so heavy that it takes two men to ring it. . . .

After such an expressive picture of the ringing in St. Paul's on a Sunday it is almost tragic to read: 'The hands of the clock on the wall moved inexorably towards service time. Grandsire Triples drew to a close.' We hope that in the subsequent editions of this book—and it deserves to go into many editions—the words 'Stedman Cinques' will be substituted on these two pages. We cannot imagine St. Paul's scroof permitting Grandsire Triples with cover bells!

But the great appeal of this book will be to those who love the churches of London. They will want to take Gladys Taylor's book with them and capture the inspiration of her words. Alas, many of the churches are victims of the blitz, and Harold Adshead's war-time poem, 'On Passing St. Clement Danes,' is quoted:—

Clement Danes stands all forlorn  
And destitute;  
Bells that rang out yestermorn  
To-day lie mute.

But this church, whose heavy bells had rung to welcome every monarch who visited the City of London from William and Mary onwards, is to be rebuilt and to contain memorial tapestry recording the stirring days in which we have lived.

While the dedication of this book is to the College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths come well into the picture, particularly in relation to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Reference is made to the peal boards of 1770 and 1781 and there is an appropriate quotation from a 16th century book entitled 'Old London Bridge,' which reads: 'Now began all over London the ringing of bells; but the bells to hear which crowds upon crowds were seen hurrying, were those of Shoreditch, those bells long maintained their celebrity, and were such great favourites with Queen Elizabeth that she never passed them without making a halt to listen to their music—the people all bareheaded kneeling around her.' Can we picture such a scene in this 20th century with the bells of St. Leonard's, again now happily in full harness, beating down their music into the streets below?

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It is appropriate that in chapter 10—

'Two sticks and an apple

Say the bells of Whitechapel'

there should be references to the Whitechapel Foundry, which goes back to 1567, and that successful Elizabethan founder, Robert Mot. Up to the outbreak of the last war eighty of his bells existed, and two of the finest, dated respectively 1583 and 1598, are in Westminster Abbey.

A word for the Epilogue, '... to light you to bed.' We will quote Miss Taylor: 'Neither burning nor bombs can destroy the spirit of the past: if we look and listen we can find it even in the busiest part of the City.' The spirit of the past is very closely associated with the art of change ringing, and because of that past, 'Oranges and Lemons' (published by Peter Nevill, Ltd., price 15s. net) will make a strong appeal to our readers. Miss Taylor is to be congratulated in looking at churches very much from the angle of ringers—through the inspiration of the bells.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
*ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. .. 5	ROGER O. FRY .. .. 11
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise Maximus in the county and by the Guild. The 50th tower in which the tenorman has rung a twelve bell peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*ANGELA M. BRIGGS .. .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 2	WILFRED F. WEBB .. .. 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. .. 3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 8
†BRIAN GRINTER .. .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 5	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. Treble	*HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 6
*DOUGLAS A. COLLINS .. .. 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 8
*ALAN A. ANDREWS .. .. 4	ERNEST BLAKE .. .. 9
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. .. 5	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

Ring on the eve of the conductor entering his 80th year.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	*ALAN CARVETH .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	HAROLD MORWOOD .. .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. .. 2	FRANK LORD .. .. 6
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 7
JACK BRAY .. .. 4	*ALAN CARVETH .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5024 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. Treble	HARRY TURNER .. .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 6
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 3	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD LEATHERS .. Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 5
†MURIEL M. PIPE .. .. 2	FRANK RUFFLES .. .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3	ALBERT E. WHITING .. .. 7
†WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 4	†RUSSELL G. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ 25th peal together. R. G. Palmer has now completed this 'circle' to a Surprise peal.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

KILBY R. HOLTOM .. Treble	†BRIAN S. LEWIS .. .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 4	*HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIFLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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



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## ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Treble	A. ROBIN GUY .. .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	GEORGE GARDNER .. .. 6
DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.  
First peal as conductor.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Adolphus Roberts.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 KIRKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 3	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
*WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\*First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to John M. Jelley.

## HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	*JOHN R. NASH .. .. 5
*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 2	*†JAMES BLACKBURN .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN .. 3	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 4	*FRANK STEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\*First peal in this Variation † 50th peal. First peal in this Variation on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

## WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 6
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\*First peal in the method.

## CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5
PETER F. BORER .. 2	ALBERT BEANEY .. .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

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

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MARIELLA E. MUNDY .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WILLS .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 6
WALTER H. POOLE .. 3	ROGER KEELEY .. .. 7
FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

\*First peal of Major.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Ryall, of Exeter.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Treble	JOHN KING .. .. 5
*ANN M. COX .. .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	†BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\*First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 150th peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Ford, late curate at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on the first anniversary of his induction.

## MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 2	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

## NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 6144 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MICHAEL A. MAISEY (16) Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER (14) .. 5
LESLIE A. TREMEER .. 2	PETER NASH (15) .. 6
*BERYL R. PITTAWAY (14) 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH (18) 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN (15) .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. T. Parrott, a Winchester Cathedral ringer, whose grand-daughter rang the 3rd.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	BRIAN J. LUFF .. .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

First peal in method by all the band, and first peal in the Major of the method for the Guild.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN WARD .. .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY .. 2	JACK CLEGG .. .. 6
GEORGE A. BELL .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 7
ALBERT W. STONE .. 4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

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

## SIX BELL PEALS

## THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH TAYLOR .. Treble	ARTHUR HALLAM .. .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	THOMAS KELLAM DEACON 5
GEORGE HURD .. 3	PETER HALLAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'



**SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., July 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 30 extents (10 callings) and six 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

GILLIAN CLIFT .. .. Treble	*FRED DAVIS .. .. 4
WILLIAM COLLINS .. .. 2	*FRED PUGH .. .. 5
WALTER H. RAXTER .. .. 3	RAYMOND BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

\* First peal.

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., July 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 4
MARY DOWSETT .. .. 2	PETER J. CAME .. .. 5
*ALAN CARVETH .. .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal in five Minor methods.

**ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., July 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

HAROLD MORWOOD .. Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4
*ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2	HARRY HALL .. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	JACK BRAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., July 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, two different extents of Plain Bob and three different extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	JOHN P. GIBSON .. .. 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 2	FRANK W. G. LACK .. .. 5
JOHN J. PAWLEY .. .. 3	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Ryall, of St. Thomas', Exeter.

**EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., July 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents of 720 (all calls being singles). Tenor 8½ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON .. Treble	*SIMON L. BARLEY .. .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2	*FRANK LAMB .. .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 3	†CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

**HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WARDLE .. Treble	HARRY BARNES .. .. 4
ALEC WILSON .. .. 2	*FRANK LAMB .. .. 5
JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* 25th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th bell.

**ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., July 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PATRICIA M. REEVES .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
ELIZABETH BATE .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

A farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. L. Murphy.

**WISSETT, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sun., July 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 120 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4
MARGOT R. THOMPSON .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
REGINALD J. DARCH .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Kerrison, who has now 'circled the tower.'

**HANDBELL PEAL**

**CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

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Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Pamela Law 3, H. W. Brown 4, Valerie Mephem (first as cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Q. Morris for their brief stay in this parish in the absence of the Rector.

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On July 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Hinman 1, Cecilia Cowley (first quarter) 2, G. R. Edwards 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. Looker 5, H. Myatt (cond.) 6.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On July 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Davis 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, L. W. Moses 4, S. A. Read (cond.) 5, Miss B. Russell 6.

**BISHOPWEARMOUTH, CO. DURHAM.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. McGuinness 1, Miss E. Softley 2, B. Buswell (cond.) 3, Miss J. B. Softley 4, Miss M. A. Softley 5, R. Bell 6, T. W. Crowe 7, Miss K. Softley 8.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4.6.8 covering): H. D. R. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Evans 5, E. W. Coles 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Reece 8. Rung by the Sunday service band on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On July 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, G. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

**CAVERSHAM, BERKS.**—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Busby (first of Major) 1, D. Jones 2, Miss P. E. Hart 3, T. N. Lanaghan 4, A. Sweetzer 5, S. Osborne 6, J. Taylor 7, H. Osborne (cond.) 8. Rung for evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On July 11th, at St. Peter's, a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, H. F. Pye 2, Pauline A. Nice (first in method) 3, E. P. Duffield 4, G. W. Moss 5, E. J. Butler 6, U. W. Wildney 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On July 11th, 1,296 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Board 1, C. Deem 2, C. Savage 3, J. Carter 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. Quick 6. First of Spliced for all. Believed to be the first quarter peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford in Devon. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. Hurrell 3, Miss M. Ashdown 4, J. Hurrell 5, F. Richardson 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Sims (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Eltham Council of Churches' open-air service at Well Hall, and also an 84th birthday compliment to G. Daynes.



## QUARTER PEALS

**FRAMPTON, LINCS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): E. Flintham (first quarter in more than one method) 1, J. R. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, H. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

**FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Garnett (first quarter) 1, J. Waters 2, W. Rawlings 3, B. Lunn 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. M. Page 8.

**GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Garrett (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins (first 'inside') 2, F. Arnold 3, J. Fisher 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5. For the 21st birthday of Miss Doreen Arnold, daughter of Mr. F. Arnold.—Also on July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Timpson (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, C. Johnson 3, J. Fisher 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.** — On July 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, Evelyn Gibson 3, Heather Bonner 4, J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For evensong, and to mark the christening of Pamela Jane and Patricia Mary, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clay.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On July 11th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Parish 3, O. Norman 4, G. E. Crisp 5, G. Lucas 6. Rung before matins.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On July 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: K. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, R. Biggs 3, Miss D. Coker 4, J. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. Cox (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 2.

**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Clifton 1, P. A. Clifton 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, A. E. Shrimpton (first quarter, Redditch) 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, R. Richards 6.

**LITTLEHAM, DEVON.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: W. Fulker 1, J. West 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, P. Gatter 4, R. Gatter 5, O. Gatter 6, E. Piper 7, H. West 8.

**MEREWORTH, KENT.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Warner 1, W. R. Manser 2, L. J. Honess 3, M. H. Osborne 4, G. Fry (first quarter as cond. and first quarter of Bob Minor) 5, J. T. Medhurst 6.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On July 11th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Uden 1, H. Allen 2, V. Shefford (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. E. Eveleigh 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, his father (4th ringer) and the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, whose birthdays all fall on the same day.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sapwell 1, R. Howson 2, E. Lathall 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, A. H. Kemp 6, R. Hall 7, C. Harris 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Buckingham. The ringer of the 6th came from Hawkhurst, Kent, to attend the confirmation of his godson.

**PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.** — On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. H. Tarr 1, A. H. Reed 2, F. Chidgey (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, R. W. Shire 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, W. Burston 6.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, F. Wright 2, W. C. Sams 3, B. G. Burton 4, A. A. Livings (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung in honour of the patron saint.

**ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, BRIDGEND, GLAM.** — On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hiddins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, D. L. Hughes 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Sutherlanddown.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 12th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Collins 1. Monica Howard 2, D. Stone 3, M. Harbot 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Kensington to preach at the Staines Deanery service commemorating the 27th jubilee of the Diocese of London.

**STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.** — On July 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans; 720 Oxford, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars); Monica Howard 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, D. Stone 3, V. Griffin 4, M. Hatchett 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6. Rung for the 27th jubilee of the Diocese of London.

**WALLINGTON, HERTS.** — On July 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Dixon 1, Miss P. Hutton (first in the method) 2, R. Castledine 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, E. Buck (cond.) 6.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Fisher 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Hughes (first quarter as cond.) 3, A. Botterill 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, R. E. Woolley 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Green (cond.) 1, F. C. Case 2, W. A. Yates 3, Miss K. M. Cowley 4, J. Chambers (first in the method) 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. W. Holland 7, D. Taylor 8.

**WIDCOMBE, BATH, SOMERSET.**—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burgess 1. Mrs. P. Newman 2. Miss A. Stephens 3. P. Bate 4. C. Conway (first as cond.) 5. H. Newman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Col. Guy Rogers, late churchwarden.



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## LANCASHIRE THE GATEWAY TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

### ITS FACILITIES FOR THE RINGING TOURIST

Recently 'The Ringing World' presented its readers with a special article dealing with a tour of the Lake District. This has induced Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, to plan a tour which would encompass some of the fine towers of Lancashire. He writes:—

Running roughly down the centre of Lancashire is a range of hills. Draw a line down each side of the hills and the lines would meet about Bolton. Now Bolton would make a good starting place. There are seven rings of eight and one of six in the town.

Passing along the east line we are soon in Blackburn. The Cathedral here has a modern ten (tenor 25 cwt.), a beautiful ring. The same can be said of Whalley (22½ cwt.), an historical old beacon church and ruins of an abbey. Whalley is only seven miles north of Blackburn.

Following the Ribble Valley another four miles and we are at Clitheroe, a modern eight (18 cwt.), and, crossing the Lancashire-Yorkshire border, we are in Gisburn (six bells, 9 cwt.). We are now at the top of the east line, and if time permits, with very little diversion, a number of towers can be visited.

We now cross those hills to the west line, joining it at Milnthorpe and in doing so pass through pretty scenery. Leaving the Ribble Valley we are soon in the Lune Valley. In the Settle district there are a number of 'pot holes' and subterranean rivers. 'Pot holing' is becoming an interesting pastime. At Ingleton there are caves with their stalactite and stalagmite deposits. Back to ringing—Settle has eight bells (14 cwt.); Ingleton has six steel bells (12 cwt.).

We now leave for Kirkby-Lonsdale, a beauty spot, part of which has been taken over by the National Trust (seven miles). The church has a fine six (12 cwt.), recently rehung. Twelve more miles brings us to the top of our west line, at Kendal. Kendal is often described as the gateway to the Lake District. It has a ring of ten (24 cwt.). North of this has been very ably described, so we will follow our west line southward and in so doing what a feast of bells we get! Heversham (6, 13 cwt.), Milnthorpe (6, 10 cwt.), a touch of the seaside, Morecambe (8, 10½ cwt.).

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Visiting ringers from a wide area were welcomed to the summer meeting of the Taunton Deanery held at North Curry on July 3rd. This recently renovated eight were put to good use in the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Tea was taken at a local inn followed by a short business meeting with Mr. Arthur Hayward in the chair. He recollected a repair carried out to one of the old bells by a local 'bellhanger' over 30 years ago, to prevent a crack spreading to the lip of the bell. The bellhanger who carried out the recent rehanging stated that this repair was still evident when the bell was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

During the afternoon and evening ringers were present from all parts of the Bath and Wells Diocese and also from Guildford (Surrey), Halesworth (Suffolk), Kent, London and Tiverton and Exeter (Devon). F. W.

### LANCASTER'S BELLS

Another four miles brings us to that beautiful and historic city, Lancaster. Here amongst many points of interest there can be seen, near the entrances of some dressed stone-built houses, a number of torch snuffers. When visiting Lancaster one would be advised to contact that veteran, John Woods; he would make the visit very interesting. He is a ringer at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, a tower with ten bells of unusual weight. Prior to the added trebles, the treble was ten cwt., and the bells went up in stages of just over two cwt. per bell to the 25 cwt. tenor. The new trebles are not in the same ratio. The 'go' is excellent. Lancaster also possesses another fine ring at the Priory Church within the Castle Grounds (8, 31 cwt.).

Scorton, next, is a pretty, unspoilt, pibless village with a beautiful eight (20 cwt.). In the next parish, Bilsborrow, there is a new eight (14 cwt.); Garstang, a recent rehung six (12½ cwt.); Preston (10, 25 cwt.); Penwortham, a suburb of Preston (8, 8½ cwt.); Walton, a new eight (15 cwt.); Chorley has two eights (17 cwt. and 12½ cwt.); Adlington, a comparatively new eight (14 cwt.); same at Horwich (8, 13½ cwt.) and back to Bolton.

With very little diversion a choice of more than double these towers could be arranged, including two fine rings of ten at Wigan and Leyland.

Should one desire a shorter tour, with Bolton as a starting place, follow the east line to Clitheroe, then take the Hodder Valley and through the Trough of Bowland to Lancaster. Included in this will be yet another beauty spot, Hornby, with its castle and church with its peculiarly-built tower. It is octagonal, at half-way the octagon is one-eighth turned. It has a nice and easy-going eight (12½ cwt.). Hornby is a good centre for salmon fishing.

From the west line the seaside is within easy reach. Morecambe, Blackpool and Southport and other smaller places on the Fylde coast. After passing through the Trough of Bowland and on to the top of the hill the panorama of Morecambe Bay, with the mountains of the Lake District in the background, will not be forgotten.

### NEW SUSSEX TOWN'S NOVEL CHURCH

At the request of the Rector, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex, rang out on the evening of July 7th during the consecration of the new Church of St. Richard by the Lord Bishop of Chichester.

The local ringers had hoped to ring a peal to mark this important occasion but holidays and examinations prevented an attempt, and a quarter peal came to grief in spite of some excellent ringing.

St. Richard's Church is built in an unusual style. Underneath the lantern tower stands the altar, the axial point of an L-shaped design of nave and hall, and behind which are the seats for the clergy.

The light, warm, contemporary building seems strange to those accustomed to worshipping in 700-years-old St. John's or the Saxon Church of Worth in which parish the new church would have been, prior to a boundary change.

The consecration was a big step forward in the church life of the new town and great blessings are hoped for.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Boughton Made the Ringers Welcome

Set in the midst of cornfields, orchards and hop gardens, Boughton-under-Blean was the venue of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. Sixty-five members attended, the belfry being packed most of the afternoon and evening, becoming so hot that it was refreshing to sit in the churchyard and take in the view as well as the fresh air. Situated a good country mile from the main part of the village, the church does not, as yet, enjoy the luxury of having electric light, nevertheless it was very pleasant to sit in this ancient church and sing our service in candlelight, to be welcomed by its Vicar (the Rev. C. V. Coleman), and to leave sharing a few thoughts with him. Mr. S. G. Epps had come over from Faversham to play for us, with our chairman reading the lesson.

Thoughtful Boughton ringers had very kindly provided a special coach to take us to tea, members sitting down to a glorious meal provided by ladies of the village. During the tea a guess-the-weight competition was held; the prize, a hamper containing a chicken dressed for the table with all the necessary vegetables to go with it, and even to the sweet course of cherries, strawberries and raspberries, and to add to the weight, a dozen eggs, was won by two-year-old Susan Page.

Following tea six new members were elected, Great Mongeham voted for a by-meeting, and the collection given to the Church Repair Fund. It was also decided to send a letter of greeting to the District's oldest member, 90-years-old Mr. A. H. Sayer.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; needless to say the thanks to the ladies for the tea and the floral decorations, to Roy Long and Eddie Wanstall for the hamper, and the local ringers for providing the coach and for doing so much to make us welcome, were more than warm. We left feeling that it must not be too long before we go again. B. J. L.

### Tonbridge District at Marden

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden on July 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Eagling) conducted the service.

From church to chapel—the Methodist schoolroom having very kindly been placed at the disposal of the ringers as the Church Hall was already occupied. Here an excellent tea awaited the members, provided by the Parochial Church Council, who received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Six new members were elected at the business meeting, all under the age of 16. Reference was made to the recent death of the oldest member of the District—Mr. W. Collison—who had passed away on June 21st at the age of 90. Although unable to attend meetings since the war, he had retained his interest to the last, and always wanted to hear the latest news. In fact, only the day before he died he was talking about the ringers he had known.

In spite of the lack of public transport, ringing continued until 9 p.m., those with cars volunteering to take home those without.

**ST. THOMAS', EXETER**

St. Thomas', Exeter, ringers and friends had their annual outing on July 3rd. At Lyme Regis, a musical eight (tenor 11 cwt.), George Morris had made arrangements for the visit and the bells were soon ringing to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, also rounds for the learners. Then came Crewkerne, where Mr. and Mrs. G. Pike had also made arrangements for an excellent tea at the Primrose Lounge. This is a grand eight (tenor 21 cwt.) of the same tone and class as Heavitree and Tiverton. Good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were again much enjoyed.

Onward to West Coker to a lighter ring of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.), where the Rev. G. A. Nicholson greeted us. Then homeward bound, stopping for refreshments. The weather was perfect, thus making the trip very picturesque and interesting.

**WELLINGTON AND ASHBITTLE**

Nine towers in the Exmouth area were visited by a party of ringers from Wellington and Ashbittle on Whit Monday.

These were Topsham, Clyst St. George (an excellent six recently recast), Woodbury (melodious, but not going too well), Lympstone (almost inaudible in belfry but sound nice to Cambridge), Withycombe Raleigh (a complete Warner eight), Littleham (like sleigh bells, with tenor 7½ cwt.; bells hung in two tiers of four), Harpford (one descends into belfry; an excellent six), Otterton (a musical six; rather noisy in the belfry), East Budleigh (a fine six once one has become accustomed to 84 feet of rope).

A very enjoyable day was spent in spite of rain, and Cyril Dean is thanked for his excellent organisation. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor and Plain Bob Major.

**OUTINGS****GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT**

A bus load of members and friends from towers in the Gainsborough District, aged eight months to 80 years, visited Lincolnshire and Norfolk towers on July 3rd. Fleet, the only detached tower in Lincolnshire, was the first call. A foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. B. Halifax, met the party and the nice six were put to good use. A very handy six were found at St. Faith's, Gaywood, and then on to Deringham, an interesting church on the Royal estates. This was another six (tenor 9 cwt.).

A whiff of sea air, some tea and, unfortunately, a torrential shower, were experienced at Hunstanton. However, the sun reappeared before we left. A slight detour was made on the homeward journey to pass as near as possible to the Royal residence at Sandringham.

Crowland, where the first ring of bells was hung, must now claim the distinction of having the longest draught of rope. Several rope guides, however, make them quite easy to handle. Although only a fairly light six (tenor 11 cwt.), their sound fills the Abbey in an amazing way and it needs someone one like sergeant-major to do the conducting. The local ringers escorted some of the party up to the tower, and from here one could visualise the scene centuries ago, when the Abbey, now a fraction of its former size, would be the only habitation in acres of desolate country. Even to-day fields of symmetrical shape, straight roads and dykes and an odd farm here and there are the only signs of life.

Home, for most people, was reached by midnight after a thoroughly enjoyable day. The punctuality at each place was uncannily accurate.

**ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, DORSET**

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers held a half-day outing and were accompanied by some fellow members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and friends, making a total of 26.

The first stop was at Crewkerne, where a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) was much enjoyed. At South Petherton (8, tenor 25 cwt.) misfortune overtook the party when the tenor rope broke. This was speedily replaced with a new one by two able members of the band and ringing continued satisfactorily.

After a short pause for tea the journey continued to Martock (8, tenor 25 cwt.), where a fine ring of bells with an equally fine church delighted all present. The last stop was at the tiny tower of Evershot (6, tenor 7 cwt.), a pleasing contrast to the heavier octaves.

Methods rung consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

R. H. D.

**HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD**

Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, went to the West Country for their annual outing on June 26th and selected towers for their weight and tonal qualities. Accustomed to ringing at a well-measured beat, they found the bells of Amesbury, Chewton Mendip and Westbury very much to their liking. Touches of Surprise Major in some of the most popular methods. Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, were rung and at each of the towers the company were complimented on the standard of their ringing. The company, however, 'blotted their copybook' in the evening at St. Thomas', Salisbury, when a touch failed to come round.

Before the party dispersed Chief Inspector R. J. C. Hagley expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. T. Mark White, the organiser, and to Mr. F. A. Munday, the conductor.

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## LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Herbert  
S. Palmer, Morecambe's oldest ringer. A  
memorial peal was rung on July 10th.

Those who took part in the  
peal at Eagle, Lincs, on July  
8th feel that they might  
qualify for the Society of Roving Owls! Half-  
way through, an unknown person switched off  
the electricity at the main switch. A deep  
twilight turned darker and darker and the peal  
was finished successfully, the ringers peering  
vaguely for ropes.

Have you heard about the bellringer who  
got caught in the ropes? He got himself  
'trolled-off.'—'Irish Bell News.'

Ringers attending the meeting of the Bicester  
Deanery at Piddington were intrigued by the  
Vicar's method of keeping the paths free from  
weeds by the use of a flame thrower.

Will Mr. H. Peskitt, who lives at Clonmere,  
Wyke Lane North, please inform the Editor  
of the town or village in which he lives and  
the tower where quarter peals were rung on  
May 15th, June 3rd and July 4th?

Our thanks to the 'Irish Bell News' for ex-  
tolling 'The Ringing World' in an editorial.  
The suggestion that one copy should find its  
way to each belfry, where it should be kept for  
permanent reference, is to be commended to  
all towers.

A novelty for your next social. Stand six  
ringers in a straight line giving them the names  
Ping, Pong, Ding, Dong, Biff, Bang, and then  
tell them to 'ring Grandsire Doubles.' Instead  
of using handbells each ringer has to call his  
allotted name as he moves from place to place.  
This caused a lot of hilarity at Newcastle.

An example of public appreciation towards  
bells comes from Waltham, near Grimsby.  
The Rector held a gift day for the repair  
of his bells (6, tenor 11 cwt.). Hoping to raise  
about £150 towards the estimate of £250, he  
was agreeably surprised to collect £224 in 12  
hours.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

To mark the 75th anniver-  
sary of the foundation of the  
Winchester Diocesan Guild  
an iced cake was provided by an anonymous  
donor at their recent A.G.M. There was suf-  
ficient for each of the company, numbering over  
100, to have a piece.

Ringers attending the Oxford Festival should  
note that there will not be ringing at St. Cross'  
or St. Aldate's.

The ringer of the fifth bell in the peal of  
Minor in seven methods at Wigtoft, Lincs, on  
June 26th (see page 436) was Leslie H. Haylor  
and not Ronald Padley

Thanks and appreciation are expressed to  
all those who made it possible for a bus load to  
go to and from Berrington and have a ring on  
the occasion of the Three Guilds' Festival at  
Shrewsbury on July 10th.

Mr. W. J. S. Brunt, secretary of Wood-  
chester tower, Gloucester, informs us that the  
famous Roman pavement at Woodchester will  
be open to the public between July 26th and  
August 8th. This is well worth a visit by  
ringers on outings or privately.

Cpl. R. K. Russ, R.A.F., of Checkendon,  
Oxon, wishes to thank, through the columns of  
'The Ringing World,' both the Devon Guild  
and Association ringers in and around Exeter  
for the welcome they extended to him during  
his recent holiday. Their kindness and co-  
operation are much appreciated.

The mystery of the first peal at Upper  
Gravenhurst still continues. Mr. D. P. Jones  
writes that there was no peal for the Corona-  
tion, 1953, only some ringing. . . call changes.  
The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead listed it as a peal-  
less tower. 'I feel sure the claim of "first  
peal on the bells" will prove to be correct,'  
Mr. Jones concludes.

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# PEAL RINGING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

**PEALS** at the 118 towers in Buckinghamshire are dwarfed by the number which have been rung at Hughenden. No less than 289 have been rung there since the first recorded on December 29th, 1883. To have reached this number means that ringing there has been very consistent, but the peak of achievement appears to have been reached in the 1930's, when peals in many different Surprise methods were rung, including the first ever of Hughenden Surprise and Newcastle Surprise. Thirty-nine have been rung since the war, so the tower is still going strong and will soon be celebrating its 300th peal at this rate. The first peal recorded doesn't say that it was the first on the bells, so perhaps here may have been a few previously. I hope it will be possible to find this out.

No other church has reached half this total, in fact only three others have passed the 100 mark. The first of these is the only 12-bell tower in the county—High Wycombe. Ringing here has also been consistent, but not on the same annual scale as at Hughenden, of course. The peal total since 1881 is 111, and since 27 of these have been rung since the war, the art is flourishing very well at the moment, with a yearly average higher than it has ever been before. The other two towers to have passed the century are Beaconsfield and Burnham, the former with 103 and the latter having the second highest total in the county—143. Most peals were rung at Beaconsfield between 1900 and 1914, but the 1930's were also good years. In the last ten years 16 have been rung, which is just about the average over the whole period. Burnham has been going great guns since 1945. Nearly half its total have been rung since then (67, in fact). The 1930's were also good years for this church, where the first peal was rung in 1897.

## SLOUGH NEAR ITS 50th PEAL

Slough is the only ten-bell tower in Buckinghamshire and, actually, the original eight were only augmented three or four years ago. Forty-seven peals have been rung here, so there will be a 50th peal in the tower to celebrate soon. Most peals here were rung before 1914—30 between the years 1887 and 1913. Only ten were rung from 1914 to 1944. The five peals on the ten since 1951 means that peal ringing is above the average at the moment, so we hope it will continue, as surely it will, being the only ten in the county.

There are only four towers with totals between 50 and 100. West Wycombe is the highest of these with 90. Actually, this has been one of the most popular towers in the county between the two wars, for the first peal on the eight didn't take place until 1923 (there was one previous peal on six in 1914). From 1923 to 1939, 83 peals were rung, an average of over five a year. In the same period just over 100 were rung at Hughenden, so West Wycombe wasn't far behind. There has been a falling off since the war, unfortunately, and only six peals have been recorded since then.

Wraybury comes next with 60. Thirteen of these were rung between 1891 and 1913, 36 between 1922 and 1939, and 11 since 1945, thus the 1922 to 1939 period was the best. A six-bell tower comes next of the four—Hitcham, with 58. The first peal was rung in 1920 and four more in the next ten years. The war years, fortunately, don't appear to have affected this tower except for the enforced break, for 28 peals were rung in the 1930's and 25 in the past ten years. This tower is well ahead of the other six-bell churches. Wooburn is the fourth tower to exceed 50 (55). Thirty of these were rung from 1886 to 1914 and 23 from 1919 to 1934. Only two peals have been rung here since then—in 1945 and 1946.

Only one eight-bell tower has not had a peal rung at it since the war—Newton Longville, where we have to go back to 1919 for the last peal. Actually, only three peals have been rung on the eight bells here, in 1907, 1914 and 1919. Six peals were rung on six bells between 1903 and 1906. The only other eight-bell tower with a point of interest to mention is Farnham Royal, which is nearing the 50 mark (47 peals).

## CHURCHWARDENS RING A QUARTER PEAL

*When the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held its last quarterly meeting a discussion around the tea table indicated that no fewer than seven of the members were churchwardens. A peal was at once suggested, but as some of the older members felt that three hours would be too long to stand a quarter peal attempt was agreed to.*

*This was successfully accomplished on July 3rd at Gayton, Northamptonshire, when 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire) was successfully brought round.*

*The band consisted of F. Hall (Grafton Regis) 1, J. Higgins (Cosgrove) 2, G. Atkins (Grafton Regis) 3, W. J. Chester (Helmdon) 4, W. F. Eyden (Tiffeld) 5, A. Booth (Green's Norton) 6. Conductor W. J. Chester. This is the first churchwardens' quarter peal for the Branch.*

*Thanks are due to Mr. W. F. Eyden, who provided the transport and refreshments.*

## FOURTEEN TOWERS UNCONQUERED

All the eight-bell towers have been rung to a peal, but 14 of the 62 six-bell towers are still unconquered, as are most of the five-bell towers. Hitcham has been mentioned as the champion of the towers with fewer bells. Next comes Emberton, with 41. The period 1899 to 1914 was the heyday here, for 32 peals were rung then. Just after the first war was again a little spasm of activity and a 10,000 was rung in 1923. Was this too much for the bells or the populace, for since then only three peals have been rung, two in 1928 and one in 1929? Calverton follows with 36, despite the fact that it has been silent for nearly 25 years. Again it was the pre-first war period which shows the greatest activity, for 25 of the peals were rung from 1905 to 1914.

On the other hand, Fulmer (35 peals) had its best time between the wars, 24 peals being rung between 1927 and 1940. The tower has only appeared twice in the peal list since. Horton has been most prominent since the war, for 18 out of its 32 peals have been rung since then. The only other churches to have reached double figures are Clifton Reynes (22), Wendover (16), Sympton and Bradwell (15), Chalfont St. Peter (11) and Chicheley and Ellesborough (10). Of the six-bell towers where peals have been rung, Waddesdon has been silent the longest, its only peal having been rung in 1902.

Ten five-bell towers have had peals rung at them, but none has reached double figures. Beachampton has the most—five. Little Horwood's only peal was also rung in 1902.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### An Encouraging Year Reviewed

The 35th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild took place at Cardiff on July 3rd, when there was a good attendance of members and friends. The bells of St. John's, Cardiff, Penarth and Whitchurch were available and, as a special concession, Mr. Hannington had managed to obtain permission for us to ring at Llandaff Cathedral, a privilege we much appreciated.

The Guild's service was held at St. John's, Cardiff, conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. A. Hughes), who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea in St. James' Hall.

Most meetings leave their votes of thanks until the end, but the Ladies' Guild reverse this procedure so that the gentlemen may know how much their efforts on behalf of the Ladies' Guild are appreciated, and before the business meeting commenced the president (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. Barker for making all the arrangements at St. John's, Mr. Bailey (Whitchurch), Mr. Weaver (Penarth), Mr. Hannington (Llandaff Cathedral) and all those who had helped with the meeting in general and the tea.

At the business meeting which followed, ten new members were elected, nine from South Wales and one from Northern Ireland. The officers of the Guild were re-elected—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (president), Miss Colgate (secretary and treasurer) and Miss A. Bailey (auditor).

In her report the secretary stated that 1953 had been an encouraging year. The total membership of the Guild had increased and the two newly-formed Districts—South Wales and North-Eastern—had made steady progress. Two peals had been rung for the Guild during the year, both in the Midlands District, including the first of Yorkshire Major.

Guildford was proposed as the venue for the next annual general meeting and all members are asked to make a special note of the place and date—Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Word has already reached us of the welcome that awaits us from the Southern District, and though we think they will have difficulty in improving on the arrangements made for us in South Wales we look forward to our visit there and hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend.

Before concluding the meeting, the president gave a special word of thanks to Miss J. S. Evans, not only for all the arrangements she had made for that meeting, but also for her work in forming the South Wales District, whose membership (now 76) was as high as many of the Districts which had been in existence for a much longer period.

Further ringing took place at St. John's and Penarth and catered for all tastes, from rounds to Surprise, and included several touches by all-ladies' bands. A. L.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### High Opinions of Piddington

Piddington, where the Bicester Deanery held its quarterly meeting on July 10th, has a special claim to fame. Tea provided by the local ringers' wives on the Vicarage lawn was voted as the best tea enjoyed by any of the company present at a ringers' meeting!

The five bells were rung in the afternoon till 7 p.m. to rounds, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. In the evening the eight at Ambrosden were available.

The service was conducted by the Branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse), Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Cragg, of Bucknell.

At the business meeting Mr. L. G. Godfrey, of Brill, was elected a member.



## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

### 75th Anniversary Meeting

THE annual general meeting held at Winchester on July 3rd was of special significance, being the 75th anniversary of the formation of the former Winchester Diocesan Guild (founded June 26th, 1879). Despite the unsettled weather over 100 members were present, representing the eight Districts of the Guild, and, in addition, several ringers from outside the Guild's area.

At the business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall, the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger), who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and hon. treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed), extended a welcome to all the visitors who had taken the opportunity to attend.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the work undertaken and completed by the hon. secretary in connection with both the George Williams Memorial and the Guild War Memorial.

Arising out of the minutes of the last annual meeting directing that the question of whether or not a full report should be printed, should be deferred for twelve months, it was reported that owing to the still further reduction in the Guild's finances, the Executive Committee had been compelled to decide that only an abridged report should be published this year. The meeting endorsed the committee's action.

### SPECIAL EFFORTS REDUCE BALANCES

The hon. treasurer, in explaining the balance sheet, stated that the balance had been reduced from £249 to £196 but during the year sums of £25 18s. 10d. and £29 11s. were transferred from the Central Fund to the George Williams Memorial and Guild War Memorial schemes respectively. As the committee had stated, the annual reports were still a costly item (compared with the 1934 report, at 4d. per member, the 1952 report worked out at 1s. 6d.). By printing an abridged report for 1953, it would represent 8½d. per report. Despite the economies effected and contemplated, the treasurer stressed that the only real solution was a drive to get an increased membership.

The report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. general treasurer stated that the past year had seen the fulfilment of two schemes for which the Guild was to be congratulated. The George Williams Memorial Library was completed and dedicated in May, on the anniversary of the late Master's birthday, and the War Memorial panels, which had been added as wings to the previous panel, were completed and dedicated in November.

Reports from the various Districts indicated that activity was on the increase and, on the whole, a useful year had been spent. Compared with the previous year the membership had remained fairly steady. Honorary membership was 81 compared with 89 in 1952, ringing membership 591 (592), compounding 15 (20). Two or three years ago ringing members totalled over 700. 'We must strive to regain our former membership.'

### TWO RECORD LENGTHS

Peal ringing had showed a marked increase over a wide area: 52 tower bell peals had been rung compared with 30 in 1952. Although handbell peals had dropped from 17 to 14, it more than compensated to know that the Bournemouth handbell band had secured for the Guild the honour of holding the record lengths of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

The peal recorder's report stated that 156 members took part in 52 tower- and 14 handbell peals, 16 ringing their first peal. There were 26 conductors among them. D. T. Matkin with 12 handbell peals and C. H. Kippin with 11 tower bell peals. Double Oxford Bob Major was rung for the first time for the Guild and there were two record lengths by the

Bournemouth handbell band (mentioned above). Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, presented a lengthy report of the Council meeting held at Newcastle at Whitsun, and the general secretary expressed his apology to the meeting in not being able to represent the Guild on that occasion.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. A. Reed; hon. auditor, Mr. L. Bailey; hon. librarian, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; recorder of peals, Mr. N. Hayes.

### THE RINGING WORLD

A discussion took place on how the Guild could give practical help towards the suggestions offered by 'The Ringing World' Committee in endeavouring to improve the position of that journal. Some of the Districts had appointed a representative whose duty was to persuade their members to support and obtain new readers for the paper, and it was hoped this effort would bear fruit.

Eventually it was agreed to send the following resolution to the secretary of the Central Council:—'That as an immediate measure to secure the maximum income from the present circulation, distribution of 'The Ringing World' be made through the post only, and supplies to subscribers through newsagents discontinued.'

Owing to the demand for Guild badges and the low stock in hand it was agreed to order a further supply of 300 brooch-type. In order to conserve further the Guild finances it was agreed to print the annual report for next year in the abridged form now in circulation.

The venue of the next annual general meeting was selected as Basingstoke on July 2nd, 1955.

### BISHOP AT SERVICE AND TEA

The Guild service was held in St. Maurice's Church, at which the Bishop of Winchester was present.

At the tea which followed the Bishop joined the company, where an iced anniversary cake was supplied by an anonymous donor, each ringer present receiving a portion. At the conclusion the Master gave a résumé of the past 75 years of the existence of the Guild and its parent society. Mr. Lampard (Winchester Cathedral) was the oldest member present. Mr. W. Linter (late hon. treasurer) presented a portrait of the late Master (Mr. George Williams), which was accepted as a valuable contribution to the library.

Votes of thanks were extended to the various incumbents for the use of their bells and to the anonymous donor of the birthday cake.

### Canterbury's Nonagenarian Ringer

On Wednesday, June 30th, the bells of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, were rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. A. H. Sayer, a member of the band. Although Mr. Sayer now resides at Chislehurst, some few miles out of Canterbury, he often travels on a Sunday morning to have a ring at St. Dunstan's.

On the evening of his birthday he took part in several touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, himself conducting one touch. To round off the evening's ringing he took part in a 'birthday' touch of 90 Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Sayer started his ringing career in Birchington, Kent, at the age of 16. Both his father and brothers were ringers and lived to well over 90! He is a life member of Canterbury Cathedral band and until fairly recently had taken an active part in the ringing there, but he now says that the long climb to the ringing chamber is a little too much for him.

## AN 80th BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER

### Celebrations at Exeter

In the peal columns will be found the report of a peal of Bob Major in honour of Mr. E. J. Ryall's 80th birthday. Mr. Ryall is a true friend of all ringers. A devoted member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, he is held in high esteem throughout the county. Still an active member at St. Thomas', Exeter, he is a vice-president of the Guild and a past Branch chairman and past hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch. No Branch meeting is complete without him.

After the peal the band, with other members of St. Thomas', were lavishly entertained to supper at Mr. Ryall's residence. His health was toasted with his own make apple cider, which proved rather much for the uninitiated—the conductor rang 1-2 to Grandsire Triples on handbells, to the surprise of all present, including himself.

The tenorman, referring to the peal, was rather concerned about the confidence of the conductor in the last few courses, thinking he was rather pale about the 'gills,' but, to his relief, found out later that it was owing to one of 'Bill's' infrequent visits to his tonsorial adviser!

Thanks, congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. Ryall and it was remarked that Sir Winston Churchill could think himself highly honoured to be born in the same year as Mr. Ryall and Mr. C. G. Glass, whose 80th birthday had already been marked earlier in the year.

The writer saw the conductor safely to his bus and crawled home with mellow thoughts of another 80th birthday well and truly celebrated. F. W.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### First Visit to Kentisbeare

July 10th was a red letter day for the N.E. Branch, when, for the first time in the history of the Guild, a meeting was held at St. Mary's, Kentisbeare. The eight members of the local band were enlisted as associate members. At present they are a call change band but in future they hope to change to half-pull ringing. It is hoped very shortly to hear these bells going to Grandsire and Stedman, as the band already ring these changes from cards, changing every hand stroke.

The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Baker) was most impressive. The Branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. Jones) read the lesson, and Mr. Cottrell was the organist. The collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 3d.

About 40 members sat down to tea at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, arrangements having been made by the ringers of Kentisbeare.

Supporting the Branch chairman at the business meeting were the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor) and the Branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Ware). A vote of thanks to all at Kentisbeare was passed with acclamation. Huntsham, the home of change ringing, was selected for the next meeting, on October 2nd.

Both the general secretary and the president addressed the meeting on 'The Ringing World' and urged increasing postal subscribers. Mr. W. H. Ware was appointed publicity officer for the Branch, to whom all matters of interest are to be sent, and he was also instructed to push the sales of the journal. Four new postal subscribers should be coming to 'The Ringing World' in the near future.

Mr. A. G. Selly was the Ringing Master, and standard methods were practised by the 50 members present.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PLAIN BOB TRIPLES AND THE REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE, 1953

Dear Sir.—The proposition I made about the 12 peals of Bob Triples is incorrectly recorded on page 441 of 'The Ringing World,' July 9th, 1954. I never made any mention of Treble Bob. Here is the exact wording of the proposition I put forward:—

'That the 12 peals referred to in the report be included in the 1953 Analysis, and that the question of deleting such peals from any future Analysis be deferred until after the publication of the new Council's Handbook.'

In moving this resolution I made the following points:—

(1) It was a FACT that both ringers generally and most members of the Council did not know of any Council decision against Bob Triples, and it was, therefore, unfair, WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS WARNING, to reject such peals.

(2) Peals of Bob Triples have never previously been rejected, so, in effect, if it is out of order to include them in the Analysis this year, every Analysis since 1904 which has included Bob Triples has been out of order. So many have been accepted that it has really become 'Case Law' to do so, pending the consolidation and reprinting of the C.C. Rules and Decisions in the new handbook.

(3) Few members of the Central Council have a copy of the old Rules and Decisions, nor do they appear on the list of publications available from the C.C. Librarian.

(4) There is no doubt whatsoever that these 12 peals of Bob Triples were rung 'innocently' and not deliberately to flout rules and decisions. To my mind they are a worthy contribution.

When the vote was taken on my resolution one member submitted that it was out of order for the Council to pass such a resolution (it was obviously going to be passed), and this member's objection was allowed. Instead it was resolved to accept the report of the Peals Analysis Committee EXCEPT the paragraph about the peals of Bob Triples. This leaves the position rather confused, but presumably, since all the other statistics, percentages, etc., in the report refer to figures INCLUDING the 12 peals of Bob Triples, and since at the time of the Council meeting the peals had not in fact been deleted, they will remain in the 1953 Analysis unless next year they are retrospectively deleted by the Council.

In conclusion, a warning note. It is now KNOWN GENERALLY that in 1904 at least the Central Council did not see eye to eye with Bob Triples and that there is still a rule against peals of Bob Triples. It would be advisable for ringers to refrain from peals of Bob Triples until after a definite decision next year or their opponents will be able to argue that they are doing so to flout the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council.

Where rules are KNOWN, the correct procedure is to endeavour to secure alteration of the rules which are considered unsuitable. No doubt in the next year or two much time and careful thought will need to be devoted to bringing the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council up to date prior to re-publishing.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating our Newcastle friends on the magnificent welcome they extended to all visiting ringers?

The thoughtful and spirited debates on the Tuesday, with touches of humour at appropriate moments, indicated that the new Council promises to be an energetic one, worthy to continue the good work and further emphasise the close relation between the Council and the ordinary ringer.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

## EVERCREECH BELL RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. L. W. Bullock's enquiry, the recordings were made by a mixed band drawn from Evercreech and towers in the neighbourhood. Mr. Sayer, of Evercreech, made the rather extensive arrangements necessary.

I am glad that the striking finds favour, although those of us who took part are conscious of many faults. Some of our very best ringing was discarded on various grounds—the whistle of a train at the railway junction a mile away; a bus at the bus stop; fluff on the needle; started too soon, etc. Nine records were processed and so far five have been used regularly. I have recently suggested to the Director of Programmes that Double Court Minor on the back six should be added to the stock five. The record is quite good, and rather typical of this county of weighty sixes.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Som.

## FIRST OF STEDMAN FOR ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, on June 29th, claiming it as the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Guild, may I point out that the first peal of Stedman for this Guild was rung at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on September 11th, 1952, during a West Wales tour, and was conducted by Albert Diserens, who left some of us in no doubt as to his abilities in this direction.

During this tour the first peals of Pudsey, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were also rung for the Guild at Llanstephan, St. David's and Tenby respectively.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—I note that the peal of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. Harold Poole at St. Mary's, Tenby, on June 29th, 1954, is stated to be the first peal of Stedman for the St. David's Diocesan Guild. May I point out that I conducted a peal of Stedman Triples for this Guild at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on September 11th, 1952, whilst on a peal tour with Messrs. Wilfred Williams and Donald Clift.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT DISERENS.

Reading.

## ROCHESTER SURPRISE AT SOUTHPORT

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent in Belfry Gossip of a recent 'Ringing World,' as conductor of both peals of Rochester Surprise Major rung at Christ Church, Southport, I think the footnote is in order. No doubt your correspondent hasn't been to Southport the last twelve months, otherwise he would know the present ring of bells is a new one, with the tenor 2 cwt. heavier, opened for the first time June, 1953.—Yours sincerely,

J. RIDYARD.

Southport.

## WHEN FRAMSDEN WAS ALTERED TO LOUGHBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—If the Methods Committee will refer to 'The Ringing World' of January 20th, 1939, page 40, they will see that the late T. W. Last, of Helmingham, withdrew the name 'Framsdén' for the peal rung in 1938, and requested the Analysis Committee to alter it to Loughborough so as to avoid confusion.

Corrigan's Part E of 'Dates of First Peals' (May, 1950) also has it corrected.—Yours faithfully,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport, Cheshire.

## NOT GOOD COPY

Dear Sir,—Some years ago one of the branches of the Herts County Association submitted for publication in 'The Ringing World' a certain composition of Stedman Triples. This the Editor (who was at that time Mr. Trollope) refused to do, in spite of repeated efforts and quite a deal of protests on the part of the interested parties.

The reason which Mr. Trollope gave for his view was that the subject was not 'good copy' and its eventual appearance in print was only obtained at the expense of the members of the branch, under the notice column. Apart from the general satisfaction derived by this group of ringers in 'getting one over' the Editor (it was all in good fun on both sides), I am not at all certain that the readers of 'The Ringing World' as a whole were particularly interested in the publication; in fact, I strongly suspect that Mr. Trollope was quite right in his judgment of its true value, as material to fill the pages of the journal.

This incident was brought to mind by the recent correspondence on the subject of the printing of reports of peals. Unless a peal is particularly brilliant in either composition or performance, it can only be of interest to quite a small group of individuals and must surely fall under the heading of 'bad copy.' That being the case, I feel that the Editor should exercise his judgment in this matter in the same way as in the incident which I have recounted, and only peals which he considers to be noteworthy should be published.

Having expressed that view, I must admit that were peal reports omitted I should miss them; not from the point of view of their reading material, but rather that 'The Ringing World' without its peal columns would be like a church without a ring of bells: in neither are they (let's face it) absolutely essential, but in both cases are a manifestation of what transpires within.—Yours faithfully,

RUSSELL G. SPEARS.

Datchet, Bucks.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in the issue dated July 2nd was very much to the point and opportune.

It is not always possible, however, to arrange for the party to consist mainly of ringers as so often the ringers' families like to join these outings. Under these circumstances the organiser should endeavour to provide for the interests of the non-ringers as well as for those of the ringers.

I would like to add one point not covered by your contributor. A letter of thanks to the incumbents and/or the tower captains of those churches who have put their bells at the service of the visitors should be considered a 'must.' Such a letter will usually be appreciated and completes a job otherwise generally well done.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. COTTERILL. M.I.E.E.

West Bromwich.

## FALSE PEAL AT INGATESTONE

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor in 19 methods rung at Ingatestone, Essex, on May 22nd, 1954, and published in 'The Ringing World' of June 18th on page 390, is false. This is entirely due to a fault of my own and I wish to tender my apologies to the rest of the band.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.



## FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,'  
July 24th, 1914

### IRELAND'S LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

Many eminent men have graced the ringing Exercise, but . . . only one of His Majesty's judges, and that is he who now occupies the exalted position of Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

Born near Waterford on March 19th, 1859, Lord Chief Justice Cherry was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A. in 1879 and was double gold medallist in mental science, and history and political science. Taking up the law as a profession [he] was first scholar in International Law at the Middle Temple, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1881, taking silk in 1896. He was examiner in Political Economy for the Indian Civil Service 1888-9, and professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law in the University of Dublin 1889-94. Turning his attention to politics . . . he was elected for the Exchange Division of Liverpool in 1906, which he represented until 1909, when he was elevated to the Bench as a Lord Justice of Appeal for Ireland, having since 1905 been Attorney General. . . . He regularly takes his place in the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral when he is in Dublin.

[Sir Richard Cherry took part in the first peal by an Irish Society, at Waterford on December 9th, 1873. His total at the time was about 20, including Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Kent Major.]

## THE FUTURE OF HEXTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Last year I supplied some information about the ruined tower and three old bells at Hexton, near Hitchin, Herts. I have recently discussed this again with the Vicar of Barton-in-the-Clay, Beds, who is also in charge at Hexton.

There is a fund to 'restore' the tower to make it a safe ruin containing at least the 14th century(?) Rufford bell for chiming. The nave needs reorganising and decorating before being used again, even if the tower is made safe. The part still standing has not given way further since the collapse in 1947, and the bells are comparatively safe for the time being.

The village is doing its best to raise money, but, numbering only 200, the task is a long one. It may prove necessary to sell the two 17th century bells, and the Vicar wishes them to be used as church bells, a sentiment which will be shared, I am sure, by all lovers of old bells. The Vicar would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in opening up negotiations for their transfer, or I myself would be pleased to give further information if any should get in touch with me. The details are as follows:—

(1) Chandler made me 1697. Note C, diameter 32½ inches. Canons retained, untuned. About 5 cwt.

(2) Chandler made me 1688 (churchwardens' initials). Note: a little flat of A, diameter 38 inches, weight about 9 cwt., canons retained, flattened by chiselling between waist and sound-bow.

Both bells are of good tone, especially the larger. A neighbouring parish has already shown interest in the smaller bell for augmentation purposes.

I hope these good old bells will never go as mere scrap, and that if they cannot stay in their own tower we shall find a good home where they can be used once again for the purpose for which they were cast so long ago.—Yours sincerely,

D. P. JONES.

81, Grove Road, Hitchin, Herts.

## NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

### Another Encouraging Week

A new objective awaits our correspondents who are working so splendidly in increasing 'Ringing World' sales. We need under 100 new readers to reach the 6,000 circulation mark. That is contingent upon the renewal of outstanding postal subscribers.

Essex has narrowed the gap to one in Hertfordshire's lead for new postal subscribers since the campaign started. There have been other welcome additions. The position on Monday morning was as follows:—

- 24.—Hertfordshire.
- 23.—Essex.
- 17.—Surrey.
- 15.—Wales.
- 14.—London
- 13.—Staffordshire.
- 11.—Lancashire.
- 10.—Birmingham, Leicester.
- 9.—Norfolk.
- 8.—Devon.
- 6.—Bedfordshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset.
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- 4.—Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Middlesex, Northants.
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- 2.—Bucks, Cornwall, Oxfordshire, B.A.O.R.
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### WHITBY ABBEY

It was the last tower of the day and a little rest and refreshment left us with an appetite for the pleasure to come. We made our way down to the harbour and then up the narrow streets edged with fishermen's cottages and their 'pubs' almost toppling into the water. A little sign said 199 steps to the belfry and Abbey. The breeze was salty and bracing; there was no mistaking the tang of the Yorkshire coast.

Our numbers were adequate so I felt no guilt as I passed the belfry door and sauntered along the cliffs. What an utterly glorious view! Behind me lay the Goathland Moors. Below, great waves rose and crashed against the cliffs. The two piers like arms outstretched hugging the little boats between them. The bay beyond, and lovely little Sandsend sitting snugly under the cliffs, and in the distance a light mist hanging over it all like a delicate lace curtain.

I could hear a low murmuring of the bells as the ringers gave them their voices. On and on they urged them until their full glory sounded over the hills. My heart filled with song—'Land of hope and glory, Mother of the free.' I thought of those who had died in the wars so that such as I could stand here as free as a bird and as happy as a king, and I thought of the man who had taught me to ring and of the women who by their efforts had given us the freedom of the belfry. I gave a humble prayer of thanks to them all.

E. DORICE KELLY.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Presentation to Mr. Tom Page

Whether it was due to the 'closeness' in the belfry or to the dog-like noises each time the belfry door was heaved to and fro, the ringing was not of a very high standard at the Farnham District meeting held at Worplesdon on July 10th.

A good number turned up for afternoon ringing, which was followed by the ringers' service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone).

An excellent tea was followed by a short business meeting at which the Rector took the chair, and Mr. C. W. Denyer (vice-president of the Guild) acted as secretary, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. S. Joyce and Mr. R. Mills. Seven new members were elected and Miss Myrtle Cass was appointed as District correspondent to 'The Ringing World.'

After Mr. Denyer had proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, the local captain (Mr. S. Petter) and the tea organisers, came the most important business of the day—the presentation of a breakfast set on behalf of the District to Mr. Tom Page (Joint Ringing Master), who is to be married on July 24th. The presentation was made by the Rector.

After the meeting the ringers returned to the belfry, where various methods were rung from rounds to Cambridge Surprise until 9 o'clock, under the leadership of Mr. T. Page and Mr. E. J. Wells, his co-Ringing Master.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Huntingdon District Visit Bucks

A most enjoyable outing was held on July 3rd in 'leafy' Buckinghamshire, the party including that 'hardy annual' for Hampstead, and the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Warrington, who is not yet fighting fit. The fine air of the Chilterns proved most exhilarating.

The first ring was at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ellesborough, and these six were soon going to Cambridge; then came the grand octave of St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, bells made for Stedman.

After lunch at High Wycombe the weighty six at St. Mary's, Amersham, were rung for a wedding. Some good Cambridge and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal.

A most refreshing tea at Burnham was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church, where Mr. Gilbert's proud claim was amply justified. The last tower, Chalfont St. Peter's, reminded many of the party of 36 of their own rings.

Mr. Lack expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Harold Peacock for the capable way he had organised the trip.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Dorchester Branch at Wool

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool on June 26th. The bells were rung prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Whitter), the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby). Ladies of the church provided tea for the 35 members present in the Village Hall.

Afterwards the meeting was conducted by Canon A. W. Markby. In the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) deputised. Three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meetings at Litton Cheney and Fordington (in September). The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were: Abbotsbury, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Preston, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster.

R. H. D.



# ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

## XVI. GRANDSIRE CATERS AND CINQUES

When we ring an even bell method on a higher number of bells (Royal or Maximus instead of Major) we merely increase the size of our 'framework' and we do not affect in any way the Coursing Order of the working bells or our technique for transposing them.

But in Grandsire, when we ring Caters or Cinques, our extra two or four bells are concerned in the bob making and can be called in and out of the hunt just the same way as any of the other bells. At a plain lead the bell which is last in Coursing Order makes thirds place and becomes first (after the bell in the hunt). At a bob or single the last two bells in the Coursing Order become the first two (round the other way at a single) and then are followed by the bell which comes out of the hunt and all the remainder in the same order.

A short example touch of 180 changes of Grandsire Caters will make this clear:—

Lead Ends	Calling	Coursing Orders
23456789		23468975
25374968		25346897
—97285634	9 in Hunt	—97253468
98762453		98725346
—46938572	9 out at 2	—46987253
—53426798	with Double	—53469872
52374869		52346987
—87592634	8 in Hunt	—87523469
89765423		89752346
—46839275	8 out at 2	—46897523
—23456789	with Double	—23468975

On the left of the calling are the lead ends from rounds. These are obtained by transposing the preceding row by 25374968 at a plain lead and by 75293846 at a bob. He would be a clever conductor who could do these eight-figure transpositions in his head while ringing—they are not easy with pencil and paper.

But if you look at the Coursing Orders on the right of the calling you will see that the transpositions are just as easy as in Triples. I have emphasised the only figures which are altered—one at a plain lead and two at a bob. Try this for yourself, on paper, with this or a different touch—you will be pleased to find how quick and easy it is. Therefore it is clearly simpler when it has to be done mentally while ringing.

## CONCLUSION

If you—the would-be conductor—have understood these articles you will be seeking opportunities for putting these hints into practice. And you may feel that it would not be fair to the rest of the band to risk making mistakes and spoiling their touches, let alone their peals, during your early attempts.

But you have no need to do anything of the sort. Every time you ring in a touch you can carry out mental transpositions of the Coursing Orders every time someone else calls a bob. You can tell whether the bobs are at W, B, M or H by the bells which are affected in the Coursing Order, and at the end of the touch you will be able to surprise the conductor by telling him what he called. What is more you may even, if there is a trip and the conductor looks as much at sea as those concerned in the trip, be able to put the bells right merely by

knowing the Coursing Order. And you need never be lost yourself if you remember that Coursing Order.

If you show in this way that you know what is going on in a touch or peal it will not be long before you will be asked to conduct the touch or peal yourself.

You will also find that a conductor or bob-caller is often only too pleased if he has in the band at least one member of it who can keep his own place and help to put the bells right if need be. Many a conductor will admit that he has often asked another member of the band whether a certain call was the second or third of a group of three. If you have been following the calling by transposing the Coursing Orders you will be able to give him a confident answer and perhaps save a peal.

Some conductors have the admirable habit of telling other members of the band the composition before starting for a peal. This must clearly give a conductor more confidence if he feels that should he have a short mental lapse it does not mean that the peal will be lost. It is also, of course, excellent practice for someone learning to conduct to follow out all the calling and all the changes of Coursing Order throughout a peal, without that feeling of great responsibility that he would have had were he really conducting his first peal. Quite often, too, an incipient trip can be corrected or prevented without even the conductor knowing anything of it. This calls for a great deal of co-operation, not only from the conductor, but also from his band—it no doubt sounds like heresy to some conductors—but it does result in a high percentage of peals gained.

A further advantage of conducting by Coursing Order is that in an emergency you can call a peal or touch without learning anything except the position of the bobs. We have all admired the man who fills the breach when the arranged conductor is unable to turn up, or the method has to be changed to one that he cannot call.

It is an easy and speedy matter to learn the position of the bobs in some of the more simple compositions. So long as you can work out the Coursing Orders as you go along you need not worry that you had not time to write out the Course Ends or learn certain of them beforehand. For instance, it is a simple matter to learn the calls of a four-part peal of Plain Bob (only eleven courses usually) or a three-part peal of Kent, Oxford or Bristol which has five courses. Or what could be easier, while the band is trying to find a conductor for a peal of Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, New Cambridge or Painswick Surprise Major, to look up Pitstow's 5.088 in your notebook. It is only W. 3H., W. 3H., B. 2H., twice repeated, and if you can ring the chosen method you can also conduct it in the fullest sense of the word.

If the method is Surprise Royal or Maximus, the number of courses is less and the calling that much easier, but your reputation as a man who can call these things 'off the cuff' will be greatly enhanced.

A well-known ringer recently remarked that he wished he had never learnt transposition by course ends. He fully realised that not only was transposition of Coursing Orders so much easier, but that in the emergencies of actual ringing the former method was almost useless, while the latter was a necessity if he was to do his job as a conductor.

May I end as I began by appealing to the experts for helpful criticism and advice. Letters to the Editor on these lines, written as the result of years of experience, can do nothing but good.

## MUSIC OF THE TENORS

Dear Sir,—I, for one, agree with the remarks of Mr. G. A. Halls in his letter regarding the musical qualities of such methods as Erin Caters and Duffield and wonder why there are not more peals rung in the methods. For those who require something more difficult I would suggest Spliced Erin and Stedman Caters. As regards Erin Caters I send figures of a composition which I consider very good and which is now published for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

### 5.411 or 5.033 ERIN CATERS 123456789

432156978	1	5	6	
162453			6	7
426153		5	6	
632451			5	7
423651		5	6	
613452			6	7
531462	4	5		
413562		5	6	
321465			5	7
152364		5	7	
325164		5	6	
145362			6	7
354162		5	6	
425361		5	7	
512463		5	7	
231564		5	7	
143265			5	7
234165		5	6	
154263			6	7
245163		5	6	
534261		5	7	
243561		5	6	
513264			6	7
631254	4	5		
213654		5	6	
341256		5	7	
164352			5	7
346152		5	6	
126354			6	7
362154		5	6	
246351		5	7	
*614253		5	7	
231654		S	6	7
143256		5	7	

Repeat, omitting bob at 1, call last two courses as follows:—

### \*612453978

514392678		3	4	6	10
324561879	2			6	7
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542361			5	6	
214563			5		7
431265			5		7
213465			5	6	
453261				6	7
235461			5	6	
513264			5		7
341562			5		7
124365			5		7
452163			5		7
125463			5	6	
435162				6	7
153462			5	6	
325164			5		7
152364			5		
342561				S 6	7

Repeat as from 324561879 with bob for single gives 324165879. Round in five changes. For 5.033, seven courses may be cut out of first part as follows:—

### 213654

### 231654

S 5

5.033 rung at Cardiff October 3rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.



## A MISCELLANY OF OUTINGS

### BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Although the morning of July 10th dawned wet it did not damp the spirits of members of the Biggleswade District (Bedfordshire Association), setting forth on their annual outing, and by the time the first tower, Mildenhall (10), was reached, the rain had ceased. Ringing here was an added pleasure for many as we seldom have the opportunity of ringing on more than six or eight bells. North Lopham (8) was our second call, then on to Diss, where we were joined at lunch by Mr. A. J. Harris.

An hour's ringing was enjoyed at Diss (8) before journeying on to Redenhall (8). On the way to Bungay (8) a stop for tea was made at Harleston. Final ringing for the day was on the glorious ten at Beccles. A trip to the bells and to the top of the tower proved an added attraction here but, owing to the dullness of the day, the view was disappointingly limited.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major. Thanks were expressed to Mr. L. Bywaters for once again organising a successful tour. A. R.

### IN SUFFOLK VILLAGES

For the fourth Whit Monday in succession a small party of ringers from Essex and Suffolk toured this year the lesser-known villages of Suffolk, the journey covering 230 miles and occupying for one car 18½ hours. Twelve towers were visited (ten booked and two 'grabbed').

The towers visited were Thornham Magna (6, tenor 9½ cwt.), Brome (5, 7 cwt., entry to belfry by straight vertical ladder in a hole in the wall), Oakley (6, 8 cwt.), Wingfield (6, 13½ cwt.), Stradbroke (the ten can now be heard perfectly), Laxfield (6, 16½ cwt.), Heveningham (5, 10 cwt.), Peasenhall (6, 10½ cwt.), Yoxford (6, 11 cwt.), Sweffling (6, 6½ cwt.), Great Glemham (5, 15 cwt., bells a handful), Little Glemham (5, 14 cwt.).

Methods rung were:—Doubles: Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place. Minor: London and Cambridge. Surprise: Plain Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. On ten: Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters.

### BURY ST. EDMUNDS

An ambitious programme had Bury St. Edmunds' ringers for their annual outing on July 10th, which included two tens at Stradbroke and Beccles, Lowestoft (8), Gorleston (8) and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich (12, with a 37-cwt. tenor).

The journey was not without its incidents, with cows impeding the coach and 'Fred' and his 'baccy.' He found some and it turned out to be his own!

The best ringing of the day was at Beccles, with Mr. A. E. Moore, the chief conductor, on the treble. At Lowestoft the band were happy to provide wedding bells. Ringing was limited to ten-bell work at St. Peter Mancroft, the company not being used to twelve. Our correspondent is candid about the ringing here, remarking, 'With new ropes and high sallies the ringing was not too good—only a touch of Stedman Triples.'

High tea was greatly enjoyed at Gorleston and there was also an opportunity for a look at the sea for a few minutes. A break was made for refreshments on the homeward journey and for a touch on handbells, Bury St. Edmunds being reached at 11.30 p.m. A big 'thank you' to J. Bank and W. Goodship for making the day such a great success.

### BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

A 7 a.m. start was made by St. Thomas', Brentwood, for their 26th annual outing on June 24th, and by 9 a.m. two laden coaches had pulled up at Beaconsfield and the day's ringing programme started with a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A good course of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Cookham, although Kent Treble Bob was a failure. Before lunch at Reading the light, handy bells at Shiplake were rung.

The afternoon's programme started at Sonning, and then back to St. Mary's, Reading, where the opening touch of Stedman Triples was probably the best of the day. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were also rung.

The evening was spent at Burnham, where Mr. George Gilbert gave the visitors his usual hearty welcome. Thanks are due to him and Mr. A. Diserens for their help in providing a happy day.

## THE BELLS OF KINGSTON-ON-THAMES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE story of Kingston goes back to the days of Egbert, who held one of his councils here in 838, and here can still be seen the stone on which King Alfred's son was crowned in 901. During the next 78 years six other Saxon kings are all believed to have sat on this same stone for their crowning.

The old Saxon Church of St. Mary was here when the Normans came, and in the year 1130 the Norman laid the foundations of All Saints' Church and joined the old church to its new neighbour as a lady chapel. The two stood together until 1729, when the Saxon chapel suddenly collapsed, killing the sexton and a gravedigger. The central tower is 14th century, topped by 18th century bricks, and within it is the chalk tower of the Normans, probably one of the oldest chalk structures in this country. The first recorded entries relating to bells go back to 1503 and in 1516, when one of the bells was taken to Reading, some curious items were entered in the account book. The carrier's charge from Kingston to Reading was 13s., but the expenses en route also entailed items such as:—Dyner at Meydenhudd 5s. 2d. Sopper at Reading 5s. 0d. Dyner at Reading on the morrow 2s. 8d. Horse Meate at Reding 6s. 0d. At the founders' the sum for 'Drynye' cost 6s. 0d. On the return journey the only expenditure seems to have been:—Baytyng at Stanes comyng homeward 3s. 0d.

When the Royal inventory was taken in 1552 Kingston recorded 'Fyve great bells in the steeple, a sauns bell, and a chyme for the belles,' which shows that the church ranked among the important ones as regards services. In 1570 Queen Elizabeth visited Kingston and the 'Ryngers' were paid xij pence, while the following year ij shillings was paid at the 'qvens comyng.'

The bells were made a complete ring of ten by Robert Catlin, of Holborn, in 1748, and this was done by recasting the old eight bells and adding two new trebles. Since then some recasting has taken place and at the present time this grand ring of ten can be briefly tabulated thus:—

Treble.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast Mears and Stainbank 1936.

Second.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast at Whitechapel 1841 and 1936.

Third.—R. Catlin 1750. Recast 1936.

Fourth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Blews 1873. Recast 1936.

## MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. W. J. ELDRD

At St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on July 13th, a service was held for the dedication of a small brass memorial plate in memory of the late William J. Eldred, chairman and belling-ringer at St. Margaret's for 30 years. He was also secretary of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Aitken). The congregation, headed by the choir, went in procession to the belfry, where the memorial was dedicated by the Rev. J. L. Turney, Vicar of Sculthorpe and chairman of the Branch. After the dedication the Coronation peal board was unveiled and blessed. Ringing took place at the conclusion of the service.

Among those present were Miss W. Eldred, daughter of the late Mr. W. J. Eldred, and his brother, Mr. W. J. Eldred, of Hanwell, Middlesex. Other towers represented were Gaywood, Dersingham, Downham Market, Shoulham, Terrington St. Clement's, Tilney All Saints', St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and Sculthorpe. N. V. H.

Fifth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Sixth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Seventh.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by T. Mears 1826.

Eighth.—R. Catlin 1748.

Ninth.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1879.

Tenor.—R. Catlin 1748. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1830.

The tenor is 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D flat, this being the weight after the bells were tuned prior to their restoration in 1937. The 8th is inscribed 'The old 8 bells recast and two new Trebbles added to make X by subscription. S. London, S. Belchier, Collectors 1748.' The circle is anti-clockwise, for the old frame is still in use.

### BAN ON SUNDAY EVENING RINGING

Sunday service ringing was confined to morning service only in consequence of a bequest made to the church by a Mrs. Savage, who died in 1833, for in her will she included gifts to the ringers providing the conditions stated were duly observed. In order to qualify for the money the ringers were required, subject to the Vicar's discretion, to conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner and perform their duties both of ringing and chiming to the satisfaction of the Vicar. After this comes a special condition that the present laudable custom be observed of abstaining from the ringing of peals on the evenings of Lord's Day. When the writer was told of these conditions some 50 years ago it aroused a feeling of resentment that one person should offer presents to ringers and impose terms in order to keep ringers from Sunday evening ringing. From 1833 onwards the bells were never rung on Sunday evening, and for 114 years the ban operated, much to the regret of many ringers.

It must have come as a surprise when the Vicar requested the ringers to ring for evening service on Sunday, November 2nd, 1947, thus finishing a ban on Sunday evening 'peals,' and setting the ringers free to perform full Sunday duties which, after all, is the main purpose for which the bells were placed in the tower. The condition requiring the ringers to conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner may have been necessary wording as a safeguard during the 19th century, but it certainly does not apply nowadays, and a progressive band will always give a warm welcome to visitors on Sundays and at practice on Thursday evenings.



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## DEATH

ABBOTTS.—Thomas William of 80, Blackford Road, Shirley, Birmingham. Killed in a road accident near Holsworthy, Devon, on July 14th, 1954. 4766

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From July 24th the address of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis will be 1, Abbott's Close, Orpington, Kent. 4762

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Staniforth have now moved and their new address is 36, Winton Avenue, Leicester. 4763

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## MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 24th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea available. — A. B. Cooper. 4737

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Bentley (5), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 4761

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Crich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4756

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), July 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Baker, 40 St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4732

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th, New Alesford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Bell Hotel. Names to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 4725

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cleeve Prior, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 4744

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Middleham (8 bells), Saturday, July 24th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4768

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 31st, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 3.30. The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Iron Acton, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 27th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 4764

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), July 31st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Thursday, 29th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. 7936. 4758

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Tenbury, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 4757

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (close to Kilburn Park Underground Station) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in School Room. Names for tea to Miss A. Barker, 37, Summerfield Avenue, N.W.6. Telephone: Ladbroke 3733. 4743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (cups of tea only). Business meeting 6—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 4752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden, July 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 28th, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford, Norfolk.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 4749

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Reigate, July 31st. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bells after till 8.30. Names for tea, by July 28th, to Miss B. Saggars, 28, Clarence Road, Redhill. 4759

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, on August Bank holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, numbers for which, by July 29th, please, to G. Mariner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 4769

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Rotherham (10), Monday, August 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify, by July 31st, Mrs. W. M. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Herringthorpe, Rotherham.—N. Chad-dock and E. D. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 4729

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Woodchurch (6), August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by August 3rd, to Mrs. D. J. Russell, Central Stores, Woodchurch, Ashford. 4760

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Chiddingstone (8), August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Wednesday, August 4th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4764

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, August 7th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Please assist by sending names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 4767

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, August 28th. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Oakley, Deane, Overton, Upton-Grey, Odiham, Bramley, Sherborne-St.-John and Monk-Sherborne.—J. Chesterman. 4740

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To celebrate 50 years of change ringing in the tower, a further 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung on July 6th by O. Lamb 1, J. Riley 2, C. Gardiner 3, W. J. Smith 4, R. H. Stickley (conductor) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. This was the first 720 for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

The touch was also rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Michael Gibbs, Dean of Cape Town, who leaves South Africa this month to take up his new ministry as Dean of Chester, England. R. H. S.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

About 50 ringers were present at the Wellingborough Branch meeting at the six-bell tower of Yardley Hastings. Local ringers' wives and friends, supervised by Mrs. Burge, provided tea.

At the short business meeting presided over by the Rector (the Rev. L. J. Thompson), the members stood in silence in memory of Mr. E. Jones, of Easton Maudit. The October meeting will be held at Irchester, and the annual meeting in January at Wellingborough.

The Guild service was held in the Parish Church in the early evening, the office being led by the Guild president (the Rev. W. Knight), and an address given by the Rector. A collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £1 9s.

## QUARTER PEALS

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On July 3rd, 1,320 Oxford Table: Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, C. Burton 3, C. Burton 4, R. Pye 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Kelvedon festival.

**LOWICK, WORCS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cole 1, Susan Jackson 2, D. Trumper (first at cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, E. Price 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

**PIRTON, HERTS.**—On July 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. W. Croft (first of Doubles as cond.) 1, K. C. Timbury 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Miss A. B. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 4, E. Colley 5, J. N. Diserens 6, F. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens 8. First in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 8.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, J. Stephenson 2, J. Waters 3, B. Lunn 4, James Phillips 5, W. Rawlings 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. Thompson 1, Miss M. Arkenstall (first quarter) 2, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

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