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STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

THE article by J. F. S. on the above subject clearly shows that peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' have not been as plentiful since the first peal was rung 102 years ago, and this is borne out by the fact that 30 years elapsed between the second and third peals. After 1888 Birmingham called a halt until 1916, but during the early years of this century the three brothers Pye, William, Ernest and George, together with Bertram Prewett and a 9-10 ringer, rang peals of Stedman Caters 'in hand,' mostly in the City of London.

In March, 1910, the writer was invited by Arthur T. King, president of the Middlesex Association, to take part in a peal at his office in Old Jewry, and after a peal of Stedman Caters it was plain to see that when Ernest Pye was available a peal of Cinques was possible. The date of April 18th was fixed for the attempt at the same meeting place and the outcome of this meeting resulted in the writer receiving the congratulations of the band and three umpires on his first of Cinques 'in hand.' It was then a secret ambition arose within my mind, that of ringing each of the six pairs to a peal of Stedman Cinques, yet it was not to be, for one pair never came my way and 11-12 became the only pair which eluded me for a peal.

From 1910 to 1915 quite a number of peals in this method were scored in London and are recorded as examples of skill in the art of handbell ringing when double-handed peals began to increase. Perhaps the two best remembered peals of Stedman Cinques in which the writer took part was the 6,063 on March 22nd, 1913, and a short course composition on May 4th, 1914. The 6,063 is, strangely enough, still the longest length 'in hand' and has stood for 43 years. Those who rang this peal with me have passed on, but their names will not easily be forgotten; they are William Pye, Ernest Pye, George Pye, Bertram Prewett and Alf Grimes. One of the two umpires is still with us, that well-known veteran Reuben Sanders.

The short-course peal was a 5,049 consisting of 69 courses instead of the usual 38, and was the first to be rung

on handbells. It was rung by the same band at the same meeting place and the same rate of striking prevailed as in the previous mentioned peal, yet there was a remarkable difference in the composition. Instead of the calls being made chiefly by the front bells, the back bells were called upon to make plenty of bobs, which produced a remarkable difference from the set courses usually rung. Short course peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' have been rare events, and it is hardly to be wondered at seeing that plenty of concentration is needed for nearly 34 hours, yet we were all conscious when the peal ended that something new in a composition had produced many changes seldom heard in a twelve-bell peal, and it was a pity that more umpires and witnesses could not be present to testify something out of the ordinary in double-handed Stedman Cinques.

A few months after the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 the writer heard a touch of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' performed by members of the St. Stephen's, Westminster, band of handbell ringers, who were highly skilled both in tower- and handbell ringing, and such a performance created a lasting impression on his mind, for such results were the reward of constant practice and good teamwork. At that time there were two bands in Westminster who practised the same evening and it sometimes happened that members of St. Margaret's and St. Stephen's bands paid visits to one another at the meeting places after tower-bell practice, and this was the means of cementing many friendships, having chats together, also sitting round for touches on handbells, thus creating opportunities for those who desired to rise in the realm of handbell ringing.

J. F. S. gave us a good review of Birmingham's noble part in the history of this subject since the two earliest peals performed in London, and one can rightly say that 'Brum' is known as the producer of many good things over a number of years, among them being Stedman Cinques. Probably I have guessed the identity of J. F. S. aright when I assume he has divided a busy life both in Birmingham and London and is still happy to take a pair of handbells whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Many pages in the book, 'Stedman,' are devoted to history, but very little space is devoted to Cinques on handbells, and I trust a little added information will be of interest.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

G. WM. CRITCHLEY Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JAMES PHILLIPS 8
JILL R. PARSONS 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9
JOYCE A. PARSONS 4	FRANK E. DARBY 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	JOHN CHILCOTT 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 6
PETER BORDER 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON .. 4	JAMES F. CLARKE 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 5	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Rung as a compliment to A. H. Beamish on his birthday, also to mark the coming-of-age of Margaret E. L. Beamish.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5019 LITTLE GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 8
HAROLD V. FROST 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 9
GEOFFREY DODDS 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

The first peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Fri., June 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 4½ cwt.
WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
PHILIP WALKER 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 7
EDWIN G. MOORE 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 5
*JOHN HALLIWELL 2	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT .. 6
*MRS. P. M. J. HUDSON .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 7
*MRS. G. MILLS 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON.. 6
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
TERRY EARLE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* 100th peal together.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. Treble	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
*CHARLES CLEGG 3	IVAN KAY 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (No. 15). Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First of Stedman Triples.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5760 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALEX RICHARDSON .. Treble	†IVOR JENKINS 5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW.. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON 3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM 7
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

This composition contains 130 singles and no bobs.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER.. Treble	JOHN W. RAWSON 5
ALAN G. FOSTER 2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawson.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., July 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.
HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. Treble	†STANLEY JENNER 5
*CYRIL W. HANCOCK 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 2	*JOAN K. BROWN 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major.

Rung to welcome Audrey Mary Warwick, daughter of the conductor, born July 3rd, 1956.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5066 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
FRANK K. MEASURES .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* 400th peal for the Guild.

Rung for the golden wedding of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., and Mrs. Farrow, of East Lulworth, Dorset. Mr. Farrow was Rector of Stoney Stanton from 1924 until 1935, during which time he did much for ringing in the district.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., July 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN A. ACRES Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
ERNEST RAWSON 3	ALAN JACQUES 7
J. FRED MILNER 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Warwick on the birth of a daughter.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

BRENDA M. BALLS .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
MRS. L. D. MILLS 2	HARRY J. MILLATT 6
*A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 3	EDWIN C. HYNARD 7
†BERNARD FAIRHEAD .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

Rung to welcome Wendy Elizabeth Millatt, born on June 19th, 1956, and also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler, of Colchester.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT (U.C.) Treble	2
*GRAHAM MCKAY (Kings) 2	3
*A. REX AGG (Ext.) 3	4
*JOHN ARMSTRONG (London Hospital) 4	5
*PETER P. BROWN (Northern Polytechnic) 5	6
ALAN F. THIRST (I.C.) 6	7
DENIS N. LAYTON (I.C.) 7	Tenor
JOHN R. LEEMING (Kings) Tenor	

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS N. LAYTON.

* First in method. First of method on the new bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A Variation of Thurstans' Tenor 16½ cwt.	
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	FRANK E. WALKER 5
RALPH BIRD 2	*STEWART S. W. KIMBER .. 6
*JOSEPH E. CONSTANT .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Arranged by E. BARNETT. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Triples in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
Specially rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester to this church for Confirmation.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

GEORGE MARRINER .. Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 6
*DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
†DEREK G. SPITTLE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung on the 54th anniversary of Mr. A. H. Winch's first peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). .. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
EDGAR THOMAS .. Treble	CHRIS. HAWKINS 3
GWYN FRANCIS 2	S. V. REES 4
E. SAGE Tenor	

Conducted by CHRIS. HAWKINS.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Raymond Lewis and Marlene Griffiths on this day.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents R. Canterbury (eight callings), ten extents Grandsire (ten callings), five extents April Day (three callings) and four extents Plain Bob (four callings). .. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.	
RONALD GARNER .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
JOHN F. MURFIN 2	BRIAN R. MANNING 5
PETER J. SKINNER 3	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. rung alternately with different callings. .. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.	
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL Treble	*DENNIS BOUNDS 4
*RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 2	FRANCIS G. WILTON 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Minor.

A wedding compliment to Bernice Strange, a ringer at this tower.

**PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., July 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

LAURENCE WALMSLEY .. Treble	*RICHARD PRICE .. 4
STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 2	JOHN BAILEY .. 5
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

*First in the method.

Rung to mark the baptism of Janet Elizabeth Hall, niece of the ringer of the third.

**CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

STANLEY G. HONEYBALL .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

*250th peal.

Rung non-conducted and silent. Witness: Marian Mills.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Tessa Ballard, daughter of the local tower captain.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

EVELYN D. ADAMS .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

Rung as a second birthday compliment to Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the conductor and Mrs. E. M. Hicks.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob, and two each of St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN KIRKHAM .. Treble	‡DONALD E. COBB .. 4
ALLEN TWYMAN .. 2	JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 5
†BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

*First peal of Minor. †First in more than one Minor method 'inside.' ‡First in more than one Minor method. First in more than one Minor method on the bells.

Rung by a band from R.A.F., Locking.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., July 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

MERVYN DAY .. Treble	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
JOHN DOWDESWELL .. 2	THOMAS F. STONE .. 5
MRS. W. A. GODWIN .. 3	HAROLD POPE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss R. Cheesley, of the local band.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 64 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham, Windermere, Double Oxford, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Brainer, Humber, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (5) Barham and Oswald Delight; (6) Walsingham, Lammis, Olney, Fulmer, Cromer, Steventon, Olney and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (7) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
HAROLD CHANT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The greatest number of methods rung to a tower-bell peal by the Association and by all the band. The treble ringer 'completes the circle.'

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 42 methods, being: (1) College Bob, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston Delight; (2) Vale Royal, Abbeyville, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (3) Balmoral, Chepstow, Fotheringay and Skipton Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kingstoa Sandal and Capel Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 4
ALAN R. SYDER .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD .. 3	*TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*90th peal. The most methods rung in a peal by the Essex Association.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, London, Beverley, York, Bourne, Cambridge and Norwich.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS .. Treble	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 4
WALTER AYRE .. 2	EDWIN J. UPTON .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

TERENCE J. MILSON .. Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4
FRANK D. MACK .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FELIX H. ERITH .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
*GEORGE W. BARNES .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

*First peal in seven methods.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
*ALAN CRABTREE Treble | STEPHEN LL. PARRY 4
†MRS. G. S. MILLS 2 | ALLAN SMITH, SEN. 5
*JOHN PARTINGTON 3 | HAROLD HAMER Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH, SEN.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of 'The Rochdale Observer.'

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 240's and ten extents of Grandsire, three of Reverse St. Bartholomew, three of April Day and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*STANLEY SUTTON Treble | HERBERT SUTTON 4
†FRANK R. MORTON 2 | J. DEREK SMITH 5
JOHN E. BROUGH 3 | *THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

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

Rung to commemorate the induction of Rev. J. H. Backhouse by the Bishop of Stockport on June 12th.

ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*PAMELA CLARKE Treble | THOMAS O. GREASLEY 4
PETER M. GILES 2 | J. DAVID CLARKE 5
A. ANTHONY JAKES 3 | BRIAN BUSWELL Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 3, 1956, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS 3-4
*JOYCE DODDS 5-6

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.
GERALD PENNEY 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 5-6
*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON 3-4 | DEREK E. LATCHFORD 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 1, G. S. Morris 2, A. Scott 3, W. H. Poole 4, H. G. Keeley 5, E. Morris 6. The first quarter of Minor on the bells.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Barker (first of Triples) 1, P. Barker 2, A. Armstrong 3, H. Butler 4, A. E. Barker 5, G. Bradbury (cond.) 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication, by the Bishop of Lichfield, of the Church of St. Aidan, West Chads Moor, the seventh daughter church in the parish of St. Luke's, Cannock.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Shingfield (first quarter) 1, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 2, W. M. Mann 3, L. Lawrence 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, E. R. Shingfield 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Dennis, of Caston, to Mr. F. L. Le Serve, of Balham, London.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 540 Grandsire, 480 Bob): Mrs. Swift 1, Lucy Badcock 2, M. Swift 3, P. G. Badcock 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, K. Vickers 6. For the patronal festival. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Bob): Mrs. Swift 1, M. Swift 2, Lucy Badcock 3, K. Vickers 4, E. G. Swift 5. Jointly conducted by 2 and 3.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lester 1, B. Chivers 2, R. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, L. Foster 5, A. Cooke 6, R. Ward (first quarter) 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. C. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Price (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Nolder 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, W. E. Eveleigh 5, R. Ransom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Mansfield 1, I. F. Markham 2, I. J. Dickinson 3, K. D. Perkins 4, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 5, E. P. Cockerill 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong as a farewell tribute to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Oliver) on his retirement.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, C. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evening service and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson on their golden wedding anniversary.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): H. Goldsmith (first quarter) 1, Miss Matthews (first 'inside') 2, Miss K. Yeo 3, G. Beene 4, E. Breed (first as cond.) 5, A. N. Robinson 6.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On July 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Pratchett 1, M. Carter 2, J. Voss 3, M. King 4, G. Ellis 5, A. Warren (cond.) 6. Rung for patronal festival and gift day.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, E. J. Whiting 3, C. Clarke 4, J. W. Allen 5, W. Purser 6. Rung as a compliment to Norah Elizabeth Curtis and Cyril Clarke upon their engagement.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, M. E. Downs 2, J. C. Wallis 3, W. T. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth 8, B. F. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10. And on Easter Sunday, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. R. Manser 1, W. T. Grice 2, H. S. Wickens 3, F. Leeson 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, M. E. Downs (first of Stedman) 7, T. Cullingworth 8, B. F. Baker 9, H. Smith 10.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Birch 1, H. Sutton 2, R. A. Trickett 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, A. A. Jakes 5, T. P. Barlow 6. Rung after the induction service of the Rev. J. H. Backhouse by the Bishop of Stockport.

PEATLING PARVA, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (240 Morris's, 8 callings Grandsire): Norma Measures 1, H. Measures 2, J. Woodward 3, A. Broughton 4, G. Broughton (cond.) 5. Rung for morning service by Gilmorton ringers.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Walshaw 1, N. Tompkins 2, R. Johnson 3, A. Sharples 4, O. Davies 5, J. Thornley 6, A. Lomas 7, W. Thornley 8. Rung for the church's anniversary celebrations.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On July 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): W. J. Brunt 1, Eva A. Appleby 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, Rosemary J. Seabrook (cond.) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. W. Fairhead 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. E. I. Merrett 3, J. Merrett 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Merrett, who are leaving the district.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On June 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. G. Wheller 2, S. Hardy 3, F. Gorrige 4, P. G. Braund (first as cond.) 5, B. Aldridge 6. First 720 for 1, 2 and 3. Also on June 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. G. Wheller 2, Miss C. Wakefield 3, S. Zobel 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 420 of Grandsire): G. M. Wood (first quarter) 1, P. Newing (first in five methods) 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, E. J. Sharp 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Stael, president of the Bedfordshire Association.

STAFFORD.—On July 7th, 2,160 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: E. Malin 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, H. Bennett 4, A. Pritchard 5, F. W. Grocott (cond.) 6, I. Nicholls 7, N. Lomas 8, F. E. Wilshaw 9, L. Trevor 10. Rung in place of an unsuccessful peal attempt as a tribute for upwards of 50 years' service to the Exercise by J. Warrilow (Stafford) and C. Page (Stoke-on-Trent).

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 24th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: E. Sutton 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, H. W. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, R. C. Westney 7, F. G. Wilton 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, J. Durham 10. Rung on the occasion of the annual visit to the tower of Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 8th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. M. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, R. Lumsden 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yates 1, D. H. Baker 2, R. Bowles 3, O. T. Northwood 4, T. A. Yates (first as cond.) 5, G. Northwood 6. Rung for morning Communion service.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Painter 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, F. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

Kent was visited this year by the Braintree St. Michael's Guild for the annual outing on June 16th. On arriving at Bromley, we were met by that veteran, Mr. I. Emery; we very much enjoyed the lovely ring at this church. Miss D. Colgate welcomed the party at Seven-oaks, which was the next stop after lunch. Then on to Tonbridge, where we were met by Mr. White, after which we went to Tunbridge Wells, where Mr. B. Collinson greeted us.

The journey was resumed after a break for tea, and at Godstone the Rector not only met the party, but joined in the ringing.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise. Home was reached at approximately 11.30 p.m., and, although it had been wet all day, a most enjoyable day's ringing had been provided. Special thanks are due to Mr. Martin, of Bromley, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. B. Collinson, who gave me so much help in making arrangements. G. W.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

On June 23rd, Coleshill ringers, together with ringers from Handsworth, Kingsbury, Castle Bromwich and Nottingham, spent an enjoyable day touring the Cotswolds; there was ringing at five churches.

Broadway was the first stop. The 'Old Church' was eventually found some distance down the lane, and good use was made of the six bells. Painswick, with the church standing among the yew trees, was the next place to be visited, and after a ring here the party met for lunch. The towns visited in the afternoon were Bibury and Shipton-under-Wychwood, where tea was also arranged. Finally, after a good hour's ringing at Chipping Norton, the party returned home.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

Joined by friends from the Biggleswade and neighbouring districts, Maulden, Beds., ringers visited the Weald of Kent for their annual outing. The pleasing Gillett 8 (20 cwt.) at Wrotham, below the North Downs, were first, and a good course of London Major was rung. Maidstone traffic made us a little late at Wye, near Ashford, but this lovely old Lester and Pack 8 (20½ cwt. in D) were put to good use, including an excellent course of Superlative. Their tone reminded some of certain famous Somerset peals of similar weight.

Fortified by a satisfying lunch at Ashford, we tackled Kent's heaviest eight at Tenterden (30 cwt. in D flat). Ringing was not so balanced on these, but, then, they are no playthings, and need time to get accustomed to them, for they sound very impressive when rung in measured, even fashion. A journey through some of the most beautiful wooded and orchard country of the High Weald brought us to the musical eight (19 cwt.) at Horsmonden, recently augmented from a fine six, where the keen locals, the Lambert brothers, met us and took part in Bristol. There is a remarkably low ringing chamber ceiling, but it does not seem to interfere with the handling.

We ate to repletion at nearby Goudhurst before hastening to the last tower, the Annunciation, Chislehurst (8, 20 cwt., Taylor's, which are a ringer's delight in tone and 'go,' though much bricked in for the outside listener). We opened here with an immaculate course of Yorkshire and ended with a very good lower-in-peal. So ended a most enjoyable day, with some of the best ringing we could remember on an outing and on good bells. Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers who accommodated us and to Ron Sharp for his excellent arrangements. D. P. J.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral company, together with friends from All Saints' and St. Marie's, left Sheffield at 8.15 on Saturday, June 30th, the first stop being Melton Mowbray. After a short delay whilst a wedding was in progress, good use was made of the ten bells, which were already raised. After a short run to Loughborough, the next item was a substantial lunch.

The party was then conducted round Messrs. J. Taylor's bell foundry by Mr. C. Harrison, who explained the various processes and answered a number of questions. Clearly the average person little realises the vast amount of experience, technical knowledge and craftsman's skill that goes into the making of a ring of bells. A 50 cwt. bell, hung to be mechanically swung, as well as to give a pre-determined series of chimes, was an interesting showpiece. The foundry campanile was the next item of interest, and, after a little practice, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were accomplished, much to the delight of those taking part, on these ultra-light bells. The Parish Church was then visited and an hour's ringing here very much enjoyed.

The next stop was Grantham, and after tea the magnificent tower, crowned with its beautiful spire, 280ft., was visited. The ten bells here (tenor 32 cwt.) are really first class, and all too soon the time passed and a day's ringing finished with lowering them in peal. Methods rung included Plain and Little Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Double Norwich, etc. The company tender their thanks to the tower keepers and Mr. C. Harrison and Messrs. Taylor's. H. O. C.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK

On Saturday, June 30th, the Marsham ringers, accompanied by ringing friends from Aylsham and Cromer, took their annual outing.

Our Rector and Association President, the Rev. H. Lillingston, gave us a surprise by turning up in a brand new Austin car, which apparently had such an effect on the Secretary that he missed the turn to our first tower, Bergh-Apton (6), causing a late arrival and a frantic search for the Rectory to obtain the key. However, all eventually managed to squeeze into the quaint ringing chamber (17 adults, one infant and a dog), and, after shutting ourselves in, we managed to give everyone a ring.

Next stop was Loddon; here Mr. Barrett had kindly arranged for Mr. Copeland to meet us, and we enjoyed some touches of Bob Major, Oxford, Treble Bob and rounds for beginners on this excellent eight.

After a picnic lunch at a roadside inn, which entailed struggles with a Primus stove to heat the infant's meal, we finally made our way to Beccles, where we were welcomed by Mr. Goate, who had the bells all ready for us. Everyone enjoyed this grand ten, and courses of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Bob Royal, also rounds, were rung. Some of the party visited the church and inspected the quaint old ringer's jug, which now has a home there instead of in the tower.

Ringling at Pakefield (8), our next tower, was certainly below standard, due, we imagine, to waiting for the local band to finish some good ringing for a wedding and also to being a change from the heavier bells at Beccles. An excellent tea was taken at the pleasant restaurant overlooking Oulton Broad, and after a stroll by the sea we proceeded to St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, where two local ringers met us, and some good touches of Kent and Bob Major were brought round.

Here our Cromer friends left for home and we, at the special request of the Rector, went on to Catfield (5) to try out some Doubles methods. We found the very large ropes and bad 'go' of the tenor did not assist us, but we had a fine demonstration by the Rector on how to miss one's sally, and W.M. nearly collapsed amongst the choir surplices.

However, home was finally reached about 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. We wish to thank all incumbents and local ringers for their kind assistance. H. F. C.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

A coach, loaded with ringers from Nottingham and district, set out at 7.45 a.m. on June 23rd to explore part of the neighbouring and friendly kingdom of Lincolnshire.

We stopped for an al fresco breakfast beside a field of sugar beet, making the writer feel really at home; then on to our first call at Donington. Here Mr. Cyril Wander unlocked doors and introduced us to the belfry. Mr. F. A. Salter, our Ringing Master for the day, took charge, and soon the eight were going to various Triples and Major methods. We did not really settle down here, neither did the weathercock!

At St. Botolph's, Boston, with its famous 'Stump,' containing a lovely ring of ten bells, Mr. W. E. Clarke met us and showed us the ropes. We also have to thank Mr. Clarke for arranging a very good lunch and for making plans for our ringing at Sutterton in the afternoon. Good use was made of the eight bells here, while some members went to meet the Rector at his Garden Fete beyond the church.

At Spalding, where Miss Lawson, the verger, was busy pulling up the bells for us, we enjoyed touches of Double Norwich and Spiced Triples. Tea at the Greyhound and then a ride to Heckington. Mr. Dixon was waiting for us and we spent a most enjoyable hour ringing on this lovely eight. Home was reached safely and happily after various adventures not really connected with ringing!

The grateful thanks of the party are due to all those who met us, to the clergy, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Simpson, who organised the trip so efficiently. C. W. T.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch Meeting

Milton Abbey was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch. The 8 bells were rung prior to the Guild service at 11 o'clock, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Collis. In his address the Vicar spoke on the history of bells from the 6th century until the present day. He said that to-day there are too many silent bells.

Tea was served at the Dale tea gardens and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, Vicar of Frampton, in the unavoidable absence of both the Chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held at Maiden Newton on August 18th, subject to confirmation by the Rector, and that a by-meeting be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on September 15th. Branch practices were suggested for Litton Cheney, July 28th; Charminster, August 11th; and St. Peter's, Dorchester, August 25th.

New members accepted were Mr. J. James (Upwey), Miss J. Tuffin and Mr. C. Bongard (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

The Chairman thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success and the Rev. C. J. Collis suitably replied.

Ringling continued throughout the evening under the direction of the Ringing Master.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest were held at Longwood on June 30th.

Four teams rang in the competition, and the judge, Mr. H. Nutt, gave his decision as follows: Liversedge, 69 faults; Meltham, 128 faults; Friezland, rang-out; mixed band, 89 faults. No. 1 company, Liversedge, were the winners.

At the annual meeting, held afterwards, a proposition to donate 2 guineas to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund was carried.

The balance sheet showed a gain in the funds of £1 13s. 11½d., to everybody's satisfaction.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and a resolution to the effect that the secretary write to all tower secretaries whose members are in arrears with their subscriptions was passed by the meeting.

Finally, members returned to the tower for further touches of Major and Minor and rounds for the learners.

Weston Favell, Northants, Ringers' Outing

A party of 14, including Mr. B. S. Cope and Mr. P. I. Chapman, visited some little-known towers in Leicestershire, the journey being made by private cars. At the first tower, Saddington (5), the party was augmented by Mr. H. Millward (Foxton) and Mr. D. Griffin (Oxendon).

Other towers visited were Arnesby (5), tricky bells with no guides to the long pull; Willoughby Waterleys, a lighter five with two trebles a bit too much for the juniors; Peatling Parva (5) and Spratton (5), the best bells of the day.

THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex Division

Saturday, June 30th, was the date suggested for the meeting of the Sussex Division to be held at Aldrington, but the sun must have been the reason for the lack of the ringers.

Ringings commenced at 3.30 p.m., and at 5 p.m. an enjoyable tea was served in the Scouts' Hall. Thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mrs. Mephram and her helpers for the tea, and Messrs. H. and S. Brown for making the necessary arrangements.

A short meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. Mention was made of the quarter peal attempted at Buxted on June 9th—the nearest Saturday of the first year of the re-formation of the Sussex Division.

During the day 12 methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bexhill on September 29th.

K. M. Y.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on June 30th. Ringing in the standard methods took place on these recently rehung bells during the afternoon and evening. The attendance was not as large as usual, but 23 members and friends, including visitors from Thorne and York, had tea together in the Village Hall, where cups of tea had been provided by members of the local band.

The business meeting was held later in the tower, at which the thanks of the Society were conveyed to all concerned with the local arrangements for the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 28th.

ACTIVITIES IN EAST DEVON

On the afternoon of June 7th a party of East Devon ringers had a trip in the Tiverton area and rang at Holcombe Rogus (6, tenor 17 cwt.), Burlescombe (6, tenor 17 cwt.), Ashbottle (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Bampton (6, tenor 15½ cwt.), Stoodleigh (6, tenor 9 cwt.), Washfield (6, tenor 10½ cwt.), Calverleigh (6, tenor 5½ cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

An evening trip into Dorset was arranged on June 23rd. Ringing took place at Broadwindsor (6, tenor 14½ cwt.), recently rehung, and now a lovely ring, Stoke Abbot (5, tenor 14½ cwt.) and Netherbury (6, tenor 20 cwt.). The countryside was looking at its best, but on the run home a violent thunderstorm was experienced.

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Mr. Pat Chapman, of Ket-
tering, Northants, who re-
cently spent a weekend in
Surrey, had an unfortunate experience at Blet-
chingley. An attempt for a peal of Yorkshire
was terminated after ten minutes' ringing
through the seventh clapper staple losing its nut.
On going up to investigate, Pat stood on the
belfry floor, not realising it was only plaster-
board, and immediately fell through to the
clock room—a drop of some 12 feet! For-
tunately his massive figure—he weighs 15 stone
—saved him from serious injury, and he only
sustained some nasty bruises. He was soon
ringing again at Fairwarp, and taking part in a
peal at Rotherfield the next day.

Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen rang his 100th peal
with one of his former pupils, Miss Hilda G.
Snowden, at Bocking on June 30th.

Miss Marie R. Cross is the new hon. general
secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At the
Guild Festival on Saturday, Mr. T. Trollope, of
Oxford, now 96, who is a foundation member
of the Guild, was elected a vice-president.

The centenary of 'The Rochdale Observer'
has been honoured by a peal. This peal, which
was rung at East Crompton, enabled Mr.
Stephen Ll. Parry to complete Plain Bob from
Minor to Maximus. We hope when the 50th
year of the founding of 'The Ringing World'
is reached in 1961 there will be a great rejoicing.

It is interesting to recall in connection with
the Railwaymen's Guild that in 1898 all the
ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, worked in
Crewe Locomotive Works. The only survivors
of that band are Mr. J. Simon and Mr. A.
Crawley. Christ Church has always been known
as the Railwaymen's Church, and at one time
Mr. C. J. Bowen-Coope, chief mechanical en-
gineer and locomotive superintendent, L.N.-
W.R., was not only a regular ringer there but
also president of the Chester Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Cambridge Sur-
prise Major, rung at Stoney
Stanton as a golden wedding
compliment to the Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Farrow,
included six ringers who had rung peals with
him when he was Rector of this church. The
conductor, Mr. Alfred Ballard, was one of the
many he taught to handle a bell.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. C. Ernest
Turner has had to return to hospital.

A peal of Minor in seven methods, silent and
non-conducted, was rung at Cavendish, Suffolk.
Congratulations to all concerned.

Ten verses for a footnote to a wonderful per-
formance of A.P.C.'s. Thank you, 'your
Riverence,' but surely this was not his first in
the method? Thus saith George Gilbert.

Keele bells have now been removed to the
Loughborough Foundry for refitting and re-
tuning, and are expected to be restored to the
tower during the autumn.

The band of All Saints', Poplar, has been re-
formed with a range in both age and ability.
All visitors are welcome although the standard
is only rounds. Practice night will be Tuesday,
though this will be slightly irregular until
October.

Sgt. F. E. Roberts, 10 Air Formation Signals
Regt., Sergeants' Mess, R.A.F. Station, Goch,
B.F.P.O. 43, writes that it would be a pleasure
to meet any ringers in the R.A.F. passing
through this transit camp on the Dutch-German
border. With enough notice they might be able
to arrange a handbell session.

When the Bishop of New York (the Rt. Rev.
Horace W. B. Donegan, D.D.) preached at
Haslemere, Surrey, Church on Sunday, he was
most interested in the bells and the way they
were rung for the service. This was his first
visit to a country tower in England. On other
occasions he has been to St. Paul's or West-
minster where the ringers cannot be seen in
action.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Presentation to Mr. F. W. Rogers

IN spite of rather overcast weather in the morning, over 100 ringers gathered together at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the above Guild on July 7th.

The bells of Ryde itself were available, together with other churches on the island, and several ringers, equipped with their own means of transport, took the opportunity of making a tour of the island's towers.

The service was held at All Saints' Church, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Bassett, with the address by the Rural Dean of the Isle of Wight (Canon A. Cory). During tea a pleasant ceremony took place. The Archdeacon rose to say he had been pressed into service to make a presentation on behalf of the Guild to Mr. F. W. Rogers in appreciation of his (Mr. Rogers') 25 years' service as general secretary (1930-1955). The presentation took the form of a model bell, suitably inscribed, and mounted in a small frame. With this, the Rural Dean also presented Mr. Rogers with a pen and pencil set and a cheque for £7. Mr. Rogers was taken completely by surprise, but thanked the members for their gesture and said they 'shouldn't have done it.'

Shortly afterwards, the business part of the meeting commenced, with the Master (Mr. F. W. Rogers) in the chair, supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. A. S. King) and the hon. general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed). A letter of apology for non-attendance was read out from Mr. G. Pullinger, vice-president, due to his wife's illness. He mentioned that this was only the second time he had missed a meeting since 1918.

The treasurer gave a broad outline of the accounts and balance sheets. He said the receipts from the Districts were a bit up. There was an increase in the year's working of £12 whilst the trading account showed a profit of £5 16s.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, gave a brief and amusing account of the recent Central Council meeting.

All the officers were re-elected.

FIFTY YEARS' MEMBERSHIP — A RECOGNITION

A recommendation by the Executive Committee that an addition to rule be made instructing the general treasurer to close his accounts on February 28th was accepted by the meeting. Another recommendation by the Executive Committee, that 20 per cent. of the surplus on a year's working be put into the Special Purposes Fund, was also accepted. It was also decided to accept, after modification, a proposition from the Andover District that all members who had given 50 years' membership to the Guild should automatically become life members without further payment.

Four appeals for financial assistance towards the cost of bell restorations were heard by the meeting. They came from Swanmore, Cheriton and North Stoneham—each of which was granted five guineas—and from Bow Bells, to which a token grant of one guinea was made.

It was decided to hold the 1957 annual meeting at Bournemouth on the first Saturday in July.

Mr. York-Bramble gave a brief description of a 'College of Campanology' which, he said, had been founded at Portsmouth. A number of eminent ringers had been approached seeking their support, and anyone interested either as students or instructors were invited to communicate with the Registrar of Portsmouth University.



PERSONALITIES at the summer festival of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations indulging in a little handbell practice in the Clock Tower at St. Albans of Grandsire Caters as rung at the Cathedral service. Left to right: T. J. Southam, G. Dodds, Walter Ayre, C. W. Woolley and H. V. Frost.
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The Master then rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Guy, who had helped in the local arrangements, to Canon A. Cory and the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Bassett) and other incumbents who had granted the use of their bells, to the Friends of St. John, for the catering arrangements, and to the organist; after which he declared the meeting closed.

WEDDING

MR. BRUCE ROGERS — MISS SHIRLEY STEVENSON

It was something of a ringers' occasion when Mr. Bruce Rogers, of the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Company of Ringers, married Miss Shirley Stevenson, of Highcliffe-on-Sea, Hants, at St. Peter's Church on July 7th. The service was fully choral, and there were many ringers in the belfry ready to ring out the wedding bells at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Vicar, Canon A. L. E. Williams, officiated at the service, and the organist was Mr. Andrew Pearmain, a former colleague of the bridegroom in St. Peter's belfry, but now a chorister in St. Paul's Cathedral choir. Mr. John V. Davis, also a member of St. Peter's ringers, was best man, and the bride was attended by Miss Ann Cowley and Miss Binkie Brudenell as bridesmaids. She was given away by her father, Mr. Duncan Stevenson, O.B.E.

The reception, held at the Carlton Hotel, was attended by over 100 guests, including Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, and members of St. Peter's Company.

The couple were given a rather boisterous send-off from the hotel, which was witnessed by scores of holiday-makers making their way homewards from the cliffs and beach. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rogers are spending a honeymoon in Jersey and will reside in London.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

In spite of indifferent weather and small attendance, a very good annual meeting was held at Sketty, Swansea, on Saturday, June 30th.

The president, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Glynn Simon, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, gave an account of the ringing throughout the diocese. It is very pleasing, he said, to see the efforts made to get the bells rung for Sunday services. He was particularly interested in the young band of ringers at Devynock, Brecon. 'We must serve these young ringers, and everything should be done to keep them interested in the Art. I know personally how difficult it is to be able to ring a bell,' he said. It is hoped that Cefn bells would be ringing again very soon.

An offer had been made for the six bells at Abergwesyn, but the Bishop had hoped that the bells would have been bought by the Parish Church of Brynmawr. It was still not too late for them to do this.

After a great deal of discussion, the 'Ringing Competition' may be revived in 1957.

A splendid tea was served in the Stuart Hall, for which the local bellringers were warmly thanked.

At the afternoon service the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Williams, gave an interesting address on 'Service to the Church,' and he said enthusiastically of the young members often turned to apathy, and in the end staying away from the church.

The business meeting was presided over by the Bishop—all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Master, and Mr. S. Edwards, of Talgarth, was elected to this office.

The 1957 annual festival is to be held at New Radnor.
J. A. H.

ON TOUR IN SOMERSET

ON Saturday, June 16th, a party of old and new ringing friends met at Yeovil for the start of a ringing week in Somerset. Mr. Tom Setter was waiting to greet us at St. John's Church, and soon, with two local lads standing in with us, the music of Stedman Caters was rolling forth from these grand bells. Two of the back-enders, in an effort to preserve their hands from blisters, commenced the peal with chamois leather covers attached to their back-ropes, but the string holding these soon failed and the covers ended up on the floor, much to the amusement of the band. The peal attempt ended abruptly after some two-and-a-half hours at a moment which coincided with the opening of a nearby hostelry, where several local ringers joined us.

Our party then journeyed to Glastonbury, where at the Crown Hotel we were to make our headquarters for the week. Without handbells for the first evenings, we were delighted to find a piano in the lounge, on which Frank Price gave us a rendering of several popular classics, and also an excellent course of Little Bob Maximus, at 28 to the minute.

WRINGTON'S HOSPITALITY

Early on Sunday morning we drove to Wells for service ringing at St. Cuthbert's, where the resident ringers very kindly handed over the tower to us, which enabled us to ring a course of Yorkshire Major and three courses of Stedman Triples on this fine eight. After lunch, we rang for Evensong at Wells Cathedral, with Bob Royal and Stedman Caters as the methods in this heavy ring. It was here that we were joined by Bill and Hilda Kingcott, who kindly took us back to Wrington for tea. Ringing for evening service commenced at 5 p.m., and with an hour-and-a-half's ringing, we rang a course of Cambridge Royal, followed by Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters. An evening with handbells and supper concluded a delightful day's visit. We made our way back to headquarters via a cross-country route, which at times had us steaming a circular course, and when it had been noted that we were passing through West Harptree for the second time, it was decided that Roger's navigator's badge should be withdrawn.

Monday's ringing commenced at Frome, where we received a warm welcome from Miss Eunice Overend, who joined in the ringing. Yorkshire, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman sounded well on these weighty bells. Beckington was our next tower for a peal attempt, and Plain Bob Major came successfully home after 2 hours 53 minutes.

The chamois leather blister-preventers, which had, on this occasion, been secured to the ropes with boot-laces, lasted for an even shorter period of time, and with whip-like cracks the covers themselves broke off. Needless to say, they were abandoned for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday morning, an hour's ringing at Cheddar was enjoyed. Mr. Small, the tower secretary, kindly left his work to meet us and join us for Erin Triples. Then on to Banwell, for an attempt at Cambridge Major on these fine bells, an attempt which came to grief after 50 minutes' good ringing. Before lowering the bells, we rang some Spliced Cambridge and Plain Bob, and two varieties of St. Clement's

Triples, and then journeyed on to Bath to join the organiser's youthful band at Twerton-on-Avon for practice.

QUALITY BUT NO PEAL

The next morning, the journey to Bridgwater was via Street, where we called in to borrow a set of handbells from Mr. Billy Marsh, the secretary of the Glaston Branch. The noble eight at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, were rung to a variety of methods, and it gave us great pleasure to meet Canon B. F. Sheppard, who stayed to ring a course of Double Norwich with us. The afternoon peal attempt was at Drayton, where the quality of the Stedman Triples evoked favourable comment from our London Stedman expert, but unfortunately the bells had to be brought round after two-and-a-half hours owing to a change-course.

Thursday saw the party at Dunster in the morning, visiting the fine parish church, which is kept in spotless condition. One wishes that all our churches had such devoted caretakers. The Cloister Garden, laid in memory of the fallen of two World Wars, delighted the rosarian of the party. The afternoon peal attempt was at Minehead, where we rang Stedman Caters in 3 hours and 16 minutes on this melodious ten. The members of the band wish to record the peal as a compliment to Mr. Jack Pugsley, the Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch, and 83 years young, who was recently elected an honorary life member of the Diocesan Association for his outstanding services to ringing over the past 65 years. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Thorne met the band out of the tower and took us to their local club to quench our thirst in the most appropriate manner. Roger and Dick took the opportunity of having an extra pint to celebrate their 25th peal together.

THE SETTLEMENT OF A BET

Our homeward journey was via Taunton, where we stopped at St. Mary's for a touch of Stedman Cinques, with the help of Arthur Reed and Bill Gigg. A friendly get-together at the Staplegrove Inn was started by George Coles buying pints for all the Minehead peal band in settlement of a little bet. It was at that moment that it was realised that the Welsh member of our party was missing, and Father William was hastily despatched back into Taunton to collect him. Whilst in the Taunton area, it was our privilege to borrow the late James Hunt's famous handbells, on which was rung the record length of Stedman Caters, conducted by Alfred H. Pulling, details of the performance being engraved on the tenor.

On Friday morning, an hour's ringing at Street included London Major and Mike Moreton's new method, Camden Treble Bob Triples, after which we went on to Mark to score Double Norwich Major as our final peal of the week. Arriving back in Glastonbury, we were just in time for a quick ring at St. John's, before a dinner and social evening at which we were joined by Mr. Bill Marsh.

Our sincere thanks go to all those who contributed towards making our week a success, especially all incumbents and towerkeepers. We were particularly pleased with Mr. R. O. Fry's organising ability for a ringing programme where the emphasis was on the quality of striking in comparatively simple methods, rather than the gaining of peals.

R. J. B.

A RINGING DAY IN THREE COUNTIES

A small party of young ringers, drawn from Crayford, Kent, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston, and Lichfield Cathedral, Staffs, spent May 5th visiting some 5- and 6-bell towers in Shropshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Means of transport was provided by a car and motor-bicycles.

The pleasant village of Sheriff-Hales, with its black and white cottages, was our first stop. Here we found a good going six with a tenor of 9 cwt. in A flat, housed in a tower rebuilt in 1721.

A road through fine scenery and stretches of woodland along the Severn Valley brought us to Quat Malvern. This church, dedicated to St. Andrew, possesses a Norman font, a north chapel over 600 years old, and a 13th century priest's doorway. However, the tower is more modern, being brick built with round louvres. It contains a good six, all cast by A. Rudhall in 1700.

Nearby Alverley has a churchyard surrounded by massive walls, together with a wall-stile alongside the lych gate. The foundations of the tower of St. Mary's Church are Norman, but the rest is of a later period. The approach to the ringing room is up a tall steel spiral stairway, and here we found a nicely kept set of handbells. The six tower bells are not too easy to handle, although the tenor is only 11 cwt. in G., and were cast in 1779 by T. Rudhall.

After taking the road through Kidderminster, where we had lunch, and Worcester, we arrived at Stoulton. The church is dedicated to St. Edmund, King and Martyr, and it contains a modern six, excellent in every way, with a tenor of 7½ cwt. in B flat. St. Michael's Church, Great Comberton, has a 13th century tower doorway, a 15th century window above, a 600-year-old font, and two Jacobean chairs. The bells, however, although unringable until very recently, have now had the treble recast and the rest rehung with new fittings by J. Taylor and Co. They have done a good job, although it is a pity the noise could not be lessened in the ringing room.

The next bells we rang had also had a recent overhaul—the six at St. Peter's, Wellesbourne Hastings. Here yet another excellent job had been accomplished, and they are now all that could be desired. They were a ring of six by H. Bagley in 1681, with a tenor of approximately 9½ cwt.

In contrast, the last place to be visited for the day has a fund in operation for the restoration of the five bells, with perhaps the addition of a sixth. The parish church of Studley lies some distance away from the village, together with an old gabled house by the banks of the River Arrow. The church is 700 years old, but to ringers the most interesting feature lies in the fact that the bells are hung in a straight line and rung from a bridge-like affair suspended above the vestry behind the organ. These bells are not fit for bands to visit regularly or to be rung for any length of time, but the Vicar kindly gave us permission to ring them for a short while. The tone for a ring of five cast in 1688 by M. Bagley is very good, but rehanging is long overdue.

Home was reached at about midnight after a very enjoyable day, which could not have been possible but for the co-operation of the various church officials and incumbents. C. M. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED'S MASTER RINGER

Dear Sir,—During the course of a recent business journey in the north of England I was enabled, through the courtesy of Mr. C. Manderson, the Master Bell Ringer of the town, to inspect the ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) hung in the bell tower of the Town Hall, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

These bells are the most northerly ring in the country, being approximately only two miles from the Scottish border, 335 miles from London (by road) and 12 miles from the nearest ring at St. Aidan's, Bamburgh (8).

Mr. Manderson was unaware of the exact date these bells were hung for ringing, but probably early in the present century the present oak frame and fittings were installed. This now is very dilapidated owing to the action of the weather and woodworm. Several of the wheels are broken, and altogether the services of the bell hangers are badly needed here.

The bells were sounded up to a few years ago by means of chiming hammers, but this apparatus is now out of order, 'clocking' being done at present by means of ropes tied to the clappers.

There is no record of any peals having been rung on these bells or of even a short touch, in fact the only record of any description in the ringing room is a photograph of the group of ringers who rang in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. This photograph shows eight ringers, of which Mr. Manderson is the youngest, grouped round the Master Bell Ringer of that time, Mr. George Payne, the latter complete with uniform and tall silk hat; but there are no details as to what method was rung on that occasion, and Mr. Manderson confessed that he could not now recollect any details.

The office of 'Master Bell Ringer' must be peculiar to this ancient town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, certainly I know of no other place in the six northern counties where there is one. The holder of this office is elected by the Town Council and receives a yearly honorarium. He is supplied with a uniform consisting of a tall silk hat, a buff-coloured coat with brass buttons, a pair of navy blue trousers, and a pair of black boots, in which he is expected to turn out at most civic functions. Mr. Manderson told me with pride that it was his duty to walk immediately behind the Mayor, carrying the town's wreath to the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

His ringing duties consist of ringing the curfew for a quarter-of-an-hour every evening, ringing before every Town Council and committee meeting, and twice on Sundays for 25 minutes before church services. Incidentally, none of the churches in this town have more than one bell, and these are sounded for five minutes before service time, after the Town Hall bells cease.

The Town Hall itself was in the process of being renovated and redecorated in preparation for the forthcoming visit of H.M. the Queen. It is a great pity that these bells are not in better ringing order so that they could add their music to the general rejoicing on this special occasion—the first time for many years that a reigning monarch has visited this historic old town.

I trust your readers will find some little interest in the foregoing, and my thanks are due to Mr. Manderson for his kindness and pleasant courtesy on the occasion of my visit.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS OGDEN.

Sfaw, near Oldham.

CAMELEOUS HUMPS

Dear Sir,—The indignant correspondence, which has resulted from some, apparently misguided, lady's endeavours to describe the presence of belles in the belfry through an article published recently in 'The Ringing World,' has made it alarmingly plain that as ringers probe further into the mysteries of rope and wheel and the latent possibilities of Surprises and Delights, so the blank stupor which overcomes their physical features infects their inner souls. Thus it is to their detriment that, in attaining their heart's desire in negotiating Double Norwich Court Bob Major, they lose the attribute which is reputed to typify the Britisher—good-natured humour. It is extraordinary that the one characteristic, which is presumed to be indicative of our island, is lacking in those who indulge in the art and science which is peculiar to their country.

Much criticism has been levelled at the national traits of other lands, but through history the Englishman has been admired for his upright good humour. It was an undisputed fact that Olde England could laugh at herself—and enjoy the joke!

REMIT TO-DAY

Will postal subscribers whose subscriptions were due on July 6th please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; six months, 14s. 6d.; three months, 7s. 6d.

Our ringing tradition is nearly as old as our history, and it is not unnatural that the tourist should consider practitioners in the Exercise to be significant of all that Britain can offer. But for some mysterious reason, the belfry is completely devoid of the good-natured humour to be found in other British pursuits.

Surely, the very fact that surnames are superfluous in ringing circles is evidence enough of a friendly spirit?

The fault—if so it be—no doubt lies in the most experienced ringers, who live and sleep in a happy world of indecipherable permutations. Let us hope that the novices among us will cling to the momentary smile caused by the lady who was too abashed at her bravado to sign her name! Otherwise, it will be farewell for ever to the bulldog, and a sad existence with the sour penguins.

Sages of the belfry, we salute you for your manipulation of your bells, but you do our national spirit discredit if you cannot appreciate a bright and apt dig in the ribs; let us hope that we may resist your froustiness, which seems as contagious as your campanology!

Ladies, since we are now accepted in the sanctum sanctorum of the ringing chamber, let us at least preserve some degree of our femininity in charming our superiors back to humanity!—Yours, etc.,

BEAU PEPE.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. K. Buckingham's letter in your issue of June 29th, I understand that the above are hung in a campanile on the Curfew Tower. Since this is neither a consecrated building nor a place of worship, it seems appropriate to classify these bells as a 'secular' ring, regardless of their use.

Incidentally, Ernest Morris in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' also describes the Castle bells as a 'secular' ring.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

ST. MARY'S, DENBIGH

Dear Sir,—Recently in his article on Peals in North Wales the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead referred to St. Mary's, Denbigh (8), as being 'unconquered.'

The story is that these bells have never been rung since they were hung. Reasons given to me have been that there are springs in the rock under the tower, and that the bells are too heavy for the tower.

I have passed this tower many times and have been puzzled by the above. Recently I was able to make a personal call and found out that the bells were ordered by R. Williams, borough surveyor, and were cast and installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1873. The tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F, and from the chimes I judge these to be a beautiful ring.

The following facts may be of interest. The church, indeed the whole town, is built on a mountain of limestone which comes right to the surface, and the tower, not a very high one, looks as strong and as solid as the mountain itself.

I cannot help but feel that the reasons given have been handed down from 1873 and there may have been prejudice against the bells at that time. The key to the tower was not available so I cannot say what state the bells and fittings are in.

I have expressed my views and opinions to one local churchman and these might start the ball rolling, but if a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee should be in the area at any time he might be able to do even more and get to know the truth, as I feel sure a qualified inspection would reveal it.—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Cheshire.

A WEEK-END IN GERMANY

Dear Sir,—Cpl. George Morris, of Malvern, Worcs, and R.A.F., Saarbruck, A.C. Glyn Jenkins, St. Woolos', Newport, and R.A.F., Wildenrath, and I enjoyed a pleasant campanological weekend at Goch on June 23rd and 24th.

On the Saturday afternoon we were able to inspect the belfry of St. Mary Magdalene (R.C.) Church in this town. We were told that of the original bells, two were taken for war purposes; since then, one was acquired from a neighbouring village, so that now three bells hang in the massive wooden frame. In the empty pit lies an old headstock, probably in the same drunken position as when it was discarded 15 or so years ago.

Electric motors swing the bells about waist high, by means of sprocket and chain; the chain is joined to a wire rope, in turn attached to a thin wheel made up of angle iron. Such things as stays and sliders are never required, of course.

There seemed nothing particularly outstanding about the bells; their weights were perhaps about 8, 12 and 17 cwt.

For the rest of the weekend, Mr. George Morris's handbells were put to good use. Although our numerous peal attempts, stretching over a total of more than 100 minutes, failed, the standard of striking improved enormously, and on Sunday morning many churchgoers expressed appreciation of the service ringing—Bob Minor and rounds on eight—relayed from inside by loudspeaker. We hope to meet again soon for another peal attempt.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC ROBERTS.

10 Air Formation Signals Regt.

Goch, Germany.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE CONDUCTOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 444)

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

At the risk of vain repetition we will summarise this part of Stage 2. As soon as the 6th is called Before (in Stage 1) the conductor must appreciate the position, and be certain

1. If 5 is already in the hunt, or
2. If 567 are already in plain course order, or
3. Whether 5 will come down in front of the treble the next lead, or
4. Whether he must wait one lead longer for 5 to come down in front of the treble.

The quickest decision required is, of course, at 3, but the whole matter rests on a realisation of the position of the bells and the power to take the necessary action.

Ex. 3.	Ex. 4.	The two cases 3 and 4
267534	267345	are illustrated here, and should show quite clearly how the 5th is placed in the hunt by singles from the two positions.
S 542367	236574	
534726	S 542736	
etc.	574623	
	etc.	

With the 5th in the hunt we can now do nothing until the 7th comes down in front of the treble, and this will come sooner or later. From the position 567000 it will take some leads, but in Examples 3 and 4 just quoted it will happen very quickly; in fact, a glance at Example 4 will show that 7 comes down in front of the treble the very lead after 5 has been called into the hunt with the single. The important thing is that 7 must be called *Before with a Double*, and so the conductor must be thoroughly alert to catch the 7th as soon as she

567234 267345 267534

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542367	S 542736	534726
534726	— 675342	— 675234
— 675234	— 236475	— 426375
— 426375	243567	432567

comes to make thirds. As soon as 7 is called Before the position will be 675000, and the call at the succeeding lead is for the purpose of getting 6 out of the hunt. We give here three specimen fragments showing what might happen in this Stage 2 and the way in which 5 is got into the hunt and 7 called Before with a Double.

We have now arrived at 000567 and are ready for Stage 3.

The above is rather wordy, perhaps, and contains a great number of things to be thought of very quickly. But as our emphasis is on principles and not just on rules it is essential that the reasons for procedure be fully understood: and with pencil, paper, and patience, the student must practise these movements until he has a clear mental picture of what is happening.

We come now to the final stage, Stage 3.

3. *Rotating 234 to produce rounds.* With 567 at Home the position at the course end may be any one of the following six:

234567	234567	In the first three of these the bells are In-Course and no singles are needed to produce rounds at backstroke. The two specimen touches given here should make it clear how rounds can be reached, and should also show that one method may sometimes be quicker than the other. For instance, from 342567 rounds will be reached in the quickest time by
253746	— 752634	
275634	— 467352	
267453	— 436275	
— 342567	423567	
354726	— 754623	
375642	— 367254	
367254	— 326475	
— 423567	342567	
452736	— 753642	
475623	— 267453	
467352	— 246375	
— 234567	234567	

B.B.P.P.; but from 423567 the best procedure is a bob at Home.

If the bells are Out-of-Course, so that one of the latter three course ends appears, then two of the little bells must be turned over by the use of a single. From 324567 the calling B.B.S. will give 234567. From 243567 the same calling will give 423567, and from 432567 we may secure 342567. Once the bells are In-Course the final step should be clear.

The explanation has now covered the three stages necessary for calling the bells round when 5, 6, and 7 are widely parted. Should 67 be already together it will be clear that Stage 1 can be dispensed with, and the conductor will be able to proceed straight away with getting 5 into the hunt. Should 567 be together then the only process needed is the rotation of 234 to produce rounds.

The complete formula then is:

Call 7 Into the Hunt and 6 Before. Call 5 Into the Hunt (by a single), and 7 Before with a Double. This will produce 000567.

This formula should be learned by heart and repeated over and over again until it springs readily to the mind while ringing.

Of the three stages of the calling only Stage 2 presents any difficulty, and this will be no great embarrassment to a conductor who is capable of calling a bell into the hunt with bob or single. The principles examined here do not necessarily provide the shortest way of bringing up rounds, nor do they exclude the possibility of falseness in the touch. They do, however, give means that will serve for any occasion and any position of the bells, and they are free from long lists of rules and alternatives. As the conductor gains experience, an increased knowledge of touches and an enhanced confidence in handling the bells will reveal to him certain convenient short cuts. Some of these possibilities will be referred to in the notes that follow.

For those who wish to carry the study of this matter a little further it may be worth while drawing attention to the following point relating to Stage 3, the final manoeuvre by which 2, 3, and 4 are rotated to bring rounds. A useful and easily remembered short cut may here be employed. In any course with 567 in the plain course position either 2, 3, or 4 must be in the hunt. If 4 is in the hunt a call at the course end will inevitably produce either 324567 or 234567. If, therefore, in the process of calling round, as soon as Stage 2 is accomplished, 4 can be got into the hunt without disturbing 567, then it is clear that at the course end rounds can be got immediately either by a bob or a single, *whichever brings 2 into the hunt*. The conductor has no need to consider whether the bells are In-Course or Out-of-Course. Provided 4 is in the hunt he can produce rounds at the course end either by bob or single. It is clearly, then, of great advantage to get 4 into the hunt at the earliest moment; and, as we shall see, it can be done very quickly.

Consider the possible positions of the bells at the moment when Stage 2 is completed and 6 and 7 are together.

In Stage 2 at the moment when 7 is called Before the position is this (as has been previously shown): 675000, and 4 must be in one of these places:

A. 675400. B. 675004. C. 675040.

A call at the next lead is imperative in order to preserve 567 in their coursing order. If the position is either A or B the 4th may be immediately called into the hunt by bob or single (whichever will do the trick); if the position is C, then a further call, an added single, will place 4 in the hunt. Once 4 is in the hunt a bob or single at Home will bring rounds. In order to make this quite clear we set out below the six possible contingencies at the moment (in Stage 2) when 7 is called Before. From these six

possibilities we show: (a) How to put 4 into the hunt; (b) How to secure rounds.

675423	675432	675324
S 436275	S 426375	— 436275
423567	432567	423567
452736	453726	452736
475623	475632	475623
467352	467253	467352
— 234567	S 234567	— 234567
675234	675243	675342
— 426375	— 326475	— 236475
432567	S 453726	S 452736
453726	475632	475623
475632	467253	467352
467253	S 234567	— 234567
S 234567		

The above is worthy of study by reason of its simplicity and speed of operation. The working rule may be stated briefly: As soon as 7 is called Before get 4 into the hunt. If the next call (bob or single) will not do it, then boldly add another call (a single), and do not fear the consequences. You will not upset 567, and you are bound to get 4 into the hunt. Call 567 home (as you have already learned to do), using bob or single, whichever brings 2 into the hunt, and the bells are round.

(To be continued)

MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD'S 500 PEALS

Of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's 500 peals no fewer than 152 have been rung on 12 bells, including 115 of Stedman Cinques.

TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (3), two methods 2 (1), three methods 5 (3), Kent 3 (2), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge 3, London 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 10 (7), Stedman 15.

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (4), Spliced Treble Bob 2, Oxford 2, Kent 3 (2), Double Norwich 10, Cambridge 22, Superlative 5, London 12, Bristol 5, Yorkshire 24, Ipswich 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 3, Ashted 2, Lincolnshire 6, Painswick 1, New Cambridge 1, Belgrave 2, Hinton 1, Aldenham 1, Whitminster 1, Hallam 1, Tring 1, Apsley 1, Warwickshire 1, Cranbourne 1, Trowbridge 1, Staffordshire 1, Norfolk 1, Ramsey 1, Cassiobury 1, Truro 1, Shirley 1, Quinton 1, Bromford 1, Olton 1, Witton 1, Icknield 1, Calthorpe 1, Bearwood 1, Aldridge 1, Greet 1, Jaffrey 1, Weatheroak 1, Zetland 1, Queslett 1, Bourneville 1, Xanthus 1, Catesby 1, Valbourne 1, Jesmond 1, four Spliced 2, six Spliced 2.

Caters.—Stedman 23 (2), Grandsire 7 (3), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Kent 2, Cambridge 23, Yorkshire 20, Belgrave 1, Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 1, Solihull 1, Painswick 1, Pudsey 2, Harborne 1, Langley 1, Staffordshire 1, Oakham 1, Salfley Delight 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 113 (7), Grandsire 1, Erin 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 22, Yorkshire 7, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Pudsey 2, two Spliced 1.

HANDBELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 5 (5), Stedman 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1), two methods 4 (4), three methods 4 (4), four methods 2 (2), five methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 17 (11), Grandsire 1 (1), Canterbury 1 (1), two methods 4 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 2 (2), Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 8.

Total.—Tower 436, Handbell 64 (conducted 75).

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL'S SUMMER TOUR

The area chosen for this year's tour was North Gloucestershire, and accordingly the party met at Cambridge for lunch on June 15th. Whilst one member went off in search of luggage the Master had left on the train; the remainder of the party cycled to Slympbridge. Here the tower secretary got the tenor up wrong and ringing was not improved by the newness of the ropes. Our next stop was Moreton-Valence, a hard going six; and so on to Quedgeley, the first eight of the tour. As the ceiling here is low, the callies acted as muffs at backstroke, which did not help the striking, but fairly good Triples were managed. After supper had been obtained in Cheltenham, we went on to Bishop's Cleeve, where we were joined by friends from the district, including a past Master, who helped us considerably for most of the tour. The Master demonstrated her skill in trebling up light eights, which was not appreciated round the back end, but after this good Double Norwich and Triples were brought round.

Saturday dawned wet and stayed wet all day. The day's first call was at St. Mark's, Cheltenham. Next came Deerhurst, with its tenor rung in a separate room, where some spiced London

ONE OR SIX BELLS?

At a church where service ringing had just started for Evensong, the conductor called 'Go Bob Minor.' After about two courses of very rough striking the conductor called 'Stand,' and told the band that it was a jangled effort, etc.

He was preparing to go again when an Eastern gentleman in Western clothes put his head around the curtains and said: 'Excuse me, is there one bell or six bells up there?'

The conductor beamed after his previous remarks, and one well-known ringer was heard to say: 'Gosh, was it that bad?; I guess — (the conductor) was right.'

and Cambridge was attempted but lost. Our last call before lunch was Tirley, which has a clock made of farm machinery: and so to refreshment. At Eldersfield the past Master demonstrated his skill by turning the tenor in to London, while at Chaceley another showed his inability to set bells when ordered. After the light six at Bushley, we pushed on with all speed to Tewkesbury, where tea awaited us. We have to thank Mrs. Sprackling for providing us with this welcome meal before ringing Grand-sire Cinques and Stedman Caters at the Abbey.

The early risers attended Communion at the local church, and after breakfast we proceeded to Cheltenham to ring for morning service at St. Mary's. After touches of Stedman Cinques and Grand-sire Caters, we attended the service. Charlton-Kings was our first stop after lunch, and then on to Prestbury, where we were amused by the verses round the walls. Good courses of Bristol and Cambridge were rung here, and then on to Winchcombe, where difficulty was found in ringing a tenor hung close to the wall.

Monday's early birds climbed the hills to see the view and tried to rouse the countryside in doing so. The light eight at Leckhampton were quickly got going and the six at Badgeworth enjoyed by our rapidly diminishing party. The climb up to Churchdown made us glad we didn't normally ring there, and so to Gloucester. After some searching we discovered St. Mary-de-Lode and its key, and so the tour finished with a course of Cambridge. Those of us that were left cycled slowly back to Bristol to enjoy a musical evening before going home after a most enjoyable weekend in spite of the weather.

A. J. S.

WHITSUN IN DEVON

The 'Vrends of the Exercise,' whose tour in 'Zummerzeet' was reported last year, met again from distant parts of the kingdom to sample some of Devon's fine towers, deep flowery lanes, red soil and rolling moors, in a three-day tour by car and motor-cycle. Banwell (8, 23), near Weston-super-Mare, preceded a run through the Mendips and Quantocks to Old Cleeve (8, 18) and Dunster (8, 22), a renowned beauty spot, where lunch was of salad and Devon cream. Some very good Caters were rung on the fine ten at Minehead (20 cwt.), whence there is a grand view over the bay, before heading inland to Twerton through lovely hilly country on the edge of Exmoor, calling at Timberscombe (8, 12½) and Bampton (6, 15½) on the way. Twerton's (8, 26) are some of Taylor's best, and are always a treat to look forward to, and Silvertown (8, 17) had the same qualities. The day ended well at Broad Clyst (8, 21).

The accommodation at the King's Arms, East Budleigh, was excellent, and the party joined the locals at the nearby church (6, 8) for Matins. After dinner some went to sample the glorious bells of Exeter Cathedral (13, 73 cwt.) before joining the rest for Kenn (6, 13) and Ideford (6, 8), and a Devon tea at Bishopsteignton, where ringing took place both before and after the Evensong service. The latter, it must be admitted, was in friendly rivalry with the local ringers, who demonstrated close-lead call-changes, but readily gave credit for the 'scientific's' best efforts at London Minor, etc., and wished it could always be as good.

After farewells next morning to mine host at East Budleigh, the first call was at the home of Bilbie, Culmpton (10, 19), where the tower and bells must be the pride of the locality, full of distinctive tone. Kentisbeare (6, 14) found out some weak spots, and lunch at Tiverton was preceded by two good sixes, each 17 cwt., at Halberton and Sampford Peverell. The key could not be found at Holcombe Rogus, but a member was nearly battle-axed by an aged lady defender when demonstrating a cannon at nearby Holcombe Court. The tricky light 8 (13) at Huntsham came next, and Troyte's grave was noted. Some got lost and arrived very late at the first of two good eights, Wiveliscombe (20 cwt., Bilbie?); then came Milverton (18 cwt.), back in Somerset, and tea, before the surprise of the tour, St. Mary's, Taunton (12, 30 cwt.), only just reopened after tower renovations and recasting of the tenth bell by Messrs. Mears. This wonderful tower combines all that is most noteworthy in Somerset towers—great size (170 feet), rich panelling, Perpendicular lines, cream and pink stonework, statued niches, and above all, an amazing crown of lace-like stonework, tall pinnacles, and even flying pinnacles standing away from the tower. The bells, mostly Bilbie's, are a very good 12, but are affected a bit by tower movement and length of draught. Thus came a fitting conclusion to a tour of good bells, good fellowship and fun, and beautiful sunny weather in fine scenery. Thanks are due to all incumbents and all who made the excellent arrangements possible.

BELLS IN I.T.V. EPILOGUE

Dear Sir,—A correspondent asks for information regarding the bells used on I.T.V. for an epilogue.

Some time ago I wrote to I.T.V. concerning this film, in which I asked the same questions. I received a reply but not an answer to my questions, only to say that the 'bells' are not models (which they most certainly are), as the 'treble' is a solid block and the clapper does not move. It also swings at about three times the pace of the others, bumping the stay both ways.

I was no wiser after I had received the letter than before.—I remain, sincerely yours,
London, N.15.

E. J. ROWE.

NEWS FROM NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

Seven monthly meetings of the North Staffordshire Association have been held so far in 1956. Attendances at the January (Longton) and February (Maddley) meetings were below average owing to inclement weather and dense fog on both days.

The March meeting was at Cheadle where, as it was not possible to resume ringing at the Roman Catholic Church after tea, the Vicar very kindly gave permission for the bells of the parish church to be rung in the evening so that the numerous visitors had the opportunity of ringing at both St. Giles', the six and the eight.

Kingsley (April) was as popular as ever, and in addition to ringing many members were entertained by and involved in friendly argument with the Welsh Vicar of Whiston and Foxt (who presided at tea) and delighted by the organ playing of the Rector-elect of Kingsley.

At the May meeting at Leek, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Youell, newly appointed Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, accepted the presidency of the Association, from which office the Ven. Percy Hartill, formerly Rector and Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, retired earlier this year after 21 years' service. Considerable restoration is being carried out at Leek and it is hoped and anticipated that attention will be given to the bells during the course of this work.

Marchington, the most distant tower in the Association, was the venue for June, when a small but enthusiastic and appreciative party made the difficult journey to ring at this delightful six, where no meeting had been held for a number of years. Some, however, nearly didn't get there at all. Arrangements had been made for the Stoke-Derby train to make a special stop at Marchington, but a check at Stoke as the train was about to depart revealed that Control had failed to issue the necessary instructions. Hurried telephone calls, however, soon put matters to rights.

July 7th saw the Association at Broughton, equally inaccessible, but nevertheless some 42 ringers and friends, including visitors from Leicester and Macclesfield, were present. The weather was again most favourable and between touches the ringers explored this interesting and in many ways, unique, church or enjoyed the fine view of the Welsh mountains to the west. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Morgan, a ringer at the church, and other ringers performed the other offices of the service.

Ringling has been of a high order during the period, ranging from call-changes, Minor methods such as Woodbine and Violet, a variety of Surprise Major, to Caters and Royal.

Several committee meetings have taken place, and with regard to the Bow Bells Appeal it was agreed that collections should be taken at the individual towers to make up the Association contribution.

The death occurred at Whitsuntide of Father MacDonald, of the Roman Catholic Church, Cheadle, and an honorary member of the Association. A half-muffled peal of Grand-sire Triples was attempted at the church on June 30th, but was miscalled after two hours' ringing.

Twineham, Sussex, Ringers' Outing

The ringers and friends of St. Peter's, Twineham, had a very enjoyable day's outing on June 30th. Towers visited were Burwash, Ewhurst (Sussex), Rye and Dallington. Methods rung were Grand-sire, Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Doubles, Grand-sire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Kent Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. H. Wickens and local ringers for the use of the bells.

OBITUARY

DR. A. J. H. ILES

A former Mayor of Taunton, Dr. Alfred John Hopkinson Iles, died at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, on July 3rd at the age of 77.

The son of the late Dr. A. R. Iles, he was educated at Repton, and received his medical training at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, where he later became governor. His degrees were M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.) and F.F.R.

He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and while in London became a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Ringers. He was interested in music, having been trained at the Guildhall School of Music, and later was a regular member of St. Mary's Church Bell Ringers, Taunton.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, on July 9th. The A.S.C.Y. was represented by Mr. Arthur Prince.

MR. REUBEN CHARGE

The funeral of Mr. Reuben Charge, whose death was reported in our issue of July 6th, took place at Mitcham Road Cemetery on July 4th.

In addition to the family mourners, the following ringers were present: R. Sanders, J. Hawkins, J. Euston, S. Howard, F. Sinkins and J. Chapman. Among the floral tributes was one from the ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham.

Mr. Charge was a member of the College Youths, Middlesex and Surrey Associations, and had many ringing friends north and south of the Thames. Born at Much Hadham, Herts, he was one of five ringing brothers, and was the last survivor. Reuben Charge never kept a record of his peals, a number of which he rang with the late brothers Pye at the beginning of the century. He moved from Hampstead to Mitcham in 1948, after the death of his wife, and joined the Streatham ringers and also St. Margaret's, Westminster.

He was a man of retiring nature and loving respect; as a ringer he was a perfect striker, and will be greatly missed. He was present at the meeting of 'Old Timers' held at Bishopsgate, E.C., last September. R.I.P.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Reuben Charge unfortunately brings to an end the well-known trio of the brothers Charge. Born near Bishop's Stortford, Essex, some 77 years ago, Reuben was the last of a family of five brothers; four of them were ringers, the best known being Cornelius and George.

Reuben came to London many years ago and was employed up to the time of his retirement by that authority known today as the London Passenger Transport Board. He was a modest and most likeable man, and his 'happy-go-lucky' disposition made him many friends, both at his work and in the capacity of a bell ringer.

In his early days he quickly advanced in the art of campanology, and was often peal ringing in the company of the brothers Pye. He was for many years a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association, and of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, in the heyday of their activities.

A brilliant striker, his keen ear would instantly detect a repeat in the ringing. It is said he was never known to 'call a touch,' but his powers of observation were such that he knew when a 'call' had been made in the wrong place or accidentally omitted.

It will never be known how many peals he took part in, as he kept no personal records. The writer of these lines had the pleasure of taking part in three peals and over 100 quarter peals with him, the latter mostly for church services: he was very keen on Sunday service ringing. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live for a long time in the minds of those who knew him.

R. N.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the 'Waterloo Tower,' on July 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. A. Russell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, H. Luck 4, A. Hinkley 5, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 6, J. Tumber (cover) 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, F. Claydon 2, Miss H. G. Snowden 3, J. Warner 4, A. Syder (first quarter), 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, T. Earle 7, W. Arnold 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Shaw 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, A. Keller 3, J. Chaddock 4, H. Wadstaff 5, N. Chaddock 6, D. Cooper 7, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 30th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, A. E. Leggett 3, B. Fairhead 4, U. W. Wildney 5, F. G. Oliver 6, L. D. Mills 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 3 and 4. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Pye, of the local band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Miles 1, A. L. Ryman 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6, G. J. Jennings 7. First in method for 1 and 3. Rung on meeting short for Major, with tenor covering.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 of Grandsire Doubles: R. Holmes 1, H. C. White 2, F. Absolom 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, N. Dicks 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. R. White, of Appleton.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor R. L. Gines 1, W. Iwings 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. H. Gregory 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Richard White, of Appleton.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Spicer (first quarter) 1, R. Arnott 2, H. Badger 3, V. Holloway 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, P. Reynolds (first quarter) 6.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, P. Bray 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, E. Bray 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. For Evensong and Patronal Festival.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley King (first quarter) 1, A. Streeter 2, Freda Hankey 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, W. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Kingston 1, W. Smart 2, J. Booth 3, K. Sheldon 4, P. Foster (cond.) 5, E. Kingston 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. A. Yates and Miss K. Ballard.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Jervis (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Sylvia Wickenden 3, Janet Adamson 4, Mrs. Wm. Butler 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birminham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. Rung for the Civic Service.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Rowe (11) 1, H. Howson 2, Miss A. Smith 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.—Also on July 8th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, E. J. Rowe 2, M. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, T. Riddlesden 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reuben Charge.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On June 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Clarke 1, Pamela Clarke (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley (first as cond.) 4, B. Box 5, C. Wise (first quarter) 6.

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THE NORTH WEALD, ESSEX, RINGERS will be at Moreton instead of North Weald on July 24th. 8645

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MEETINGS

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The interim meeting as arranged and advertised for July 21st at Gaywood has had to be postponed as the work being done in the tower and the rehanging of the bells will not be completed.—C. F. T. 8656

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Pylle, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 8584

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Taxal, Whaley Bridge, July 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. (note change). Tea 5 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 8630

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon, with Salford Priors, July 21st, after tea. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8572

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8616

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Dullingham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, from 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 8579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and **SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Leatherhead and Southern Districts (respectively) joint meeting, Dorking (8) and Ranmore (8), on July 21st. Dorking bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ranmore bells available after tea. 8586

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, July 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8605

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ashted Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Myms, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 8622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford (8), July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Bull's Head. Names for tea (accommodation strictly limited).—B. G. Warwick, Gen. Hon. Sec. 8587

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—July programme. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, 21st. St. Mary's, Leyton (8) (Church Road), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Short service. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Woodford (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday, 25th. St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.—Bullock, Sec. 8624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, July 21st, Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Feltham, 6 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 8611

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8) (Newick unavailable), Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8629

POSTPONED. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, meeting at Eckington on July 21st is postponed till Saturday, August 11th.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 8648

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—Sunday, July 22nd, at 6 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of bells. A cordial invitation to all. Cup of tea available. Regular practices held each Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. 8634

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, July 26th. St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Common, 7.15-9. Visitors and learners especially welcome. Practice as usual during August.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8658

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 28th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. John's, South Hackney, 3 p.m. sharp.—A. B. Peck. 8644

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Waverley, West Lynne Road, Cheddar. 8637

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by July 25th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8663

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sudbury, on July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—own food. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8638

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8653

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 8628

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Tytherington, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to W. F. Scudamore, Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 8653

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Childswickham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 24th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8643

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Lydney, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 25th, to Mr. Bryn Nash, 16, Queen Street, Lydney, Glos.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 8650

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Meeting at Dunsfold, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Hascombe open in evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, by previous Wednesday.—A. M. Cox and M. E. Collins, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 8657

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Practice ringing evening at Mathon, July 28th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Ward, Hon. Sec. 8639

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8614

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Those who require tea must inform Mr. H. A. Kingsnorth, Woodside, Perry Wood, Selling, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, July 25th, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8646

LADIES' GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting at Weston-under-Penyard (6), Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by July 25th to Rosemary Jarrett, 22, Bulmer Avenue, Garden City, Hereford. 8655

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Anstey, July 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 26th to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 8633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6. Shortened Evensong at 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Good Rudhall 8, ton tenor.—Thornley, Sec. 8636

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Calverley, July 28th, 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify by Wednesday D. Thorpe, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley (Tel. Idle 1436), by Wednesday.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8640

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 8651

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 25th to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 8612

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to Mr. C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Sec. 8618

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice at Lane End, July 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before 24th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 8661

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Preston on Saturday, July 28th. Names for tea by 24th to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Estean, Market Overton, near Oakham. 8647

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Wymeswold, Leics, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mrs. Downs, Church Street, Wymeswold, by Wednesday previous. 8662

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, July 28th, 3.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 8654

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Great Barton (6), Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8598

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 28th, changed to Southover, Lewes. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 8642

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH.—Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, July 29th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 8635

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal Chart, Saturday, August 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Seal (6) also available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 1st to Mr. G. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal. 8641

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Rotherham Parish Church, Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names by August 2nd to Mr. N. Chad-dock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 8655

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by August 2nd to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 8649

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 6th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8546

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