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ERADICATING A SMEAR

WIDELY publicised have been the remarks made by the Bishop of Dunwich at the dedication of Eye bells, at which he said:—

'In some churches, though not in Eye, the bell-ringers entered the tower to ring the bells calling people to worship and warning them the service was about to begin. And then we see them leaving the church after proclaiming something of the Gospel through the bells. They themselves slink off to the nearest pub to refresh themselves after their energetic action.'

Mr. L. E. Last, of Hoxne, chairman of the West Central District of the Suffolk Guild of Change Ringers, has given the following well-reasoned reply to the report of the dedication that appeared in 'The East Anglian Daily Times.' He hopes that his letter may help to eradicate the smear.

'The report of the dedication of the bells of Eye, which appeared under the title "A Bishop Critical of Some Bell-ringers," calls for a public reply, which might presumptuously be given the corollary title of "Some Bellringers Critical of a Bishop." For many of the ringers present this otherwise dignified and pleasant service was quite marred by the Bishop, who saw fit once again to devote a major part of his address to the condemnation of that very small number of ringers who may still persist in outmoded Victorian habits responsible in the past for the old jingle "Ringers and singers—no home-bringers."

'Surely the Bishop could think of more effective and less offensive methods of dealing with this problem, if and where it exists, than by using the joyous occasion of the dedication of bells to make public reference to ringers who "do not stay but slink off to the nearest pub to refresh themselves after their energetic action." For instance, a real attempt by the incumbent to reform these alcoholics, or alternatively to deny them the use of the bells, would at least indicate that some welcome interest was being taken in the bellringers' activities. Granted the Bishop did not intend that his criticism should apply indiscriminately to the general body of ringers, for he specifically excluded non-existent change-ringers at the Eye Parish Church.

'It is, however, difficult to see what useful purpose was served by this public attack upon a practice which has almost entirely disappeared. In far too many towers today the bells hang silent and the recruitment of ringers is an urgent problem, but parents who heard, or have since read, the Bishop's remarks, could hardly be blamed for discouraging their children from joining our ranks. It may be that the Bishop is unaware of this problem, for usually a very special effort is made by ringers involving much

travelling to ensure that the Bishop, like the lady in the nursery rhyme, "shall have music wherever he goes."

'A recent survey conducted by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers revealed that a high proportion of ringers also serve the Church as churchwardens, organists, choristers or vergers. There is also, as the Bishop must know, a flourishing "Clerical Guild of Ringers," and strong societies exist at all our universities. The Bishop should really join one of the many enjoyable day coach tours organised by Suffolk ringers. He could then note the abstemious habits of the present generation of ringers, who realise that the intricacies and delight of modern change-ringing methods demand a sound body and a clear mind, and that ringing is an art ill-served by brains bemused by alcohol.

'I shall no doubt be accused of exaggerating the ill-effects of the Bishop's criticism, which many of the ringers present considered to be uncharitable, unjust and, to say the least, in rather bad taste. I trust that the above reply may help to eradicate the smear, and in all humiliation request that a new theme may be found for future dedication services.'

In their issue of June 18th, 'The East Anglian Daily Times' print this editorial, under the heading 'Ring Out, Wild Bells!':—

'Many people, no doubt, will have been mildly surprised to discover from the Bishop of Dunwich that it is essential to be a Christian, an Anglican, a regular church-goer and, preferably, a teetotaler in order to ring the bells in the parish church of Eye.

'There is a serious shortage of bellringers. Everywhere in England church bells are mute when they should be sending out their tidings and their melodious benison because there is no one practical enough to ring the changes.

'We confess to believing—up to now—that the chief requirement in a bellringer is an ability to ring bells and a certain awareness of their purpose and message. But we cannot appreciate or understand any theological or philosophical disapproval of an Anglican congregation being summoned to worship by an efficient Mohammedan if need be—though the latter's spiritual superiors might have more reason to object.

'What is understandable is that the spokesman of the Suffolk Guild of Change Ringers should have felt it necessary to express his regret at the Bishop's public condemnation of bellringers who "slink off to a pub" after their labours are over instead of staying for the service.

'This may be reprehensible behaviour in the eyes of the Church, but it surely did not merit such ill-timed condemnation. Is this type of bellringer more deserving of episcopal public censure than the thousands who slink off to pubs at noon every Sunday—without even ringing church bells beforehand?

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CARDIFF**Advice Given to 1,000 Towers Since the War**

MORE DEMANDS FOR TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE'S SERVICE — INSTALLATION OF BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES — COUNCIL PREFER LIVE BROADCASTS — MAJORITY VOTE FOR GREAT YARMOUTH FOR NEXT VISIT

During 1961 the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee has again increased. Advice on bell and tower restoration was given during the past year in 81 churches, 14 more than in 1960.

They may be analysed geographically, thus: Berkshire 4, Buckinghamshire 3, Cambridge-shire 1, Cardiganshire 4, Cheshire 4, Cornwall 1, Derbyshire 1, Devonshire 9, Dorset 2, Essex 2, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 1, Kent 2, Lincolnshire 5, Northamptonshire 8, Oxfordshire 4, Pembrokeshire 1, Somerset 14, Surrey 2, Sussex 2, Staffordshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Yorkshire 2, Overseas 2. Total 81.

Approximately 75 per cent. of these churches were visited by members of the Committee; the other inquiries were dealt with by correspondence. It will be seen that two of these were from overseas—one in South Africa and the other in British Columbia.

In five towers advice was given on augmentation and in 13 towers on recasting. Thirty-two sought advice on rehanging or were advised by members of the Committee to completely rehang their bells. In 31 churches advice was given on the repair and maintenance of existing gear, and 19 towers sought advice on sound control and modification. In six towers considerable damage had been done to masonry.

ARCHITECT'S FEES ON BELLFOUNDER'S CONTRACT

No outstanding or unusual problems were reported. Mr. Osborn reported the case of an architect charging professional fees on the total amount of a bellfounder's contract. The Rev. J. G. M. Scott encountered another who specified bells to be hung 'dead' complete with gudgeons and bearings. The convener has given over 20 lectures to diocesan, architectural and other professional organisations.

The members of the Committee continue to find many towers in a neglected state, and urge all Guilds and Associations to emphasise the need for regular inspection, adjustment and lubrication of bell gear. They are urged to do this not only to their members but also to rural deans, diocesan authorities and incumbents. In this way the advice may reach the more neglected towers.

The Committee met in November to revise the Council's Handbook on the Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bellframes and Gear. The revised edition is now in the hands of the printers. Mr. Austin has prepared an article on the installation of bells in new churches for publication in professional journals.

It may be of interest to record that since the last war the Committee has now given advice on restoration work in approximately 1,000 towers.

(Signed) **FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., F.I.O.B.** (convener), **B. AUSTIN, A.R.I.B.A., J. W. CLARKE, F. E. COLLINS, M.I.Inst.E., J. FREEMAN, E. H. LEWIS, M.A., W. A. OSBORN, J. G. M. SCOTT, M.A., B. D. THRELFALL, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.**

The president, in moving the adoption of the report, said the work of the Committee had increased and involved a tremendous amount of travelling. Since the war the Committee had given advice to over 1,000 towers.

Mr. Brian Austin, who seconded, has written a report on the installation of bells in new churches. In that report, he said, he had to decide whether to criticise his profession or the clergy. The basis of the report was really a direct approach to the Church diocesan authorities throughout this country telling them about

bells in new churches. Mr. Geoffrey Dodds had written an article on the subject, and he thought the more articles they could put before the Church authorities the better. His report had been received fairly favourably in architectural magazines, but not so favourably in Church publications. He thought they must as a committee try to circulate the report to every diocese in the country, and if possible get a precis in their diocesan leaflets.

Mr. P. A. Corby regretted that this important report was always received by the Council late in the proceedings. He hoped that in future it would be received earlier as the discussion would be of more use than some others. In regard to architectural fees on a bell-hanging job, he had a feeling that such fees were charged when the bell-hanging was a sub-contract. The professional fee on restoration work was 10 per cent., which was very considerable. He thought the Committee should inquire into the question of fees.

The Rev. John Scott quoted a case where a church had an estimate from the bellfounders and the architect drew up a specification on this information and was prepared to collar the fee.

Mr. W. A. Osborn said if there was an architect's fee on top of an 8-bell contract it might make all the difference in regard to the number of the bells. He proposed that Mr. Harry Sanger be added to the Committee to take over his work.

Mr. Barnett seconded and this was agreed to.

Mr. Geoffrey Dodds asked that all Associations should keep a record of silent towers and make certain that the bells were maintained.

Before the report was adopted a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for their excellent work.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE

The Committee's report stated that with the completion and publication of the Collection of Minor Methods the Committee has turned its attention to the Collection of Triples Methods, and discussion has taken place as to the content of the proposed Collection as the Committee, as now constituted, is not of quite the same opinion as its predecessor. The discussion is now drawing to a close and will, it is hoped, result in a useful Collection of Triples Methods.

Last year we were asked to make recommendations as to the inclusion or otherwise of a peal of Nightingale Treble Place Bob Major. We have carefully considered the matter and are of the opinion that the peal conforms with the Conditions required for Peals and should, therefore, be included in the Analysis.

We would draw the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory position which has arisen as a result of the renaming, at the Council's request, of certain extensions by the Leicester Guild. We would recommend to the Leicester Guild that the method now named Morecombelake Surprise Royal, which is the correct extension of Lyme Surprise Major, be renamed Lyme Surprise Royal, and the method now named Coalville Surprise Royal, which is the correct extension of Whitwick Surprise Major, be renamed Whitwick Surprise Royal in accordance with the Council's Report on Extension.

(Signed) **C. K. LEWIS** (convener), **F. T. BLAGROVE, K. W. H. FELSTEAD, J. R. MAYNE.**

Mr. C. K. Lewis, in moving the adoption of the report, asked those who wanted to ring new methods to make certain that they were proper extensions. If they had any doubt they should

consult the Committee. It was rather regrettable that this cropped up.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove seconded.

Mr. Shirley Burton said they changed Whitwick Surprise and Lyme Surprise because the extensions to Royal were not perfect. The other extensions, Morecombelake and Coalville, were worse because there were only three leads like the parent lead.

Mr. Brian Warwick quoted Mr. John Mayne as saying that he did not think Whitwick and Lyme extended at all.

Mr. Blagrove replied that at that time Mr. Mayne was not a member of the Methods Committee. The position was clearly stated in the Methods Committee's report on extension.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Can the Methods Committee publish the names of methods that will extend?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: All we ask is that static extensions should be named as such.

The report was adopted, but there were three votes against.

A vote of thanks to the Methods Committee for their work was moved by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

AMENDMENT TO DECISIONS

An amendment to the Decisions arising from an exchange of bells in a peal was submitted by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who moved:—

To amend the third item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' in Section D (1) of the Council's Decisions by substituting the following for the existing wording:—

'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'

Mr. W. B. Cartwright seconded.

Mr. B. Threlfall suggested that the last word of the motion be changed from essential to advisable.

Both the mover and seconder were adverse to a change and the motion was carried.

COUNCIL PREFER LIVE BROADCASTS

A particularly interesting debate arose from the following motion, proposed by Dr. D. N. Layton and seconded by Mr. A. V. Davis:—

'That this Council acknowledges the successful efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to ensure a higher standard of ringing broadcasts by the B.B.C., but regrets the fact that the programme entitled "Christmas Bells" broadcast on Christmas morning has been a recording on the last two occasions and asks the Broadcasting Committee to try to persuade the B.B.C. to revert to a "live" broadcast of actual ringing to mark the Christmas Festival.'

Dr. Layton said at Christmas, 1961, the B.B.C. used recordings of bells. Admittedly the recordings were special ones made for the occasion, but he thought the programme as such did not speak of spontaneity or genuineness. In 1960 the Council passed a resolution against the use of recorded bells in preference to genuine bells.

During the last few years the Broadcasting Committee had been successful in raising the standard of broadcast ringing in the country.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

and it was better than it was a few years ago. He felt the motion, if passed, would strengthen the position of the Broadcasting Committee in discussing the matter with the B.B.C. The Committee would be able to say that the use of recorded bells was undesirable and then try and persuade them to have live broadcasts. It must be admitted that there were technical difficulties in broadcasting live on Christmas Day, but it used to be done live and he did not think they were insurmountable.

Mr. A. V. Davis, in seconding, said on Christmas Day they celebrated the birth of the Lord. That was an event which took place and changed the whole course of the world; but for that event many of the great events would not have happened, and if that had not happened they should not be discussing that matter that day.

REALLY GENUINE

He did not want it to be felt that Dr. Layton and himself were against recordings, but they were not the real thing. They asked the Council to say that Christmas morning was a day when a live broadcast should take place and the broadcast really genuine.

Mr. Davis said he asked the B.B.C. to change to live broadcasts, and their reply was that records were more convenient. They also referred to atmospheres. He would say that there was no more peaceful place in this country than Christmas morning. He also disagreed with another reason put forward by the B.B.C. when they said they could not get artists to perform on Christmas morning.

We suggest that the ringers should be the recorders of the bells on Christmas morning.

Mr. H. Sanger said the facts were these. The Committee said three years ago that they were in sympathy with live broadcasts but the facts were that his committee could only advise. This was a matter of policy. If the B.B.C. said they were to be recorded, much as they might deprecate it, they would continue to broadcast that way.

QUESTION OF WORK

Mr. J. R. Cooper said most of them like to have Christmas Day without work. That would be achieved for many people with a recording.

Mr. R. S. Anderson: Will this resolution be any help to the Committee or will it be a hindrance?

Mr. Vernon Bottomley asked the Council not to lose sight of the fact that the bells were recording for the Christmas message.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody said he recently visited the head of broadcasting in Northern Ireland. He said to me: "What is your grouse? Have you come to criticise? We are trying our best to get open bells, and if we can do it we will, but there are certain places in the country districts where we are not prepared to send a unit for bells and another to take the service."

Dr. Layton said there was no intention to write to the headquarters of the B.B.C., but a request to the Broadcasting Committee to keep this motion in mind. There was no desire to interfere with the B.B.C. All they were asking the Council to do was to express the Council's opinion.

The motion was carried.

ONE AFFILIATION FEE

There was little sympathy for the second motion before the Council:—

That this Council asks all affiliated territorial Societies to consider

- (i) whether non-resident life members' subscriptions should be uniform throughout the Exercise, or

- (ii) whether without further payment membership of one affiliated territorial Society should entitle a ringer to non-resident life membership of all other such Societies.

Mr. A. D. Barker: I have been requested to propose this motion. Personally, I cannot see any treasurer agreeing to it.

Mrs. Barker: On behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, I beg to second.

Mr. F. W. Perrens: In view of the way this is presented I cannot believe the Council is in sympathy with it.

Mr. F. E. Haynes: I should like to protest.

Mr. Barker: This was carried by a small majority at our meeting.

Mr. Threlfall: But you are representatives and not delegates.

The motion was defeated.

NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that no specific invitation had been received for the next meeting. The Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting should take place in London, and at the same time Canon A. G. G. Thurlow said that the Norwich Diocesan Association would welcome the Council.

Voting took place. There were 67 for Great Yarmouth and 48 for London.

Canon Thurlow said it was very kind of the Council to vote in favour of Great Yarmouth. 'We will have to see about the Town Hall. It might have to be in London.'

PRESIDENT'S AMERICAN VISIT

Canon Thurlow said after the Whitsun meeting next year their president was going to accept a kind and happy invitation from the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers to visit the United States. Mr. Sharpe was going to give a series of lectures on bells, tuning and composition. At this handbell festival some 300 teams come and compete. He thought it would be very nice if they could record their thanks for issuing this invitation and paying every cent of his expenses.

The announcement was received with great pleasure, and the Council decided to record its thanks at this generous gesture between two bell-loving organisations.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION

The hon. treasurer announced that the New South Wales Association was reconstituted last month as the Australian and New Zealand Association. They all agreed that this was a very important step on the other side. Mr. Philip Gray was again to represent the enlarged Association.

THE PRESIDENCY

The hon. secretary said that at the meeting of the Standing Committee he was instructed to call attention to the decision of the Nomination Committee in 1956: That normally the president and vice-president should hold office for six years and that nominations for these offices must be sent in two calendar months before the meeting.

THE ATTENDANCE

	Present	Absent
29 Associations fully represented	63	—
24 Associations partially represented	54	37
6 Associations not represented	—	8
Life members	4	4
Honorary members	13	6
	134	55

MRS. FLETCHER

Mr. E. H. Lewis said that by her absence Mrs. Fletcher had broken a 47 years' record of attendance at meetings of the Council. He proposed that the good wishes of the Council be conveyed to her. Agreed.

VOTES OF THANKS

Mr. Harold Rogers proposed the customary vote of thanks to the president and the platform of officers for their work during the past year. Everything had been very efficiently done.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, the Bishop of Llandaff, Mr. T. Stephens (Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Canon W. E. C. Thomas (Vicar of Cardiff), Messrs. Harrington, Roderick and D. King, and Miss Ridiard. Thanks were also accorded to local incumbents and tower keepers and to the Ferndale Choir for their concert.

THE SOCIAL

There was a large attendance at the social evening held at the Park Hotel on Tuesday. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead recited and the Rev. John Scott sung ditties.

VETERANS' REUNION IN LONDON

Thirty-eight veterans, with a total age of 2,821 years, ranging in age from 90 to 62, attended the veterans' reunion, organised by Mr. John Euston, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 16th. Figure expert A. D. Barker checked the totals, and John Euston was able to announce with pride that the average age of the assembly was 74.237.

In addition to the usual ringing, a short organ recital was given by Mr. L. Warner, preceding the service conducted by Mr. J. Tomsett, a ringer and lay reader of the Guildford diocese. His thoughtful address concluded with the reading of the names of those who had passed to higher service during the year.

Tea in the Fanmakers' Hall was a splendid meal and was provided by Mrs. Davis, assisted by Mesdames Deal, E. E. Sanders and M. Baker, and the Misses M. Prockson, G. Hindle and A. Deeley.

They were warmly thanked and received a long round of applause. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar (Rev. Stanley Moore), Mr. Tomsett and the organist.

Those present were: H. Stalham, 90; R. Sanders, 88; Mrs. Hazelden, 87; C. Hazelden, 86; J. S. Hawkins, 83; E. G. Fenn, 81; J. W. Chapman, 80; Dr. E. L. Taylor, G. Marriner and W. Shepherd, 79; T. R. Dennis, 78; E. Barnett and F. Barker, 77; W. H. Hewett and A. Hunter, 76; C. A. Hughes, E. W. Furbank and F. W. Elliott, 75; A. W. Coles, P. H. Avey, T. Collins and F. Turner, 74; A. Newell and C. E. Norris, 73; L. Stilwell and Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 72; A. D. Barker, 71; A. G. Mason and R. Newman, 70; H. W. Clark, 69; G. F. Oakshott and J. Marks, 67; W. Inley, 66; W. C. G. Wainwright, 64; F. J. Cullum and B. Baker, 63; H. J. Hazell and H. Audley, 62.

At the informal social which followed, quite a number of apologies were read, and it was hoped that we may have them with us next year. Reminiscences were given by a number of those present, including Dr. E. Leonard Taylor and Mr. Hazelden. John Euston staged some items of interest, and at 8 p.m., when parting time came, the general view of all was that it was the best meeting of veterans they had yet attended. Such a verdict could not have been possible had the veterans not had the willing help and co-operation of the under-60's.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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EYE BELLS REDEDICATED

Bishop: Ringers Slinking off to Nearest Pub?

THE clerk of the weather provided warm, bright sunshine on June 9th for the rededication of the eight bells of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, at Eye.

Some 35 ringers from Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex joined Eye residents and visitors from a wide area at the service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Donald Rea, Rural Dean. The organ was played by Mr. David Jones, an Eye ringer. The Mayor of Eye, Dr. M. Clarke-Williams, was present.

While the congregation assembled handbells were rung near the tower by four ringers, under Mr. Leonard E. Last, of Hoxne, chairman of the West Central District of the Suffolk Guild.

Mr. Robert E. Lester, of Needham Market, the District Ringing Master, was in charge of ringing for the day, and he and Mr. Hubert Mitson, of Buxhall, had travelled to Eye the day before to make rope adjustments, raise the bells and see that all was in order for the occasion. This was necessary because, since April, 1959, when the bells were last rung except for the try-out at the end of rehanging last December, the tower captain, Frederick Brunning, as well as three other elderly ringers (Thomas Turner, his brother Harry, and William E. 'Rowley' Musk), all of whom had rung for many years, had died, and at the moment none of the six ringers left at Eye has been appointed captain. No ringing, other than by visiting bands, is taking place. However, it is hoped that recruits will come forward now that the rough going of the bells has been cured.

MILES GRAYE TENOR

The 1640 Miles Graye tenor has been recast. Her reputed weight varied from 21 to 24 cwt. and her note E flat. At the foundry she was found to be a thin bell, her note nearly down to D and her weight 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. She now weighs 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. and her note is D.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have supplied all new fittings, including clappers, and Messrs. Gibbons, builders, of Crowfield, Suffolk, carried out all the other work in connection with the overhaul. Two large reinforced concrete beams have been built into the south and north walls immediately under the main wooden bearers of the bell chamber floor. These bearers are said to be the original timbers of the date the tower was built—1461 to 1471.

The bell chamber has been refloored and the old frame strengthened, the architects, Messrs. Fletcher, Watson and Partners, of Norwich, saying that it is fit for further service, although many people think that it is a pity that the bells and all the new work were not put into a new frame. The cost is the principal reason for one not having been installed.

One experienced person expressed the opinion that the existing frame, which may well be the original when the tower first had eight bells over 200 years ago, never had been sufficiently sturdy for its 4 ton ring.

Observations made in the bell chamber during ringing on dedication day indicated that even more strengthening and securing are desirable. Mr. Randal W. M. Clouston, the Guild's technical adviser, is making a report and recommendations on what he saw that day.

Nevertheless, the general opinion of ringers was that the bells handled and sounded well: the new 'boss,' after her major operation, has been accepted in complete harmony by the seven other members of the family.

BELLS NOISY

All the same, the bells are noisy near the tower, as they have always been. Nothing has been done to block up any part of the large twin-louvred windows on each face of the tower and, in these days of reduction of sound from bells, it is curious to notice that the west louvres are set more open than any of the others, yet these west ones are those facing the built-up area of the town, the others facing open country. The bells swing above the louvre window-sills.

The tower is a beautiful example of panelled flintwork, and it was pleasing to see the Cross of St. George flying from the tall flagstaff—the first time a flag had flown from it for nine years (the Coronation).

For the dedication the procession of crucifer, taperers, churchwardens (Mr. Victor J. Cornish and Mr. Charles W. Woods), the Vicar and the Bishop of Dunwich moved from the chancel to the tower. The Bishop rededicated the bells, the token rope being handed to him by Claude Rush (who had been responsible for raising the £1,500 in the fund for the restoration). The ringers in the opening rounds included Mrs. Doris Pallett, one of the Eye ringers.

In his address the Bishop thanked all who had subscribed or helped in any other way. He referred to the four departed ringers (mentioned above)—he also included them in prayers at the altar at the end of the service. He spoke of the former Eye bell-hanging firm of George Day and Son, who did work in towers in many counties from about 1800 to 1930. Miss Ella Day and Mrs. Dorothy Penson, daughters, and Mrs. Hubert Day, daughter-in-law of Frederick Day, of the firm, still remembered by some older ringers, were in the congregation.

The collection (£20 15s 2d.) and donations received since the dedication service was announced a few weeks before amounted to £37 1s. 2d. for the Bell Fund.

VICTORIAN STIGMA

The Bishop, in his address, said that as one approached Eye from any direction the tower reared itself as a witness to the presence of God in their midst, and the bells in it remind them that the tower *lived*—it did not just point to heaven.

'Ringers have often heard mention of their brethren who ring and do not then go to the service.' It is perhaps unfortunate that the large congregation at Eye on this occasion should hear the Bishop say that in some churches we see ringers leave after the toll-in 'and slink off to the nearest pub to refresh themselves after their energetic action,' and it is certainly unfortunate that the report of the service in the local newspaper, 'The East Anglian Daily Times,' should have to print these words under the sub-heading 'Ringers Criticised.' The Victorian stigma sticks!

Refreshments for the ringers and their friends were served in the Conservative Hall by the ladies of the church, and afterwards the number of ringers was nearly doubled.

The bells were given no rest until late evening.

THE BELLS

Treble.—4 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D (cast 1721), by John Stephens, Norwich. 'Ex dono Gulielmi Brampton generosi Anno Domini 1721.'

Second.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp (1779), by John Stephens, 1721. Recast by Pack and Chapman, Whitechapel, 1779. 'Pack and Chapman of London fecerunt Simon Cook churchwarden 1779.'

Third.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B (1905, by John Stephens. 1721. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1905. 'Thomas Rust oppidi praefecto. J. Stephens made us 3. 1721. Recast with extra metal at the cost of Charles Tacon Esquire, Mayor of Eye 1895 to 1905 and for several years churchwarden of Eye.

'Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

1905.

'The Rev. J. F. S. Pritchitt, Vicar. Frederic Whaite, Charles Tacon, churchwardens. Recast by Mears and Stainbank Bell founders London 1905.'

Fourth.—8 cwt. 1 lb. in A (1789), by Thomas Osborn, Downham. 'Let us rejoice our King restored [? restord]. Saml. Gowing, Saml. Sewell, ch. wardens. T. Osborn fecit 1789.'

Fifth.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G (1789), by Thomas Osborn, Downham. 'O God continue thy mercies to the King. Dan. Sewell, Saml. Gowing, ch. wardens. T. Osborn fecit 1789.'

Sixth.—11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp (1640), by Miles Graye, Colchester. 'Miles Graye made me 1640.'

Seventh.—14 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E (15th century), by Richard Brasser, Norwich. 'Brasser shield thrice [cross]. Dona Repende Pia [lion's head]. Rogo Magdalena Maria.'

Tenor.—19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D (1961), by Miles Graye, 1640. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1961. 'Miles Graye made me 1640. Recast 1961, Mears, London.'

CLAUDE RUSH.

RINGING MASTER ORDAINED

On Trinity Sunday, in his Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of Rochester ordained as deacon to serve his title at St. Augustine's, Gillingham, Peter N. Bond, Ringing Master of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. Peter, who is well known in ringing circles in most parts of the country, commenced his ringing at Brasted, under Mr. E. H. Lewis. He has the distinction, possibly unique, of having rung at all the ringable towers in his native county of Kent.

A former Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, he has from time to time enlivened the columns of 'The Ringing World' with his pungent contributions. He has served for some years as a lay reader and has given up his teaching career to enter the church. Readers of 'The Ringing World' will wish him well in his new life, and rejoice that there has been such a notable addition to the ranks of clerical ringers.

At the same ordination, the Rev. H. R. Silvester, curate at Sevenoaks Parish Church, was ordained priest. Members of the Sevenoaks band and other friends representing the Kent County Association were happy to be invited to join the Rochester Cathedral ringers in a long touch of Grandsire Caters before the service.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District joined the Western District for their quarterly meeting at Bristol on June 2nd, when ringing at the Cathedral preceded a service at St. Thomas' (City) Church, conducted by the Vicar.

Tea in St. Thomas' Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which Mrs. R. E. Smith welcomed the South Wales Branch and thanked the incumbent and Miss Johnson for making the arrangements.

Monthly practices: July 10th, Winscombe; August 22nd, Mangotsfield; October 16th, Chipping Sodbury; November 12th, St. Werburgh's, Bristol.

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PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—58

There must be something about the Cheshire air that produces good ringers! Since the war, this Association has gone from strength to strength, and has never been short of promising talent. The expression 'The Cheshire Men' spans 16 years, and as soon as an older man retires from peal ringing there is always a competent young ringer—of either sex—ready to take his place with the experts. In fact, many of the regular peal ringing band today were not even ringing ten years ago! This continued enthusiasm is largely maintained through the example of Messrs. John Worth and C. Kenneth Lewis who, with other experienced ringers, do everything possible to encourage the right type of young people. One of the most enthusiastic and accomplished of the younger generation is Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire, who in less than seven years from learning to handle a bell has already conducted the record length of Major and also the record length of Royal!

Bob Smith, as he is usually known, was born in Manchester on January 10th, 1938. After passing the 11-plus examination from All Saints' Primary School, Marple, he attended the Hyde County Grammar, where he took his G.C.E. He continued his education at the Hyde Technical and Art School and at Stockport College, and is now studying for the Diploma in Technology at the Loughborough College of Advanced Technology.

Bob was taught to ring on the six bells at Marple in 1955 by Mr. Jack Pryor (now of Cardiff). It was entirely due to the latter's enthusiasm in Bob's early stages of ringing that he persevered to advance. He will always be grateful for the help and advice that has been given him by more experienced ringers, but he feels he owes more to Jack Pryor than he or any other person will imagine. Bob's first peal was on October 6th, 1956, at Burbage, near Buxton, Derbyshire, and it was Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, conducted by William A. Smith, who is now employed by the British Atomic Energy Authority. His first peal as conductor was Plain Bob Major at Bredbury, Cheshire, under the watchful eye of Brian J. Woodruffe, another clever young ringer, who arranged and conducted the majority of Bob's first 50 peals.

Up to the end of March this year Bob has rung 400 peals, of which he has conducted 73. These have included peals, rung and conducted, on all numbers of bells in a wide variety of methods. On handbells, through ringing with the Leicester band, he has taken part in the second peal of Cambridge Maximus and the first of Yorkshire Maximus, both conducted by Peter J. Staniforth. These are certainly amazing performances, which gave him much pleasure.

On tower bells, he was delighted to have taken part in the peal of London Royal at Wells Cathedral, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis, when one of the finest-ever exhibitions of tenor ringing was given by that 'great little man' Edward Jenkins. Another peal with which he was pleased to be associated was John Worth's 1,000th peal—London S. Major at Christ Church, Macclesfield. Bob enjoys long length ringing more than ordinary peal ringing. As the end is so far away, he doesn't start



MR. ROBERT B. SMITH,
The Cheshire Association.

thinking about it half-way through, and consequently finds it much easier to concentrate.

Outside ringing, Bob enjoys a wide variety of amusements. Before taking up peal ringing he was captain of his local football and cricket team, and still plays in the odd game or two. He enjoys most indoor and outdoor games, and finds table tennis a good exercise. He prefers a mixture of half popular and half classical music, and sang in the church choir until his voice broke. He is also a keen churchman, and was in the Church Lads' Brigade between the ages of 10 and 21.

For several very important reasons, Bob will not be able to continue peal ringing at the rate he has been doing, to ring 400 peals in 5½ years. After leaving school, he served an apprenticeship with the engineering firm of Messrs. Muirless, Bickerton and Day Ltd., of Hazel Grove, Cheshire, and during this period he took both Ordinary and Higher National Certificates in Mechanical Engineering. On completing his apprenticeship in January, 1959, he was employed as a jig and tool design draughtsman, until starting his present training at Loughborough College. After taking his final exams, he hopes to follow the career of production engineer, and will naturally not have so much spare time.

Bob Smith is the ideal type of young ringer. Although very keen and enthusiastic in his peal ringing, he does not neglect his Sunday service responsibilities. In a few years' ringing he has achieved more than most people do in a lifetime, and when he does have to slow down his ringing activities he can feel assured that, although only 24, he has already earned a respected name for himself. The Exercise will wish him success in his chosen career.

APACE.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Warsop Disqualified From Ringing Contest

Wishing to test the reputation won by the Warsop band, the Derby District put pressure on them to give a demonstration of accurate striking at the District's annual contest by advertising this demonstration in 'The Ringing World' and the local papers, and then by slipping them into the contest, unknown to the judges, to have their worth judged against the other bands. All this was rather unfair since, as Herbert Rooke, their leader, pointed out, even Warsop ringers have been known to make a trip. They measured up all right, and started by winning the contest.

After tea had been enjoyed by about 120 ringers and friends in the Village Hall, the Vicar of Horsley introduced Mr. J. Else, the churchwarden. Mr. Else had promised a year ago before the first ringing contest to donate a silver cup, to be known as the 'Horsley Cup.' This he then produced; then, typical of his unpredictable generosity, he also produced a beautiful silver model bell, which he presented to Miss Gwen Harrison for her service to the Church and to ringing (and for feeding 120 ringers).

The judges, Messrs. Roger Baldwin and David Friend, then announced that although Warsop had won the contest, they were disqualified for not being resident members. They placed the 15 teams: 1 Derby Cathedral, 2 Derby, St. Peter's, 3 Etwell and Sawley (joint).

The president, the Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, presented the cup to Harold Taylor, leader of the Cathedral band, and mentioned the progress of the Association during the past year, and of the value of Association membership.

After commending the organisers for their most unusual rules, which appeal to call-change ringers and Surprise ringers alike, and commenting on the spirit which drew 15 teams from one district to the contest, Mr. Rooke led his team to further glory by ringing a 360 of Kent T.B. Minor which was awe-inspiring in its machine-like precision.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

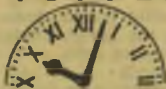
The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Marshfield on May 12th, with some 40 ringers and friends attending. Two ringing clergymen officiated at the choral service—the Vicar of Marshfield (Rev. R. E. L. Jones), who gave the address, and the Rev. Ivor Richards (Vicar of Llanarth), who read the lesson.

A fine tea was provided in the Church Hall by Mrs. R. E. L. Jones and helpers, who were sincerely thanked by Mr. Ron. Lucas.

Mr. Brian Neil, of Marshfield, was elected to membership. Mention was made of the Rev. Roy Hallett's progress in building a band at Caldicot. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Shakell, of Rumney, for putting Marshfield bells in order for the meeting.

Next meeting, Chepstow, jointly with the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

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THE BIRTH OF ANZAB

'ANOTHER page of Australian ringing history turned.' This comment aptly sums up the events of the Queen's birthday holiday week-end in Sydney, upon which ringers from four States converged.

The Victorian contingent (from St. Paul's, Melbourne; St. Patrick's, Melbourne; and St. Paul's, Bendigo) numbered 17. St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, sent two, and St. George's, Perth, one. With 20 visitors from interstate (and Peter Richards down from Armadale, where although towerless he is very active with handbells) the Sydney ringers had a job on their hands to organise a programme to take in the seven available towers. This they did very successfully.

On Saturday, June 2nd, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were heard at St. Mary's Basilica, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major at St. Mark's, Darling Point, alleged rounds at St. Benedict's (good bells but sadly neglected and very heavy going—comically so), Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor at All Saints', Parramatta, and Stedman Doubles and Kent Minor at St. James', Turramurra, together with rounds, call-changes, etc. The host ringers drove hundreds of miles and consumed gallons of petrol transporting bands from one tower to another, often as much as 15 miles apart across this sprawling city.

In the evening, at All Saints', Parramatta, about 50 ringers, representing a truly Australian gathering, were present at an historic meeting. The old N.S.W. Association last year changed its name to the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change-ringers. Recently they were renamed the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers (ANZAB). This body became the N.S.W. Branch of ANZAB. Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia applied for admission as branches and were accepted.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Thus was realised the dream of many ringers for an Australia-and-New-Zealand-wide Association. Although New Zealand and the states of Queensland and Tasmania have expressed approval, they have not as yet formally formed branches. It is hoped that they will soon do so.

The first president of the newly-constituted ANZAB is Mr. J. F. Roper, of Melbourne. The secretary is Mr. T. W. Goodyer, of Sydney, and Mr. K. J. Minchinton, of Melbourne, becomes the treasurer. Mr. W. B. Pitcher, of Adelaide, has the dual post of peal secretary and editor of 'Ringing Towers' (which it is hoped will be published quarterly, probably in the months of August, November, February and May). Mr. P. M. J. Grey will be asked to represent the Association on the Central Council.

Sunday dawned fine and mild, and the visitors tried their hand at the light six at Christ Church, St. Laurence (but without the fifth—no rope), and rang for service at Turramurra, and St. Mary's Basilica. After lunch five ringers disappeared to attempt a handbell peal of Bob Royal, which they successfully brought round. A quarter of Bob Minor at Parramatta was also successful, but one of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's came to grief.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.', June, 1912.

THE WARNER CUP

Dear Sir,—As my very old friend Mr. Hattersley has written you on this subject, may I say that my feeling, and the unanimous feeling of all the ringers I have spoken to, is that this or any other cup is a mistake. We fully appreciate Messrs. Warner's kindly motives, but, to quote a well-known ringer, 'We don't want ringing brought down to the level of football.'—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Ealing.



MR. J. J. F. ROPER,
the first president of the Australian and
New Zealand Association of Bellringers.

The centenary of the rather pleasant eight at St. Mark's, Darling Point, was the event of the evening. Much ringing was done by visitors, local and erstwhile ringers. This was followed by a service of thanksgiving in the church, at the conclusion of which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung 'in hand.' A magnificent supper, culminating in a large birthday cake surmounted by silver bells, concluded a very satisfying function.

Monday was the day of the annual ring of the N.S.W. Branch and the Joyner Cup ring for interstate teams. These competitions were held on Sydney's newest ring, St. Paul's, Burwood. The N.S.W. Association Shield for Doubles was won by St. Jude's, Randwick, the Duncan Shield for Minor and Triples by St. Mary's, and N.S.W. won the Joyner Cup from Victoria. After a formal luncheon in the Church Hall there was ringing at Turramurra and at St. Mary's Basilica, where a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Then it was time for the interstate ringers to make their way to the railway station or the airport, in order to be back at work on Tuesday.

W. B. PITCHER.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Some 40 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Stourton on June 9th, when the gardens looked their best. Unfortunately the ringing after the first few touches was upset by the tenor rope frequently slipping from the wheel. The bells were rehung on ball-bearings a year ago.

At the service the ringers were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Nicoll-Griffiths. Other clerical members taking part were the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore (chairman), J. M. Wright (Vicar of Maiden Bradley) and R. N. Longridge (hon. secretary).

Tea, with cream, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, was followed by the business meeting. The principal item here was the decision to attempt a peal or quarter by the Branch to mark the 80th anniversary of the Guild, with local attempts also on or near the Guild 'Ringing Sunday', September 16th, in affiliated towers. It was also decided to support both the Kilifi Bell Fund and the St. Paul's, Melbourne, Restoration Fund by a special collection at the next quarterly meeting, and by a donation of £5 from Branch funds.

Next quarterly meeting: Okeford Fitzpaine, September 15th.

LETTERS

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest your leading article, taken from 'The Irish Bell News.' In many churches the electrical installation has been in use for many years and will shortly require rewiring. This would be the opportune time for the ringers to put their case to the P.C.C. for adequate and safe lighting in the ringing and bell chambers.

A few months ago I was taking part in a quarter peal at Gloucester Cathedral when the tower was twice plunged into darkness for short periods due to someone operating the wrong switch. A simple remedy would be for the tower circuit to be controlled by a separate main switch, which should be clearly labelled.

As to the lighting in the ringing chambers, it is preferable to use enclosed type lighting fittings mounted on the ceiling, but where the ceiling is very high they can be mounted on the wall at a suitable height to avoid glare to the ringers. An alternative method would be to replace the existing light fitting with a fitting housing more than one lamp, but care must be taken to ensure that lamps of the correct wattage are used or overheating will result.

Before all the handymen rush off to install additional lights in their belfries, I would draw their attention to the booklet 'Electric Wiring in Churches,' published by the Central Council for the Care of Churches, Church House, Westminster, S.W.1, price 6d. In addition to specifying how the work should be carried out it also states that the work should only be carried out by an electrical contractor who is enrolled with the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting.

I am in contact with one of the electrical engineers who prepared this booklet and am sending him a copy of your article with a recommendation that future amendments or editions of this booklet should include a paragraph stressing the importance of more than one light in the ringing chamber and that the main switch controlling the circuit should be clearly labelled with a suitable warning notice.—Yours sincerely,

M. J. PRYOR, Hon. Secretary,
Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

'THE RINGERS' MAGAZINE'

Dear Sir,—I am, alas, in no position to help William Butler save the 'R.M.' from extinction. I am only glad you put his letter on page 373 and not in with the obituaries.

These are the days of 'take-overs,' and I wonder if 'R.W.' might formally adopt the supply of good matter which went into this splendid little publication and establish a 'magazine section' incorporating this and 'The Smiths' and other similar articles.

The added sources of high-class matter would, if only by pressure of space, keep the 'bickering gentlemen' confined within more stringent limits.—Yours sincerely,

Winchester.

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Note.—Feature articles dealing with one of the many varied sides of bells and ringing are always acceptable. Most issues of the 'R.W.' contain one or more articles of this nature.—Ed.

TOWN PLANNING VANDALISM

Dear Sir,—For the edification of the Bishop of Dunwich, in Gravesend about a dozen years ago the still small voice of the bells started the movement which saved St. George's Church from being pulled down by the Corporation.

Now, the parish church at which I worship, which has no bells, is to be pulled down by the same people: it is one of town's best.

This presumably means that such details as a stained glass window, which was erected less than ten years ago for some hundreds of pounds, will be smashed to smithereens. The neighbouring school, set fire to before Easter, was speedily got rid of.

It is a very hard thing, but when a few people like myself try to get these things preserved we are let down, and it is very hard trying to educate youth into reverence for the Church when it takes money off their parents to be thrown away.—Faithfully yours,

Gravesend.

F. A. CLUETT.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 77th annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association, held at Brighton on May 12th, brought together the largest gathering of ringers at Brighton for some years. Approximately 124 sat down to tea, prepared by Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Percy and their helpers. The limitations of seating necessitated refusing those who had not notified the general secretary.

The ringing in the afternoon was at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's Churches, and the service at St. Nicholas' was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. E. Walker), who gave an interesting address. The collection was for Church Expenses.

At the committee meeting previously held to make arrangements for the A.G.M., it was agreed to invite ringing clergy to the A.G.M. as our guests. This year we were pleased to have with us the Rev. P. L. Scott, Rector of Withyham.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, who welcomed the Rev. F. E. Walker and Mrs. Walker, the Rev. P. L. Scott, Mr. F. Rogers, Master of the Portsmouth and Winchester Guild, Mr. B. Jeffery, secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild (who was accompanied by many of their members, including Mr. C. Bassett, former secretary). Mrs. Hairs, secretary of the Northern Division, mentioned that the East Grinstead Guild had postponed their own meeting to enable Sussex members in their area to attend the A.G.M.

HARRY STALHAM'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. Len Stilwell presented to the Vicar of St. Nicholas' a loose-leaf book containing details of all the peals rung there. This was a surprise gift to mark the 90th birthday of Mr. Harry Stalham.

The chairman thanked those who had made the arrangements for tea at such a low cost. The members stood in silence in memory of those who had passed on during the year, viz.: J. Dearlove, Rev. R. P. Farrow, W. Hoad, Rev. J. Kingdon and J. Smart.

Arising from the minutes, the general secretary stated that details of a 'belfry office' for the Association would be produced as soon as possible. The various reports were accepted with little comment; peals rung during the year were the lowest for 28 years.

The election of the various officers, including the president and vice-presidents, Master, etc., followed. All were re-elected, with the exception of the peal secretary, Mr. L. Stilwell, who, having held this position for several years, resigned to give the younger members a chance to take a more active part in the affairs of the Association. Mr. Peter Romney was elected peal secretary. Mrs. Percy proposed that Mr. L. Stilwell should be elected a vice-president in recognition of the unstinted service he had rendered to the Association. Mr. L. Weller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RINGING FESTIVAL

Details of a proposed ringing festival to be held in 1963 had been circulated to the divisions by Mr. Fitzhugh, of the Eastern Division. This would be run on similar lines to that held in Bristol. Various discussions took place, but no one had any useful suggestions to put forward. Mr. Pullinger asked if the Association would back any of the Divisions financially if they arranged a festival on their own. The Association would not back the festival, and the matter was dropped.

Details of the proposed new rules were given to the meeting by Mr. F. Beeney, secretary of

the Eastern Division. These were not discussed but left for the Divisions to discuss and review at the 1963 A.G.M.

The general secretary gave details of the advantages between the old and new rules. Affiliation fees would be replaced by an individual subscription; everyone would receive a copy of the annual report; new members would receive a badge and certificate on joining the Association.

It was suggested by Mrs. Knight, of the Southern Division, that the A.G.M. should be held in various parts of the county. It was pointed out that wherever the meeting was held catering facilities must be available, also a suitable hall for the meeting. This item was deferred to the next A.G.M.

Details of two appeals—Kilifi Bell Fund, Kenya, and St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund, Australia—were given by the general secretary. Mr. Jefferies' suggestion of a retiring collection was accepted and amounted to £7 18s. 6d. The Association made this up to £10, and £5 will be sent to each appeal.

Mr. H. Brown informed the meeting that Bolney bells were going to the foundry.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells. There was further ringing at St. Nicholas' Church.

R. W. R. P.

BARNSELEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Only three teams entered for the shield contest held at Wentworth, near Rotherham, on June 9th. Mr. Dan Smith was the judge, and the winners were Warsop with 81 faults, followed by Shelley 154, and Cawthorne 181. Mrs. King, the wife of the Vicar, presented the shield to Mr. H. T. Rooke, the Warsop captain, and a chrome cream jug to each member of the team.

Next meeting: Wath-on-Deerne, July 14th. Wragby, August 11th, with Southern District of the Yorkshire Association.

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Mr. Anthony J. M. Collins, who provided the Central Council with such a stimulating film show at Cardiff, was able to score his first peal at Cowbridge on the Wednesday. He will have happy memories to take with him back to British Columbia.

Within 5½ months of handling a bell, Wendy Hollowell, has rung her first quarter at Peterborough.

Mr. Michael W. Brown is the first person to 'circle the tower' to peals at Swithland, Leics. And now the bells are to be rung.

To commemorate the centenary of the death of Harriett Auber (1773-1862), who wrote the hymn 'Our Blest Redeemer,' a peal was rung at Ashton, Northamptonshire, on June 16th.

Ringers from four States were represented at the first meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers held at Sydney. Local ringers, writes a correspondent, were perfect hosts. They spent the time, when not ringing, taking the visitors sight-seeing.

With the peal at Twerton-on-Avon on June 16th, Terry Milsom completed the 'circle of the tower' to peals. The peal at Twerton on June 9th was the 50th for the Bath and Wells Association by Mr. Alan F. Lee, Bath Branch secretary.

The chimes of the Colchester Town Hall clock—referred to as an 'infernal machine'—was the subject of a protracted debate at the Town Council meeting. An amendment to refer the matter back to the Watch Committee, the governing committee, was defeated and the chimes will continue.

Meeting a non-ringer while attending the Peterborough Guild Festival, Mr. Charles A. Bassett was taken to all the towers that were open. Four of these were in Huntingdonshire, and with these Mr. Bassett can say he has rung in all the English counties, a task that has taken 25 years to complete. He wonders how long it will take him to conquer the remaining counties of Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. G. Hill, of 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, the popular captain of Christ Church, Erith, ringers, and for 35 years secretary of the Lewisham District, Kent County Association, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent honours list.

Correction: Central Council, Losses by Death (page 403), for Albert read Herbert Eldred.

New Editor of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, is Mr. W. B. Pitcher, 13, Ashbourne Avenue, Mitcham, South Australia.

The correct weight of the tenor at Dunchurch, Warwicks, is 18 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb., and not 19 cwt. as printed in a recent peal report, writes a correspondent.

The ladies of West Dorset rang their first quarter together at Evershot on June 13th. They enjoyed it so much, without any assistance from the 'men,' that this is likely to be the forerunner of other attempts.

After having rung 25 peals of Major, Mr. P. Cattermole by conducting a peal of Grand-sire Triples at St. Olaves', Hart Street, has scored his first peal of Triples. His 25th peal of Major was by a coincidence Droitwich Surprise, named after his home tower.

Mr. Anthony Collins' film 'Ringers Required,' which received such a favourable reception at Cardiff, will be shown on Independent Television in Grierson's late night programme 'This Wonderful World' on the following dates: Ulster, July 1st; Wales and the West, July 17th; London, July 31st; Southern, August 22nd. It was shown in Scotland on May 31st.

There will be opportunities for ringing for visitors to the Royal Show at Newcastle upon Tyne on July 3rd-6th. Visitors will be welcome at the following practices: July 2nd, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), 7.45 p.m.; July 3rd, Newcastle Cathedral (12), 7.45; July 4th, Morpeth Watch Town (8), 7.30; July 5th, St. George's, Jesmond (8), 7.30; July 6th, SS. James and Basil's, Fenham (8), 8, St. James', Benwell (6), 7.30 p.m.

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MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 8
BERYL E. CAWSE .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 10
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Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN McDONALD .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
FREDERICK ROSS .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*CHRISTINE LIVESSEY .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
EILEEN FEARN .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
CAROL FEARNLEY .. 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DOWSE.
* First peal on eight bells, and first of Treble Bob.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

SHIRLEY A. MUDD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
BARRY SULLIVAN .. 3	ROGER J. LUMLEY .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

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

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Heywood's variation.	GWILYM SALMON .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 6
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 7
*ERIC BILLINGS .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor
GRAHAM MCKAY .. 4	

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Triples in the method.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	D. ROY BOULD .. 6
THOMAS G. MYERS .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
*ANTHONY J. M. COLLINS .. 3	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. Tenor
DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 4	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*VIVIANNE MALONE .. Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
PETER T. DALE .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CAROL FERNLEY.
* First peal. First as conductor.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
FRANK L. LUFKIN .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
*A. PATRICK CANNON .. 2	FRANK L. LUFKIN .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 900th peal, conducted 462, and rung in 678 different towers. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLYMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN HILL .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First true peal in the method, and replaces the peal rung on these bells on June 19th, 1952, which has been found to be false.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

*ROSEMARY E. JONES .. Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
†BARBARA STEPHENS .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Double Norwich. Mr. T. M. Roderick, local captain, has now 'completed the circle.' First of Major on the bells.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT PRESTON .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
*DEBORAH E. HOPKINS .. 2	†MICHAEL POPPLESTON .. 6
*KENNETH W. PRICE .. 3	*ROY R. TIFFIN .. 7
*RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

VIOLET E. RELF .. Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5
*JANET H. BUSS .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 6
*ANDREW J. CORBY .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
IAN H. ORAM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Trinity ordination at Rochester Cathedral, at which Peter N. Bond, Ringing Master of the Rochester District of this Association, was ordained deacon.

CITY OF LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

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

*MARCUS P. BARTON .. Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
*MARILYN BARTON .. 2	*JOHN C. EISEL .. 6
*C. GAY WILLIAMS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
*PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. 4	DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
IRIS LEMARE .. 2	JOHN F. BRYANT .. 6
FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
PETER J. COLES .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

Rung for the ordination as priest of David E. Smith, curate of this parish, at St. Albans Abbey on Trinity Sunday.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*R. DAVID BELL .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.

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

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

TERENCE J. MILSON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 2	JOHN OWEN .. 6
*PATRICIA A. BURT .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 7
ALAN F. LEE .. 4	PHILLIP W. WEEKS .. Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Major. First of Grandsire Major by all.

Rung for the ordination as priest of Rev. John Hazelton, curate at Twerton.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 6
*RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVIE .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. 10).

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

Rung as a 39th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,560 London, 960 Bristol, and 800 each of Superlative and Cambridge; with 100 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. Treble	†JAMES LINNELL .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 6
*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal of Spliced. † First of 4-Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major rung by resident members of the Guild.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
*THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 250th peal of Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of the ordination of Peter N. Bond to deacon, and Rev. Edward Francis, curate at the above church, to priest.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5
DAVID F. MOORE .. 3	BRIAN C. LAW .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven extents. each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
BETTY SYRETT .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William L. Duffield, vice-president of the above Association and chairman of the Southern Branch, 1931-52, who was interred at Tharston this day.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents Plain Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ANDREW HITCHINGS .. Treble	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4
JOY SMITH .. 2	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 5
E. DUDLEY-WILSON .. 3	*ROBERT H. M. SMALLWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL V. POWELL.

* First peal attempt. First in two methods as conductor.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*AGNES F. MILLAM .. Treble	VALERIE MEPHAM .. 4
†JEAN M. PIKE .. 2	HARRY W. BROWN .. 5
EDNA M. EVEREST .. 3	STANLEY W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY W. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First in the method for all, and first on the bells since rehanging and augmentation to six in 1954. Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	PETER M. ADCOCK 5
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging in a new frame for eight.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	ROY W. SPENCER 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
MURRAY COLEMAN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung for the opening of Corby Pole Fair, to commemorate the granting of the Charter by Queen Elizabeth in 1568; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods. Being two extents Kent T.B., four Plain Bob and one Oxford T.B.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BRIAN C. LAW Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
JUDY A. M. COX 3	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung for the Feast of Whitsuntide; also as birthday compliments to M. R. A. Kirk, and Mr. Wells, grandfather of the ringer of the second.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods. Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. R. A. ROUSE Treble	FREDERICK A. HARVEY .. 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 2	PERCY W. MILLS 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods. viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt.

*KENNETH J. RIDER Treble	†JACQUELINE REASON .. 4
*PETER BRIDLE 2	CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	†DON C. EXELL Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in three methods.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Tues., June 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*ROGER I. KENDRICK .. Treble	RUPERT A. CLARKE 4
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 2	DAVID F. MOORE 5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor, and 25th peal.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)
On Fri., June 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being five extents Reverse St. Bartholomew, 11 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 Grandsire and 14 Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
MICHAEL J. COPSON .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 3	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

Last peal on the bells before being rehung by John Taylor and Co. at the end of this month.

ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHPREPS PLEASURE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, different callings.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B minor.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ROGER W. SMITH 3
GEORGE F. ROOME 2	ALAN A. PAUL 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL Tenor	

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

First peal of Southpreps for all, and first for the Guild.

A centenary commemoration to Harriett Auber (1773-1862), hymn writer; also in memoriam Ernest Morris.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: London, Munden, Chester, Suffolk, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt.

RAYMOND G. JONES .. Treble	HARRY TURNER 4
HERMON J. OLIVER .. 2	JOHN L. FENNELL 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	COLIN M. TIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by COLIN TIFFIN.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to congratulate Margaret Leveridge and Laurence Turner on their recent marriage.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. David,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being five extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, New Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, and 12 of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*MELVYN R. INGRAM (14) Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	ALFRED J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal attempt.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*DAVID G. CARR Treble	ANTHONY H. SMITH 4
SHEILA J. SMITH 2	FRANK H. BRISCOE 5
ALAN S. SMITH 3	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal attempt

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

BRIAN H. WOOD Treble	ROGER LEIGH 4
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 3	J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

First peal in the method for all the band.

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CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL WEDDING



TAKING advantage of the scaffolding surrounding the porch of Chelmsford Cathedral, a festoon of bell ropes and also handbell ringers greeted Mr. Howard W. Egglestone, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Egglestone, of Bickenacre, and Miss Margaret E. Panton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Panton, of 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, after their marriage on June 9th. They are both well known members of the Essex Association.

The Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon) conducted the service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress of white brocade and carried yellow roses. Her sister, Miss Marion E. Panton, attended her. Mr. Ron Carter was best man.

A peal of seven Surprise Minor methods was rung by friends during the morning at Fryerning Church.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Sonning Deanery Branch

The summer meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Warfield on June 16th. Ringing commenced on the pleasant octave at 3.30 p.m., under the direction of Mr. H. Smith, and continued until 5 p.m., when evening song was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor, who is Branch chairman. The organist was Mrs. B. C. Castle, of Hurst, and the singing led by a choir formed by members from Hurst, Sandhurst, Twyford and Warfield towers. Tea was prepared and served by the lady ringers of Warfield, and a short business meeting followed. All then returned to the church for further ringing until 9 p.m.

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HANDBELL PEALS

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF BELLRINGERS.

On Sun., June 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At 16, KING EDWARD STREET, ROSEVILLE, N.S.W.,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM D. WATSON ..	1—2	JOHN H. FRYER ..	5—6
GEORGE W. PIPE ..	3—4	ENID ROBERTS ..	7—8
THOMAS W. GOODYER ..	9—10		

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
First peal for the newly-constituted Association.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At 18, CHESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

JOHN F. BRYANT ..	1—2	J. HENRY FIELDEN ..	5—6
ROBERT E. MOULDS ..	3—4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT ..	7—8
J. NEVILLE PARKIN ..	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBERT B. SMITH ..	1—2	JOHN WORTH ..	5—6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	3—4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	7—8

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At LLYS ESGOB,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID S. BISHOP ..	1—2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	5—6
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON ..	3—4	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 8, 1962, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps.
Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY ..	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	3—4
DAVID F. MOORE ..	5—6		

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

First peal as conductor.

LONDON, S.W.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 15, 1962, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
At 76, CHASEFIELD ROAD, Tooting GRAVENAY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 25 methods: (1) Plain Bob. (2) Plain Bob and Candlesby Slow Course, (3) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, (4) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Ravensingham Slow Course, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton Bob, (7) St. Simon's Bob, (8) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (9) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby Slow Course, (10) St. Martin's Bob, (11) St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (12) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton Slow Course, (13) St. Osmund Bob, (14) St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (15) St. Osmund Bob and Merton Slow Course, (16) St. Nicholas' Bob, (17) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob, (18) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford Slow Course, (19) Winchendon Place Bob, (20) Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (21) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough Slow Course, (22) St. Remigius' Bob, (23) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, (24) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe Slow Course, (25, 26, 27) Plain Bob, (28, 29, 30) St. Simon's Bob, (31, 32, 33) St. Martin's Bob, (34, 35, 36) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (37, 38, 39) Winchendon Place Bob, (40, 41, 42) Grandsire; 109 changes of method; 81 bobs, 6 singles.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PAUL CATTERMORE ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
*JOHN C. EISEL ..	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 25 methods. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal for the Society.
Rung by members of King's College, London.

QUARTER PEALS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, M. Stanleyforth (first in method) 2, A. Smith 3, A. Simpson 4, R. Fuller 5, M. Press (cond.) 6.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean M. Bassington (first quarter) 1, Margaret N. S. Taylor 2, Kathleen M. Beasley 3, Geraldine M. Piper 4, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 5, Marion M. C. Paul (first quarter) 6. Rung by past and present members of Rosebery Grammar School, Epsom, to mark the anniversary on May 7th of Foundation Day.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Barsby 1, G. B. Lowe 2, M. Godwin (first of Minor 'inside') 3, J. R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young (43 years) 1, L. R. G. Taylor (52 years) 2, E. King (60 years) 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, F. Gooding (42 years) 5, A. F. Butt (46 years) 6. All the band except the conductor have over 40 years service as ringers. Ring with best wishes to Walter Starr nearly 60 years' service, who has been unwell.

BENSON, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Welsh (first away from tenor) 1, A. J. Howes 2, J. E. Godman 3, G. McIlhorne 4, Susan J. Howes (first 'inside') 5, D. Exon (first 'inside') 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8. For the Festival of Benson.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (first in five methods as cond.) 5. For Matins.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On June 17th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Mrs. M. Wratten 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, E. T. Newbury 4, I. Goulter 5, A. Paton 6, R. Dowdeswell 7, G. Drew (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1, R. Stephenson 2, A. Freeston 3, P. Reynolds 4, F. Leggett 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. A birthday compliment to R. Stephenson.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILT.—At Christ Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Thorpe (first quarter) 1, Juliet Finn 2, F. Box 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Marshman 6. For Whit Sunday, and a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Old Bob and Grandsire): Juliet Finn 1, M. Wilmot 2, D. Sillman 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Marshman 6. For Deanery service, and engagement compliment to Doreen Keen, a member of the local band.

BRAILES, WARWICKS.—On May 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. C. Richards 1, H. G. Hart 2, J. W. Cotton 3, J. W. Haw 4, G. H. Lane 5, J. M. Jelley 6. First of Surprise on the bells.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Sally Oates 1, C. Kortright 2, D. E. Cobb 3, J. Brain (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on Whit Sunday, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: J. W. Quinney 1, Miss C. Dillamore 2, P. H. Pigg 3, Miss H. Muirhead 4, H. Bishop 5, H. F. Muncey 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Fowler 10, H. F. Brown 11, D. J. Mundy 12. In honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip.

CHADLINGTON, OXON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wakefield 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, W. Lewis (cond.) 3, D. Powell 4, B. Cooper 5, J. Harvey 6.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. King 1, Miss V. Pain 2, K. Scrimshaw 4, A. Radley 4, R. Durrant 5, E. Pickett 6, R. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. Billimore 8. For Evensong, and as an 85th birthday compliment to W. Newnham, tower captain.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Benfield 1, B. J. Davis 2, E. E. Pearson 3, C. C. Clarke 4, M. W. Coleman 5, A. Lloyd 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. W. Tompkins (first of Stedman) 8.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates (cond.) 1, G. Atkins 2, E. R. Lambert 3, M. Saunders 4, J. Linnell 5.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, L. Rooke 2, R. Gubb 3, B. Boyle 4, J. Hill 5, L. Walters 6, D. Jewell (cond.) 7, A. Smalldridge 8. For Ascensiontide; also the christening of Lea David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Williams.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Shute 1, M. Frewer 2, C. Bishop 3, W. Foot 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Albages 6. First in five methods by all except treble. Rung to mark the ordination of George Gray, lay reader, as a Deacon, at Salisbury earlier in the day. First in five methods by all except treble ringer.

EALING, MIDD.—On June 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. A. J. Smith 2, P. Fulton 3, A. J. Smith 4, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 5, N. E. Sprackling 6. For the christening of Timothy Edward Sprackling.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Davis 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Mrs. D. Mead 3, Mrs. L. Powell 4, Mrs. E. Pannell (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Knight (first quarter covering) 6. Rung to celebrate the 80th year of the forming of Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

FLIXTON, LANCs.—On June 3rd, before Matins, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harper 1, D. A. Richardson (cond.) 2, E. Collier 3, P. Mason 4, W. H. Riddle 5, B. D. Sims 6. Rung for the 300th anniversary of the Prayer Book. Also before afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Barracough (first quarter) 1, W. H. Riddle 2, B. D. Sims (cond.) 3, W. Mason 4, P. Mason 5, C. Harper 6. For Sunday school anniversary.

HARDWICK, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tyler 1, F. Blown 2, W. Jones 3, L. Edwards 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Sharp (first quarter) 1, G. Waterman 2, W. Rouse 3, Frances Smith 4, Gillian Brown 5, F. Lufkin (cond.) 6, U. Wildney 7, W. Felgate 8.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Colcombe 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, C. Phillips 5, A. Williams 6. For the installation of the Mayor, Councillor E. W. E. Ballinger, J.P.

HOLBORN CIRCUS, LONDON.—At the Guild Church of St. Andrew, on June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary S. Taylor 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Rita Gasson 4, B. Bull 5, D. Martin 6, J. C. Eisel 7, N. J. Davies 8. First of Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of Captain Thomas Coram, died March 28th, 1751, and re-interred in this church.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On June 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maund 1, E. C. Crewe 2, T. Holmes 3, Miss E. A. Evans (first quarter) 4, C. G. Bryant 5, F. R. Ferris (cond.) 6. For the baptism of Richard James Ferris, son of the conductor and Mrs. Ferris, both ringers at the tower.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, F. G. Richardson 2, A. H. Worboys 3, R. Newman 4, J. Fowler 5, C. Deem 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. In memoriam Richard W. Stannard.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Dyer (first on a working bell) 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Tribe (first quarter) 6, N. Wright 7, G. Barker (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, A. Stubbs 2, Enid Town 3, Ruth How 4, Clare Masefield (first in method) 5, R. B. Meadows 6, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 7, Christine Bradburn 8.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butler (13, first attempt) 1, P. C. Myers (15) 2, P. H. G. Watts (15) 3, P. Murdock (first attempt 'inside') 4, G. D. Weston (16, first attempt as cond.) 5, E. Cox (13) 6. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Dalton (first of Minor) 1, M. J. Wilson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, K. Kirk 3, R. H. Rogers 4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5, D. Johnson 6. For evening service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. T. Cook 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. W. Todd, many years sidesman. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 St. Columba Bob Doubles: A. Georgetta Harrison 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, J. A. Harrison 3, E. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. For Freemasons' service. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (Second Hunt): Thelma E. Staples 1, Maureen P. Green 2, E. A. Harrison 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Carter (first away from tenor) 1, Juliet Finn (first 'inside') 2, J. Nibbs 3, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, P. Gaisford 5, R. Marshman (first quarter) 6.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On June 16th, 2,160 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Marlow 1, Cathryn Vibert 2, P. G. Holmes 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, D. Forder (cond.) 5, N. Hayes 6. Rung to celebrate the visit of H.M. the Queen to Overton on June 15th.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Cross, on May 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent, Oxford): F. J. Nelson 1, Marion Phillips (first of T.B.) 2, D. A. H. Bennett 3, M. D. Atfield 4, R. J. Elliott 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—At All Saints', on June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. J. Langshaw 1, R. W. Ferris 2, K. J. Minchinton 3, G. K. P. Stacey 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 6. First quarter rung for Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's, on June 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Hollowell (first quarter attempt) 1, V. Chamberlain 2, C. R. Calton 3, H. Goakes 4, G. S. Bush 5, F. Boyall 6, B. Harris 7, R. H. Daw (first of Major as cond.) 8. For morning service on Trinity Sunday.

PETERSTONE-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On May 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Addis (first quarter) 1, Mary Prior 2, Hazel Everett 3, Christine Glastonbury 4, D. S. Bishop 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6. Peal attempt called round. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob), conducted by D. S. Bishop.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Andrew's, for 9.45 a.m. celebration, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, J. W. Perkins 2, F. E. Day 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, A. W. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8. Also for Evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters: D. R. Bould 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd 2, J. W. Perkins 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, E. G. Bennett (Hatfield) 8, T. G. Myers 9, A. W. Myers 10.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,277 Grandsire Cateters: J. F. Bowler 1, W. Birmingham 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, W. D. Ward 4, Mrs. D. Livingston 5, A. D. Rivers 6, J. K. Ward 7, F. R. Scott 8, D. P. Hilling (first of Cateters as cond.) 9, D. Livingston 10.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, G. Westwood 2, W. H. Cooper 3, R. Smith 4, F. G. Handley 5, M. J. Fellows 6, D. H. Watson 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. Rung immediately after the wedding at this church of Mr. P. W. Webb (local band) and Miss T. P. Kemp.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On June 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mary Pryor 1, T. Yeomans 2, Barbara Stevens 3, R. Havad 4, B. Groves 5, M. J. Pryor 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, R. B. Smith (first of D.N.C.B. as cond.) 8. First of D.N.C.B. for 1, 3 and 6.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on June 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. B. Pitcher 1, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, A. H. Fisher 3, W. D. Watson 4, Enid Roberts 5, J. H. Fryer 6, T. W. Goodyer 7, J. J. F. Roper 8.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, G. Rix 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, R. Verrall (cond.) 6. Rung after induction service.

WALLINGTON, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Teal 1, G. E. Drew (13 years) 2, J. Grey 3, I. G. Campbell 4, K. Kirk 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Harding 2, M. J. Young (first 'inside') 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, H. Zachorne 6. A compliment to C. Alan Bull and Marjorie J. Tubbs, on their engagement.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On June 14th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. F. Overington 1, C. D. Emery (first of Surprise) 2, C. Simpson (first of Surprise) 3, A. G. Foster 4, B. Downes 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On May 19th, 1,800 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Watson 1, B. Pickering 2, P. Wright 3, G. L. Pickering 4, M. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Needham 6. For the tercentenary of the Common Prayer Book.

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SPEED.—On June 19th, 1962, at St. Mary's Hospital, Harborough Magna, to Anne B. (née Stockdale) and Richard F. B. Speed, a son (Gregory Peter Bentinck). 455

ENGAGEMENT

ALDRIDGE—REEVE.—The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Aldridge, of Palmers Green, N.13, and Jennifer Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reeve, of Wealdstone, Harrow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of the Rev. P. N. Bond is now 80, St. John's Road, Gillingham, Kent. No phone, but messages can be left at the Vicarage—Gillingham 50288. 463

F. ERIC ROBERTS has moved to 24, Fairlawnes, Maldon Road, Wallington, Surrey. Letters to Link's Field, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefords, will still be forwarded. 458

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY TOUR, 1962.—July 28th to August 12th, in Cornwall. Will any old members or any others interested in joining this year's tour for one or two weeks contact the undersigned as soon as possible? Your own transport, if available.—I. H. Oram, 74, Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent. 474

'CURFEW SHALL NOT RING TONIGHT'

—St. Peter with All Saints', Chertsey, summer fete, June 30th. Please help the parish of Chertsey to honour the Charities and Missions they are pledged to support, in addition to shouldering the unexpected debt of £10,000 to eradicate dry rot and beetle from the parish church, made famous by the Curfew poem. Blanche Heriot is said to have clung to the clapper of the historic Abbey Bell in order to save her lover from death. The Curfew is still rung on this bell each evening from Michaelmas to Lady Day. Donations and requests for information regarding the charities or the bells to the Vicar, Rev. G. S. Archibald, Vicarage, Chertsey, Surrey. 488

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Knutsford, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—C. Kenneth Lewis. 439

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, June 30th, 3 till 9 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 442

DORNEY, SOUTH BUCKS.—Open meeting, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing 5 to 8 p.m. All welcome. New ring of six by Mears and Stainbank.—F. T. B. 480

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent District joint with the Central District.—Meeting at Bromley, Saturday, June 30th, St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, SS. Peter and Paul's, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Kirby, 13, Wendover Road, Bromley, Kent. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. M. D. 390

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Wednesday, July 4th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. A plaque in memory of the late Tom Greenacre will be dedicated at 7.45 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. Tovell. 445

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting, Puriton, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott. 486

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham (8). Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham.—Alan Lee, Sec. 398

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Long Compton, near Shipston-on-Stour, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warks. All welcome. 469

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general, Tideswell (8), Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Bakewell (8) available 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Important—names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mrs. G. A. Richardson, 37, Greeting Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 424

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Washfield-with-Stoodleigh, Saturday, July 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Church garden fete same day. All welcomed. 468

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Wormingford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. A. E. Leggett, The Dell, Wormingford, Colchester. 443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton (5). Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Shenfield (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th to J. J. Walleit, Tregonnick, Hall Green Lane, Hutton. 437

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Stoke D'Abernon and Cobham, Saturday, July 7th. Both towers open at 3 p.m. Service at Stoke D'Abernon 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea by July 4th to Mr. C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey.—C. W. Munday, Dist. Sec. 431

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Pirbright (6), Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. Cherryman, 1, Burrow Hill Cottage, School Lane, Pirbright, Surrey. 459

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Practice meeting, Alveley, July 7th. Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. 484

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Knebworth, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by July 4th to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth. 415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 430

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 472

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Darlington, Saturday, July 7th. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Service 4.30., St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15, followed by general meeting, St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by July 4th to Mrs. R. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. Towers available: Richmond (8) and Heighington (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Darlington, St. John's (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity (6) 2 to 3.30; St. Cuthbert's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. 50th anniversary dinner, Saturday, October 27th. Applications for tickets (£1) may be made at or after this meeting to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. Tickets, when ready, will be despatched to first 70 applicants. 434

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Whalley, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Business after tea. Cups of tea may be available—if not, there are cafés nearby.—John Pilkington. 457

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, July 7th. Teas available. All welcome. 470

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Heydon (6), Saturday, July 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bird, 27, Warwick Street, Norwich, NOR 48 F. 438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 7th. Arrangements as follows: 9.45 a.m. Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church; 11 a.m. festival service in Christ Church Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting in the Chapter House; 1.30 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets (6s. 6d. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge', Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 26th. Ringing arrangements as on Agenda.—M. R. Cross. 471

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a Branch meeting at Dallington on Saturday, July 7th. Names for tea by July 3rd to Mr. F. Wingrove, 39, Vicarage Lane, Kingshorpe, Northampton.—F. Wingrove, Branch Sec. 471

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Lilbourne, on Saturday, July 7th. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 475

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cottesmore (6), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 476

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Northfield, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham. 28. Phone SPR 1025. 447

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 419

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th, North Collingham. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing at South Scarle. Names for tea (at Collingham) by previous Tuesday to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark. 441

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 7th. Ruddington. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road. 449

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Ingham (5), Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Do come and ring on these harmonious bells. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mrs. E. Timms, The Street, Ingham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 440

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), not West Grinstead, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Wednesday, July 4th, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cott, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 416

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 7th, Winchester. Bells: Owslebury, 10.30 to 11.15 a.m.; Twyford, 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon; Winchester College, 12 to 12.45 p.m.; Winchester Cathedral, 12.45 to 2.15 and 7 to 8.30. General meeting, St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.45. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in St. Maurice Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me no later than Saturday, June 30th. Notification is essential. —R. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec., 32, Thorn-

GNOSALL, STAFFORD.—Ringers' Sunday, July 8th. Ringing 7.30 a.m. Corporate Communion 9.15 to 10 a.m.; 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. J. B. Williams, of Adbaston. 456

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bosley (6), Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th, please, to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 414

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. J. Manktelow, The Square, Lenham.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 467

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 14th, Llangatock, Crickhowell, Brecs. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Also available: Llanelly (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Llanbedr (5), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later.—J. S. King. 454

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Bells available: Great Glen (6), 2 to 3.30 p.m. King's Norton (8), 2.30 to 3.30; Foxton (6), 2.30 to 3.30; Kibworth (8), 2.30 to 4.25 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service, Kibworth, 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, St. Wilfrid's Hall, Kibworth, 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to Mr. A. Martin, 6, Kimberley Road, Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicester. General committee meeting, July 11th, 7.45 p.m., St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 473

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulney, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 11th, to Mr. J. Braithwaite, 7, Marsh Road, Spalding. 462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Peasmore. Ringing at Beedon, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Peasmore, 3 to 4.30. Service at Peasmore 4.30. Ringing after meeting: Peasmore, till 8 p.m.; Brightwalton, 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 10th, to M. Rosier, Peasmore, Newbury. 477

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Tew, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. All welcome, but names for tea by Monday, July 9th, to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 453

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Egham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Egham bells after meeting. Names, please, to Mr. D. Parsons, Boswinger, Mount Lee, Egham, Surrey.—N. Steere, Asst. Sec. 482

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and 6-bell prize contest, Liversedge, Saturday, July 21st. Entrance fee, 10s., to secretary by July 14th. For teas, please notify by July 14th B. M. Sheard, 16, New Street, Rawfolds, Cleckheaton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 466

OUTINGS

ELLAND, YORKS

Old world villages and churches and some of the finest scenery in England were met with by Elland ringers during their outing on Whit Monday to the North Riding of Yorkshire.

The day began with the beauties of Lidderdale and ringing on the very good eight at Birstwith, where Mr. Jackson Ewbank, the local captain, who has been a keen ringer for over 50 years, rang his first peal last year. Country lanes led to the main road and Ripon Cathedral. Justice could not be done to the fine ring of ten as our time was restricted, owing to the loss of revenue, as the tower had to be closed during ringing.

JOIN US TODAY

The next issue is the first of the new quarter. **RATES: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s.** Remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

RENEW TODAY

After lunch at Ripon we moved to the fine old market town of Thirsk, and rang Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire on the good eight at the parish church. After a mammoth tea, a winding lane led to the pleasant village of Kirby Wiske, with its excellent six in charge of Mr. Arthur Bashforth.

The homeward journey was via Boroughbridge, Wetherby and Leeds. Our thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. Frank Linfoot.

P. B.

ERITH, KENT

Christ Church, Erith, ringers were joined by friends from Lewisham and Bromley for their Whit Monday tour through Kent and into Sussex, via Tunbridge Wells. The party of 41 included the Vicar and Mrs. K. H. Jocelyn.

The rain had stopped by the time Rotherfield, the first tower (a fine eight with a ground floor ring), was reached. During the hour here courses of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. Heathfield, the next tower has also a ground floor ring and a good eight. Lunch at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Seaford, was followed by ½-hour ringing at St. Leonard's Church. In one of our three courses of Kent T.B. Major we were pleased to include a ringer from Middlesex on holiday.

At Alfriston the ringing takes place between the congregational pews and the choir stalls. There were nearly 100 people watching us as we concluded with a course of Cambridge on this light six. We then made our way to Maresfield for tea at the Golden Wheel, and the really fine ring of eight in the Parish Church. Another good eight finished the ringing programme at Fairwarp, and Erith was reached at 10.30 p.m. We would like to thank our captain, Mr. A. G. Hill, who organised the tour and made it a great success.

E. C. L.

ANOTHER SOMERSET SIX

Hemington, near Bath, bells have been silent for 35 years. These bells have now been restored and augmented to a ring of six by the addition of a treble. Two of the bells date back before 1480. On June 16th the Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Rev. F. A. West, performed the ceremony of hallowing the bells. Hemington ringers are grateful to Miss Eunice Overend, of Frome, for the time and patience she has spent in teaching the band in other towers.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting for Grandsire (Doubles and Triples), West Coker, Saturday, July 7th, 6.30 p.m. and Corporate Communion at Preston Plucknett, Sunday, July 8th, after Evensong at 8 p.m. Ringing before and after service.—R. J. Fox. 486

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Haynes (5), Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. A good attendance please. 491

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

An ambitious programme in North Lincolnshire—six eights, including the two heaviest in the country, with a 5-bell tower thrown in for good measure—was arranged for May 19th for Leeds Parish Church ringers.

The first call was Epworth, capital of the ancient Isle of Axholme, renowned as the birthplace of John Wesley, where full justice was done to the 1937 Coronation bells, almost a replica of the 'middle eight' at Leeds but without the disadvantage of having to climb 69 steps to ring them.

The bald statement on the official programme... morning coffee at the Old Hall, Gainsborough, 11 o'clock; ringing at Gainsborough Parish Church, 11.30 to 12.15, gave no hint of the pleasures in store. Not only did the 'morning coffee' more resemble a banquet served in an historic manor house of considerable interest and charm, but the bells, which have been so much better described in the report of the 'Smiths' recent outing, inspire good ringing.

The church at Glenthams has its roof propped up and its four bells hang derelict, but the village contains an excellent road house, where lunch was partaken. Grimsby bells having inconsiderately been taken down the previous week, the light eight at Walesby and the five at Claxby were substituted, both churches presenting their own particular problem of access.

Walesby Old Church stands amid fields and is reached only by a footpath which we were advised would be muddier than the field. A herd of bullocks stampeded at the sight of a swarm of ringers climbing over the fence to join them, but afterwards regained sufficient composure to line up and inspect the said ringers on their departure by the same route.

Claxby Church stands at the end of a narrow dead-end lane, and the ringing on this somewhat difficult five was likewise of a dead-end character, of which the less said the better.

The highlight of the day was unquestionably the hour's ringing on the heavy eight at Louth Parish Church, bells truly in keeping with the magnificent tower and spire, which ranks among the highest in the country. Tea in Louth was of comparable quality as the bells, and feeling comfortable we set off on the return journey in pleasant anticipation of still further delights—ringing at Barrow-on-Humber and Burton Stather which, alas, was snatched from us when our coach expired some two miles from Laceyby.

Despite the assistance of the A.A. patrolmen who miraculously appeared as the coach was coming to a standstill, by the time help had been summoned from Grimsby and the coach had been persuaded to go again it was too late to do anything but make for home, which was reached on schedule although at the expense of two good towers.

R. H. D.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Arranged by Maurice Kirk and James H. Musson, Barkby ringers' outing on May 26th was most successful and some of the ringing was excellent. Among the failures were Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

Towers visited were Barkston (a pleasant six), Caythorpe (a good octave), Fultbeck (a noisy six, where Mr. George Scott met us), Leadenham (a sluggish six), Sleaford (an excellent eight, where the Vicar took the party on a conducted tour of the church) and Heckington (a very well kept belfry, where good touches of Bob Major were rung).

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. SYMONS

The death took place on June 16th of Mr. W. J. Symons, of Plymouth, at the age of 84. Mr. Symons had not done much ringing since the war, but he had been a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for many years up to 1947. For about 20 years he was a member of the Emmanuel Church band. He rang three peals, one of which in 1929 was rung at his native parish church of Week St. Mary. This was Grandsire Doubles, the ringer of the tenor was his brother, and the other four were Emmanuel ringers.

Bell ringers were represented at the funeral at Efford Crematorium on June 20th by Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman, S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Quarter Peals

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Whit Sunday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. R. Mann (Halifax) 2, W. Tyson (cond.) 3, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, N. Errington 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Lambert 1, D. Taylor 2, E. R. Lambert 3, M. Hooten 4, A. Coley 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Double (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Janet Somerville (first quarter, St. Aidan's) 1, L. Pizzev (St. John's) 2, W. Wilson (St. Chad's) 3, C. Rees (St. John's) 4, P. Newing (St. John's, cond.) 5, Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) 6. First in two Doubles methods for 2, 3 and 4.

LENHAM, KENT.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. M. Town 1, P. E. Deverill (first touch of Grandsire Triples) 2, W. T. Grice 3, J. Mattingley 4, W. R. Manser 5, N. R. Mattingley 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, P. M. Town 8.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—At St. James' Church, on June 13th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, L. Walmsley 2, D. Marsden 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, W. H. Hunter 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Owens, both ringers at St. Andrew's, Leyland.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Lewis 1, G. M. Harvey 2, A. M. Stacey 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Outley 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, D. M. Wilkins 8. For Matins.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: J. W. Isaac 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Jean Palmer (first in method 'inside') 3, L. J. Cox (first in method 'inside') 4, D. J. Barnett 5, G. H. Wareham 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 17th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: M. A. Ponting (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, M. T. Stimson 4, F. Shephard 5, J. L. Day 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, S. E. Smith 8. Rung for the Sunday schools' 'Festival of Five Candles.'

MICHELDEVER, HANTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Prisca J. Hornby 1, June Mead 2, F. P. Mead 3, W. O. Haythorn 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland (first quarter) 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On June 10th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Clark 1, M. Clark 2, J. Yeates 3, S. Cole 4, J. Evered 5, P. J. Gardner 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For evening service.

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