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CALL CHANGE RINGING.

Whatever opinions may be held about call change ringing, there can be no doubt that it is vastly inferior to method ringing, especially in those things which most appeal to modern ringers. There was a time when over a large part of the country stoney was so firmly entrenched in many of the most important belfries that it was a serious hindrance to the spread and development of change ringing, but those days are past. The proportion of stoney rung now, compared with change ringing, is much less than it used to be, and, though it is probable it will survive for long in some districts, especially in the West, we may say that for the country as a whole it is a declining, even a dying, art. This is not a matter for regret so long as it is replaced by something better, but it would be a mistake to suppose that the best of the stoney bands and stoney itself did not contribute to the life and well-being of the art and the Exercise. There was good call change ringing as well as bad, just as there was and is good method ringing as well as bad. The best of the call changes was far inferior to the best of the change ringing; but the worst of the call changes was hardly ever as bad as the worst of the change ringing.

Stoney has this advantage that it makes good striking easier for a band of average ability than change ringing does, and many first-class change ringers have owed their ability as strikers to the fact that they served apprenticeships in stoney bands. It is no bad thing for a change ringer to ring now and then with a good stoney band if he has the opportunity. It may prove a useful test of his standards of striking.

At its recent annual meeting, the Devon Guild decided to consider the possibility of a union between the change ringers and the call change ringers of the county. If it can be brought about it could hardly fail to be greatly to the advantage of both. The impression has long been held in the West that call changes and "scientific" are two irreconcilably hostile arts. This and the traditional custom which practically forbade bands to mix freely for ringing, even at meetings, did much to hinder the spread of method ringing, though they were not without their advantages. We are living in days when changes of outlook and opinion are possible which would not have been dreamt of in other and more conservative times, and to unite all the ringers of Devon into one diocesan guild would be an achievement worth doing. It could only be done on the basis of equality between bands. There is

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one motive which is common to all of them. Whether they are call change ringers or method ringers, all alike aim at producing the best ringing in their own steeples, and if that were adopted as the basis of union, a comprehensive diocesan guild might be possible.

For the change ringer, especially when he has the advantage of practising with a skilful band, stoney at its best has few or no attractions. It can be intolerably monotonous both to eye and ear, but it would be a mistake for anyone to despise it, especially when he has no experience of it when it is rung, as it can be rung, by really competent ringers; and though it is easy to understand and sympathise with the ideas which underlay the letter from the Rev. Herbert Drake which appeared in our columns last week, he surely was wrong in basing his objections to stoney on high moral grounds. There is nothing 'false' about call change ringing in itself. It can be, and is, used for the service of the Church and of religion in the same way as method ringing, and not seldom so far as the general public is concerned it is the more effective. Stoney is one branch of the art of ringing which has come down to us through the centuries. It has been very useful in the past, and, although we have far better things, it still has its uses.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FLT. SGT. G. HARRISON 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
*FRANK K. MEASURES... .. 3	*FREDERICK E. WILSON 8
HAROLD G. JENNEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 24, 1945, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE 2	WILLIAM L. B. LEESE... .. 6
PHILIP A. COREY... .. 2	VERNON J. BENNING 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH 3	ALAN G. HALL 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
BETTY SPICE... .. 5	RALPH BIRD... .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY THELWELL 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL 5
MISS DOROTHY OSBORN 2	JOHN E. BROUGH 6
*GEORGE A. PACKER 3	HARRY PARKER 7
HARRY W. HOWARD 4	CECIL RADDOON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 18, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	JOHN CAVANNAGH 5
JAMES BARNES 2	ALBERT MORLEY 6
FRED LONGWORTH 3	*HARRY PEARSON 7
CHARLES BLAKBY... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 18, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F. sharp.

CHARLES POTHECARY 2	WILKINS MASSEY... .. 5
MRS. F. E. COLLINS 2	FRANK G. F. OAKSHOTT 6
*MISS PATRICIA SMEE... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
JOHN E. BEAMS 4	FREDERICK J. MANN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*MRS T. CULLINGWORTH 2	W. A. OLDFIELD 5
*T. HUCKSTEPP 2	*H. S. WICKENS 6
PERCY PAGE 3	C. W. EVERETT 7
H. G. KEEBLEY 4	D. GODDEN Tenor

Conducted by C. W. EVERETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

MARGARET C. COSSAR 2	JEAN A. SOUTHERST 5
MARGARET D. TELFORD 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
JOHN E. SPICE 3	HARRY MILES 7
*ANNA SELLORS 4	BETTY SPICE... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 172)

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY 2	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 6
CYRIL VALBENTINE 3	FRANK VARTY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	†HARRY L. MARTIN 5
CHARLES W. COOK 2	†ALFRED RAYNER 6
*STANLEY E. DARMON 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
†FREDERICK HURRY 4	*SIDNEY MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND SMITH Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL... .. 5
JOSIAH MORRIS 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 6
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	*ALAN BEHAGG Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD E. PUNT Treble	WILLIAM J. BUNCE 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	WALTER AYRE 6
†PATRICIA HOLMES 3	THOMAS COLLINS... .. 7
THOMAS BEVAN 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS JENNY PYM Treble	DAVID VINCENT 5
*ALAN A. POTTS 2	RICHARD E. JONES 6
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED J. BATTEN Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	†EDGAR J. SMITH... .. 6
*CHARLES A. BASSET 3	ERNEST J. LADD... .. 7
HERBERT J. HAMMOND 4	BERNARD V. COLLISON Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal inside.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ in G.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER Treble	PERCY HARDING 5
*MRS E. CRAWLEY-BOEVEY 2	ERNEST PARKER 6
†MRS. F. A. PENN 3	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. 7
FRANK A. PENN... .. 4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
NORMAN V. HARDING 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 7
FRANK H. HICKS... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AND-ALL-ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	RONALD H. MEWERS... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	E. PETER ROCK 5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING 3	*ALBERT E. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE T. MAINWARING.

* First peal.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Frodsham Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

NESTA D. SMITH... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 4
JESSIE M. KIPPIN... .. 2	RICHARD SMITH 5
WILLIAM MARKS 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5046 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROSEMARY HOOD 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 5-6
BETTY SPICE 3-4	*JULIA M. PRESTON 7-8

*FRANCES M. MARTIN ... 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 18).

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on ten bells.

WOODTHORPE, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT 42 ARNO VALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

MRS R. A. WARD... .. 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN... .. 3-4	ROBERT A. WARD... .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN. Umpire: THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN

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A meeting of more than ordinary interest will take place to-morrow week, when the Ancient Society of College Youths visits Southgate at the invitation of the Middlesex County Association. Mr. C. T. Coles is rather proud that the last act of his long tenure of the office of secretary of the Middlesex Association was to arrange this meeting. The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Bentley, Yorkshire, on Sunday, June 11th, and reported in last week's issue, was half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Tuplin, captain of the band at Bentley for 30 years.

SPEED OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'A Novice,' asks whether it would be possible to draw up a list of the ideal speeds of ringing tabulated according to the weight of tenor. Whilst not presuming to answer for the Central Council, my personal answer would be a very definite 'No.'

Obviously the weights of bells have a big relation to the speed at which they can be rung, but there are many other considerations. The chief of these are the types of bearings, size of wheels, conditions in the ringing chamber, size of rope circle, draught of rope and, of course, the type of method being rung.

Almost every peal of bells has a different combination of all these things, and, to my mind, it would be impossible to compile a list as your correspondent suggests.

Each individual peal has its own 'best speed,' but it is surprising the amount of divergence of opinion which can exist among experienced ringers on the question of the ideal speed to ring a particular peal of bells.

In view of all the factors mentioned it is inevitable that there will always be cropping up in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' examples similar to those quoted by your correspondent.

J. E. BAILEY.

Dartford.

SERVICE TOUCHES. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1,260		1,260
234567		234567
462375	3	462375
534762	1	534762
735246	5	735246
357246	4	357246
743562	3	623457
257643	1	356274
652374	5	673542
526374	4	256473
435726	1	452367
524367	3	524367

Each twice repeated.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Price's letter in your issue of June 22nd leads me to refer to your leader of May 4th. In addition to an undeserved compliment to me, you mention that Mr. Price had also sent figures on the same subject as my article. Presuming that Mr. Price is of a younger generation, it is pleasing to know that men are following on who may succeed in solving further difficulties in Stedman Triples. The object of my article is to show how all the modern peals of Stedman Triples were found, and giving suggestions as to the direction of further investigations.

While complimenting Mr. Price on finding independently three systems of alternate twin bobs, it must be stated that he is 47 years after others. Before publishing results it is essential to have some knowledge of what has already been done. It is, therefore, surprising that Mr. Price does not know of, or understand, the odd bob, and odd and even bob peals composed by the late Mr. John Carter and others. For every one of these is produced by using the Q sets A and C, or their reverse variations. The B system has been known to me some 35 years; it probably has never been published because seven-bob sets can hardly be avoided.

Mr. Price is also evidently unaware of all the properties of the Hudson course-ends. Similar, but not the same, regular relationships are contained in only five other sets of 60 course-ends of six bells each, then, when all the 234 bells in the Hudson C.E.'s are transposed as to 342, one of the other five sets is obtained, the twelve C.E.'s which remain alike are merely incidental. It may be stated that like Q sets to A may be obtained by starting from the Hudson C.E.'s as quick sixes, the regular bobs being at 2.6.7.9 and 14, the alternative twins being at 4.5 or 10.11.

I conclude by wishing Mr. Price every success in further work, and would like to correspond with him, but advancing age prevents.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland.

[It is only fair to Mr. Price to say that though his conclusions are not always new, his methods of arriving at them are quite different from anything hitherto known among ringers. That is unless we are much mistaken.—The Editor.]

BELLS OF ST. PATRICK'S, BANGALORE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Church of England and Roman Catholic Churches of Bangalore, like most others in Indian towns, possess one or two small bells, which are chimed for service as in England. St. Patrick's R.C. Church, however, possesses four fine toned bells, whose notes are F, G, A and B flat, the largest probably about 15 cwt., and possessing excellent tone.

St. Patrick's Church has twin towers, each holding two bells—one above the other some 20ft. apart. They are mounted on iron head-stocks in a steel frame, and have deeply grooved iron wheels, not unlike a powerful cycle rim, to which a heavy rope about 1½in. diameter is attached.

The bells have heavy cannons and are longer in the waist than the average English bell. They are extensively decorated with leaves, flowers, faces, maidens and the figure of Christ on the Cross. A typical inscription (that of the tenor) is as follows:—

My names are Mary Ann Francesca,
 My God Father is Mr. G. McDonella,
 My God Mother is Mrs. I. Thompson.
 Gloria à Excelsis Deo.

Eugene Baudouin — Fondeur à Marseilles 1895.

The bells are rung by boys, who swing them about half-way up. It will be noticed that the letter T in Father and Mother has been omitted in error by the founder.

It is only at old-established English centres that churches have more than one bell. There are four at Secunderabad in the R.C. Church, but I could not gain access to the tower and never heard them rung.

N CHADDOCK.

S.E.A. Command.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ZEALS.

A meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Zeals on June 16th, was attended by between 30 and 40 members from Gillingham, Mere, Bourton, Silton, Kingston Magna, Hazelbury Bryan, Buckhorn Weston, Motcombe, Iwerne Minster, Stourton, Stoke Trister, North Cadbury and Ferndown. There was ringing at Mere and Bourton as well as at Zeals. The Rector, the Rev. M. L. Woodhouse, gave an address at the service, and tea in the Parish Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards took the chair.

The following new members were elected: Mr. C. Deverill (Mere), Mr. Kenneth Parbery (Stourton) and Mr. Fred Paul (Silton). The suggestion that another £4 10s. of the Guild's credit balance should be invested in Savings Certificates was approved.

The Chairman stated that the proposed ringing competition at Blandford was not favoured by the majority of those who attended the annual meeting at Salisbury. It was hoped instead to arrange for an annual ringers' festival.

CURIOUS TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 254.)

Shepperton, Middlesex, has the only five-bell tower left in this county other than St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. It has a small flat brick tower, and the bells are rung from the back of a gallery.

St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans, has a western wooden tower and spire, the main supports of which are two horizontal beams stretching the width of the church. The end wall of the church is brick and independent of the tower, with the result that the tower moves visibly sideways as the bells are rung. In 1552 'the Parrysche church of Saint Stevynns hath iiii or belles in the steple.' There is now a ring of six, tenor 15 cwt.

St. Lawrence, Isle of Thanet, Ramsgate, Kent, is a flint building in Norman and early English style, originally founded about 1062. The tower is 108ft. high and has a ring of 10 bells. Originally the ringing chamber was on the ground floor, but later on, probably when the old six were augmented to eight, a floor was put in about halfway up the belfry arch. The approach now is from an outside iron ladder—upright—thence up the roof of the nave, and in through a window (now a door) at the apex of the roof.

At Tollesbury, Essex, the six bell ropes fall among pews, which have to be moved to allow ringers to perform. The bells date from 1604 to 1796, and were overhauled by Howell in 1904. Tenor is 8 cwt. In the village is a 'clock-acre' which provides funds for the man who winds the clock. In the church is a curious little font provided in 1718 by John Norman at a cost of £5, paid by him for brawling and using profane language in church during the time of divine service. Round the top of the font is inscribed:—

'Good people all, I pray take care
That in ye church you do not sware.'

There is the story of a ringer here who hung his cap in the tower and said that when it fell down he would be dead: both events actually occurred with proper simultaneousness. Another tradition is recorded, that under a stone in the belfry lies one Martin, a beggar, who on his death bed discovered two pots of money which he had hid, and appointed two bells to be bought with it, which were accordingly hung up.

At Todenham, Glos, the six bells at the Church of Thomas à Becket hang anti-clockwise with 2-3 reversed. They hang in a west tower with pinnacles and spire, all being by Abraham Rudhall, 1713.

The Church of St. Michael, Machin, near Newport, Mon, is an ancient building in early English style with embattled western tower containing eight bells, tenor 12 cwt. Originally six, dated 1768, they were increased to eight in 1911 by Llewellyn and James. Here the ropes come down among pews, which have to be moved for ringing to take place.

At Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, there is a ring of six bells, and the Rector writes: 'The tower is a very fine structure, built in the latter part of the 15th century. There is a gallery in the belfry, or rather a ringers' platform, about ten feet from the ground floor, with a well—or opening—in the middle of it. This enables the lower part of the belfry to be used as a choir vestry.' The ringers stand on this platform in two straight lines, three on either side.

Manchester Town Hall, with its fine tower and heavy ring of bells, presents some little difficulty to a stranger finding his way to the ringing chamber. It is thus described to the writer, who once had the honour of taking part in a peal of Stedman Caters here, conducted by the late James W. Washbrook: 'For a start, the entrance is by a small door in the side street (Lloyd Street), then a passage which leads into the main hall: up the main staircase to the top floor (this is a wide spiral stairway), and along the corridor to the last door on the left; thence up a narrow flight of spiral stairs to the ringing chamber. During the time of the war just ended, regular ringers were furnished with a written pass, and this had to be produced with identity card to an armed military sentry and Town Hall steward; then sign one's name and destination on the form provided. Also on leaving one had to produce them again and enter up time of leaving.' Some account of the bells and peals rung thereon can be found in my book, 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' Originally twenty-one bells, ranging from 6 cwt. 14 lb. to 162 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb., with a total weight of 686½ cwt., ten were hung for ringing with a tenor of 52 cwt. On the bells are lines from Tennyson's famous poem, 'In Memoriam.' In 1937, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. completely recast and rehung these bells, and now there are twenty-four, the great hour bell of 8 tons being hung in the dome of the tower, with the remaining 23 bells below. Thirteen are hung for ringing, there being a ring of twelve (tenor 43 cwt.), and a sharp 2nd, making a lighter eight with 8th bell as tenor. The other ten bells are rigid, and together with the thirteen of the ringing peal are connected with an electro-pneumatic player, whereby well-known airs are played at specific times.

The Municipal Offices, Dale Street, Liverpool, also possess a set of bells somewhat curious and out of the ordinary. Here are five bells, of which the front four are hung for full-swing ringing, but the largest is hung dead and can only be 'clocked.' They were cast by J. Warner and Sons in 1868, and cost £529. The weights are:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
1.	6	1	22
2.	6	3	0
3.	7	1	17
4.	13	3	11
Hour bell	40	0	0

These bells are rung—the first four in 24 changes—and the tenor clocked at the end of each change, on occasions of royal birthdays, Lord Mayor's Day and election days. Efforts have been made to have the bells recast and augmented, but so far without success. The rope circle is somewhat peculiar. The ringing room is very spacious but bare, and it is reached by a wandering route through offices and thence up a flight of stairs.

At Limpsfield-Chart, Surrey, the early English tower and spire has a ring of six, tenor 10½ cwt. Originally four ancient bells, of which the 1552 return says: 'in the stypell flower grete bells,' they were made six in 1877 by Warners. These were all recast in 1902 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Here, to enter the ringing chamber, one has to climb an iron ladder outside the tower wall and thence through a doorway through the thickness of the wall.

(To be continued.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ELY.**

A general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Ely on June 23rd, at which the Rev. J. P. Pelloe preached and took the chair. Mr. W. W. Cousins was elected general secretary and treasurer in place of Miss Willers, who had resigned owing to pressure of work. The committee was appointed as follows: The Rev. J. P. Pelloe, Messrs. Bullen, C. Cousins, Fields, Hibbins, Lock and Mastin and Miss Willers.

The Central Branch was dissolved and an Ely Branch formed, with Mr. Bullen as secretary. Cambridge is to be the name of the Southern District.

Owing to increased costs, it was decided to raise the subscription to 2s. 6d. in 1946.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.**

A meeting of the Essex Association, held at Kirby-le-Soken on June 16th, was attended by 24 ringers from Harwich, Shimpling, Little Clacton, Great Holland, Holland-on-Sea, Thorpe-le-Soken, Mistley, Thorington, Edmonton, Kirby-le-Soken and Clacton-on-Sea. The Vicar, who conducted the service, welcomed the ringers and paid a tribute to his own band. Tea was at the Lion Hotel, and at the business meeting, which followed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Harwich. A collection for the bell restoration fund realised 10s.

MEETING AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.

A combined meeting of the Yorkshire Association with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies was held at Wath-on-Dearne on June 16th, when ringers were present from Arksey, Barnby Don, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Handsworth, Sandal, Sprotborough, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral and the local bellry.

Over thirty sat down to tea provided by the local company, and at the business meeting Mr. Dan Smith occupied the chair. Four new members were elected, Mr. Irvine Crossland and Mr. Alec Rusby, of Cawthorne, and Miss Laura and Miss Lucy Mottershaw, of Arksey. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rawmarsh in September, and a collection for the bell repair fund realised 14s.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**MEETING AT CEFN COED.**

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Cefn Coed on June 23rd, when some 30 members were present from Brecon, Bronllys, Talgarth, Llangatock and the local tower, with visitors from Swansea, Morriston, Ebbw Vale, Merthyr Tydfil and Abergavenny.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Jones), who gave an address, and after service the ringers were entertained to tea at the British Restaurant by the Parochial Church Council. Llangatock was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held on August 25th. The methods rung during the afternoon were Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**MEETING AT STONHAM ASPAL.**

A meeting of the Debenham District of the Suffolk Guild, held at Stonham Aspal on June 16th, was attended by about 35 members. The methods rung included Plain, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Tea was in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. C. J. Sedgley was in the chair. Helmingham and Fransden were selected as the towers for the next meeting, and if they are not available Debenham will be substituted.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 13th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. W. Miller 1, William Wightman 2, H. Hall 3, V. E. Kerridge 4, C. W. Beecroft 5, George Wightman (conductor) 6, W. E. Maulden 7, J. H. Hall 8.

BRISTOL.—On Friday, June 15th, at St. John's-on-the-Wall, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Carpenter 1, Monica J. F. Richardson (conductor) 2, Jenny Pym 3, Eric Taylor 4, Arthur Wilkins 5, D. Fitzgerald 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Tharby 1, C. P. Chalk 2, H. Prior 3, P. A. F. Chalk 4, G. Jordan 5, T. Jordan 6, L. E. Pitstow (conductor) 7, F. P. Morton 8. Rung half-muffled for Thomas J. Wetta, who was buried on the previous day. He had been a ringer at the church for nearly 60 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On May 24th at the Bell Foundry, 720 Bob Minor: Arthur Fidler 1, H. Myatt 2, L. J. Hall 3, E. A. Jacques 4, R. E. Edwards 5, J. P. Fidler (conductor) 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bowden 1, Mrs. L. May 2, J. Upton 3, F. Newcombe 4, L. May 5, E. Richards 6, P. Mayne (conductor) 7, T. Willmet 8. 4-6-8 covering.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, June 17th, 1,248 Bob Major: Lewis Whitby 1, Fred Perrin 2, R. Springham 3, V. Tipton 4, F. Whitby 5, S. Clark 6, W. Horsnell 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Knowle Parish Church, Warwickshire, Saturday, June 30th, 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Hagley, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Bishop Stortford, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Northern District.—Welwyn, Saturday, June 30th, 3 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Tanfield (8), Sat., June 30th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Derby District.—Derby, St. Andrew's (10), June 30th, 2.30 p.m. Important business. No tea. Cafe nearby.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. Sec., 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, July 4th (first Wednesday), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Southern Division.—Practice, St. Nicholas', Brighton, Wednesday, July 4th, 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by July 2nd.

KENT ASSN.—Practice at Tonbridge first Friday in the month, starting July 6th.—T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Heene, Worthing, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m.—L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.—Stone (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, by July 3rd.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. at Pear Tree Inn. Old Woodhouse bells if required.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSN.—Ely Branch.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Northern District.—SS. Basil and James', Fenham Hall Drive, Newcastle, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Tea provided; bring food and sugar. Numbers to E. Wallace, 14, First Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general, Portsmouth, Saturday, July 7th, in St. Mary's Institute, Fratton Road, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Bells: Cathedral (8). St. Mary's (8). Tea only to those who notify Mr. R. J. Stone, 16, Penhale Road, Portsmouth, by July 4th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 212, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Folkingham (6), Saturday, July 7th, 2 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea by July 4th, to Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—St. Thomas', Leesfield, Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 2s. each. Business in tower 6.30 p.m. Names to I. Kay, 30, Grafton Street, Moorside, Oldham, by July 3rd.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Clare (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided. Business 5.45. Service 6.30.—Arch A. Fitch, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Rostherne, Saturday, July 7th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. G. W. Rimmer, The Old Hall, Rostherne, Knutsford, Cheshire, by July 3rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea (8), July 7th, 2.30. Tea (free) 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. S. G. Smith, 161, London Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.—John Downing, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Burton District.—Netherseale (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided in Rectory Hall at 4.45 p.m. Bring food.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSN.—Southgate, July 7th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food. Tube to Southgate or 29 bus to Cherry Tree.—A. B. Peck and E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck.

BRIDGNORTH.—Saturday, July 14th, St. Leonard's and St. Mary's bells 12 noon. Names before July 10th to Mr. Hayward, Cliff Gardens, Bridgnorth, or to Mr. F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Prittlewell, Saturday, July 14th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names to Mr. F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, by July 11th.—J. H. Crampion, 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—East Dereham (8), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 11th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Staplehurst, Saturday, July 14th, 2.30. Usual arrangements. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone. Half travelling expenses paid up to 2s.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Much Wenlock (8), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea; names to Mr. A. G. Matthews, 16, Southfield Road, Much Wenlock, by July 10th. Last bus to Shrewsbury, 9.20 p.m.—E. D. Pook, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Margate, July 14th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, if possible.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Cobham, Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Church Room, Spencer Road. Number to Mr. W. James, 18, Freelands Road, Cobham, Surrey, by July 11th.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Barlborough (6), Saturday, July 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Reece, West End Farm, Barlborough, Chesterfield, by July 11th.—G. G. Graham, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—St. Mary's, Staines, Saturday, July 14th, 3 p.m. Business in belfry 4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by invitation, only to those who send names by July 12th.—E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Saturday, July 14th, Banbury (10), 2.30. Service 4 p.m. For tea, notify H. Impey, 1, George Crescent, Adderbury ton, Banbury, by July 11th.—F. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon.

BARNESLEY SOCIETY.—Contest, Felkirk, July 14th. Draw 2.45. Ringing 3 p.m. Closing date for entries July 7th. For teas notify me not later than July 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual, Oxford, Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral, 11.30 a.m. Business in Chapter House, after service. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m., tickets 3s. Applications with remittance before July 17th, to Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—General, Wrington, August 6th. Lunch 2s. 9d., tea 1s. 3d. Limited transport from Yatton Station. Five towers open. Names essential for food and transport.—J. T. Dyke.

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