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## ON MY DOORSTEP

By the REV. J. G. M. SCOTT

THE archivist at the City Library was very helpful; yes, she said she would take my list of Exeter bell-founders and see what she could find about them. But the letter, when it came, was apologetic and rather disappointing. The only person they could find out anything about was Thomas Byrdall; they had a deed concerning a tenement which he had leased from the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter in 1594—a tenement, incidentally, on or near the site of a present-day foundry, Messrs. Garton and King, in the parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

I was glad to learn something about Thomas Byrdall; we haven't many bells from him surviving, only three bearing his name; about four more have the initials of John Byrdall, who operated after him. But they are an interesting pair, because under them the Exeter foundry, which had been in existence for over two centuries, came to an end. They used the old trade-mark and sometimes the old crosses and other stamps of their own; Thomas put his name in full in black-letter with big Lombardic capitals; John used his initials, I.B., in very unusual capitals all sprouting with foliage like a rustic pergola suddenly come into leaf and very handsome. Their bells are long-waisted and often have very high-domed crowns; one of them hangs in the Cathedral (the fourth) and is called Byrdan, because Thomas always spelt his name like that on his bells: as it is never so spelt in records, perhaps he was using a black-letter 'n' for a double 'l.'

And here they are, after all my searches, right on my doorstep! The registers are in the Vicarage, and begin in the 1550's; luckily they are transcribed and indexed, so the search for Byrdalls is not a long one, and what a crowd of them there was! Over 120 entries before 1690, when this volume finishes.

The registers give us a picture already half-completed; Thomas Byrdall, braser, seems to have had children whose baptisms are not here, but whose burials are. There is also a John Byrdall, presumably his brother, whose occupation is not recorded. And on almost every page their children turn up with astonishing regularity in the baptism register, and almost as often, alas, in the burial one, too. It's hard to keep to the matter in hand with these old books; all sorts of half-drawn pictures are conjured up, and

half-told stories, humorous, gruesome or tragic, by the notes against the entries. Here is the doughty but unfortunate Gilbert Mortimore (odd, that, my two middle names!) who 'cam to his death by wrastlyng'; here, with apologies to the medical profession, is Grace Hallce, 'of the prish. of Woodberye but was under the caer of Doctor Coll of this prish. and being distracted drouned herself'; here, in a brief glimpse of mystery, is Richard Hollman 'who was shot'; here, is Roger Wreford (an ancestor of Fred, perhaps?) who 'was most cruelly murdered in the Long Marsh by Exe'; here are 'two shoulders (soldiers) that were shute to death against Mr. James Hunt's wall behind ye Bridewill for ye runing away from their Coullers' . . . but we must get back to the Byrdalls and leave these fascinating diversions.

Like many others in their times, they were not a lucky family, and their infant mortality was appalling. Thomas's brother John had eleven children, of whom the first seven all died before him; in the year 1570-1 ('a plague or pestilence this yere') poor John lost his whole family of four children, and of the next two Mellonie died at 25 and little Christopher at 14 months. The rest were all girls, so John had no heir when he died in 1609, seven years after Wilmote, his wife.

Thomas, the bell-founder, had ten children, and was no less unfortunate. His first three and his last two children all died young, and he was left with three sons and two daughters; Thomas lost two of his children in the terrible plague of 1570; it must have been a grievous year for the Byrdall family, as for all St. Thomas. The second of Thomas's surviving sons was John, called 'John Byrdall junior' in the registers, and it was he who took over the business. John was married at the age of 24 to Wilmote ffurse (this unusual Christian name seems to have been common among the Byrdalls; John's aunt had borne it, and he gave it to his youngest daughter. Melyor, Mellorie or Mellonie was another Byrdall family name, now never used, though it's pretty enough). When old Thomas died in 1606—he cast a bell for Woodbury the previous year—John had a family of five, four girls and a boy, Thomas. Mellorye, the eldest, was 13, and Wilmote was 4. Their father's foundry must have been a fascinating place to them, especially little Thomas, and one suspects Mrs. John Byrdall and their granny, Mrs. Thomas, must have made frequent inroads on the butter-pat when the youngsters came into contact with something hot. They seem to have



been a healthy lot, for they all survived their father, and Thomas, Wilmore and Margaret were all married in St. Thomas's Church.

But John never lived to see his grandchildren: he died, and the foundry with him, at the age of 56, in 1624. Strangely enough, his last bell, cast in the year he died, hangs beside his father's last surviving bell, at Woodbury; John's is the fourth, and his fathers' the fifth, of the eight. Young Thomas was a churchwarden 34 years later, and the family thrive all through the 17th century, but there are no Byrds in Exeter now. Still, their bells are still sound and tunable, there in the registers are the clues to their family history, while all that was mortal of them lies somewhere in our churchyard, where I passed to and fro every day wondering where to find a record of them.

### A SHROPSHIRE RINGING TOUR

All peals rung for the Shropshire Association.

#### MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 5
ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6
BRIAN BLADEN .. .. . 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 7
COLIN J. CHAMPION .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

#### COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

BRIAN W. WARWICK .. .. Treble	† FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	* KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 3	* PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 8
* COLIN J. CHAMPION .. .. 4	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 9
A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 5	RALPH BIRD .. .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

In memoriam Walter Lago, a member of the local band for 50 years, who was buried that day.

#### CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 8 methods: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 4
COLIN J. CHAMPION .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 5
BRIAN BLADEN .. .. . 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eight methods on the bells.

#### MORETON-CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

* JANE COATES .. .. Treble	COLIN J. CHAMPION .. .. 4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 5
ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods. First 720 of London in a peal of Minor for the Association. The fastest peal for the Association.

#### CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 6
BRIAN W. WARWICK .. .. 3	KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. 7
BRIAN BLADEN .. .. . 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

#### MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. Treble	COLIN J. CHAMPION .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	* ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 6
BRIAN W. WARWICK .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 7
BRIAN BLADEN .. .. . 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by BRIAN W. WARWICK.

\* 75th peal. The first peal in the method in the county and for the Association; also for all the band except 2nd and 3rd.

A compliment to J. Martin Thorley, of Thorne, Yorkshire, who was married to Patricia Reeves, of York Minster, on August 11th, 1954.

#### SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

* FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	* PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 6
* BRIAN BLADEN .. .. . 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 7
* ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

#### CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 5 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. . 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 6
BRIAN W. WARWICK .. .. 3	KILBY R. HOLTOM .. .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. P. Cannon. The conductor's 200th tower for a peal in that capacity, and his 275th tenor 'turned in' to a peal.



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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5038 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. 7
JOHN W. WARD .. .. 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. .. 8
MISS G. SMITH .. .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 9
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 4	CYRIL A. HURST .. .. 10
JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 5	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. .. 11
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. .. 6	ALFRED RAYNER .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Association; also the first peal on the bells since their restoration.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 6
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 7
JOSEPH A. CONSTANT .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 8
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	SAMPSON WALKLATE .. .. 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 5	ROY MARSDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.  
Rung to celebrate the wedding at St. Luke's Church, Derby, on this day, of Miss Phylis Margaret Hayes and Mr. William Albert Parsons, ringing master of St. Luke's.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
MRS. OLIVE ROGERS .. .. 2	SQUIRE CROFT .. .. 7
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. .. 8
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR .. 4	ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 9
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 5
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. .. 7
*GEORGE ROOBOTTOM .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\*First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	DIANA M. MATTHEW .. .. 5
*HAROLD LEATHERS .. .. 2	FRANK RUFFLES .. .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 4	†LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\*First peal 'inside.' †400th peal and 100th on the bells.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD .. .. Treble	†LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 5
FRANK V. GANT .. .. 2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
DR. COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DR. COLIN E. WRIGHT.

\*50th peal together. †First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

Rung for the christening of Janice Dorothy Wright, daughter of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

(On the 'Stelfox Eight')

S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY .. .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by WM. THORNLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH

First peal in the method as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 5
L. HENRY HARDING .. .. 2	SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. .. 6
*MICHAEL A. C. SINFIELD .. 3	†RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 7
BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\*First peal on eight bells. †250th peal.

Rung by the Bedfordshire Old Ringers in the absence of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers as a farewell compliment to their leader, Mr. J. Michael Stephens, who is leaving the district.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,152 Bristol, 896 Superlative, 896 Pudsey, 736 Cambridge, 704 London and 704 Hereford with 135 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\*First touch of six spliced.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 6
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.



BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,  
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. .. Treble	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH .. 5
*DOREEN DUTTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
PETER COXALL .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Bristol on the bells.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOAN TAYLOR .. .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE .. .. 2	ARTHUR E. GILBERT .. .. 6
JACK W. DREW .. .. 3	JOHN T. LOCKE .. .. 7
†JAMES E. TAYLOR .. .. 4	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung for the engagement of Miss E. Locke, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 5
JAMES H. EDWARDS .. .. 2	LESLIE D. MILLS .. .. 6
*A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 7
*DONALD L. MILLS .. .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON .. Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 2	HARRY HALL .. .. 6
EDGAR C. PIZZIE .. .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 7
RICHARD S. PAYNE .. .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 10 cwt.
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	ALLAN SIMPSON .. .. 5
MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 6
JOAN HOODLESS .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4	HENRY C. ADAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.
JOSIAH D. HARRIS .. Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 5
PAULINE M. SAXTON .. .. 2	E. WINFRED KEYS .. .. 6
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4	CHARLES W. POUND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

A wedding peal for Alan H. Sturgess and Renée M. Marwood, of Fareham, and Raymond Budd and Gwendoline Wort, of Privett.

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 5
†AUDREY B. DISERENS .. 2	†JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 6
†RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 7
ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Rutland. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Edward W. Colley and Miss Nancie E. Swann.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Aug. 15, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILLIP SADLER .. .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
BARRY COOK .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
BERNARD SADLER .. .. 3	GERALD FROST .. .. 7
DONALD COOMBS .. .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Composition rung for the first time.  
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Victor W. Grimwade and Eileen Flack, both ringers of the above church, who were married the previous day.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 6
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. .. 7
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 4	JAMES BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 50th peal.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation (No. 1).	Tenor 11½ cwt.
ARTHUR MADDOCK .. Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 5
JOHN ROBERTS .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 4	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

50th tower bell peal for G. H. Hesketh.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William H. Grace, a great benefactor to this church and the village of Halewood.

## SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 17, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,  
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN. 4
*IVOR R. NICHOLLS .. 2	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5
FREDK. W. GROCOTT, SEN. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT, JUN.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., July 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CECILIA D. COWLEY .. Treble	MADLINE SMITH .. .. 4
*MARY FREEMAN .. .. 2	HAROLD MARCON .. .. 5
*BETTY BUTLER .. .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* First peal.

**NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.  
 HERBERT W. PEARCE .. .. Treble | THOMAS W. OSBORNE .. 4  
 ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 2 | WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5  
 RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3 | WILLIAM G. TURK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung to mark the birth of a son to the Rector and his wife (the Rev. E. J. and Mrs. Pultman).

**BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Aug. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

*At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's: (1) Chester, Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale, (3) London, Wells, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) York, Durham, (6) Berwick, Hexham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.  
 JOHN POLLARD .. .. Treble | CECIL WADE .. .. 4  
 LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 2 | WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. 5  
 JAMES W. HAW .. .. 3 | ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. D. S. Rowlands, B.A., as a canon and prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral.

**SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At the Priory Church of St. Lawrence,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

\*SUSAN HARROP .. .. Treble | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4  
 D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2 | FRED TERRY .. .. 5  
 †JOHN J. TAYLOR .. .. 3 | †LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\*First peal in four methods. †25th peal together.

Rung on the back six bells.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Aug. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 4  
 \*ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE .. 2 | \*SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 5  
 JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 3 | CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

\*First peal of Minor.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LEONARD WALSH .. .. Treble | \*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 4  
 ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2 | \*GORDON WHEWELL .. 5  
 \*MAURICE HOLGATE .. 3 | ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\*First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

**BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Treble | CHARLES H. PAGE .. 4  
 \*JOHN BEARDMORE .. 2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5  
 \*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3 | EWART H. EDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

\*First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.



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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising: Two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.  
\*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS ..Treble | CHARLES HONE .. 4  
\*MARIAN SKINNER .. 2 | BERNARD G. MOORE .. 5  
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 3 | BRIAN J. LUFF .. ..Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

\*First peal in more than one method. †First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

## WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JACK BRAY .. ..Treble | RONALD CHAFER .. 4  
HARRY HALL .. .. 2 | GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5  
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3 | PHILIP BARNES .. ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung as a farewell to Canon H. D. Henderson, who recently left this parish to become Vicar of Cherry Willingham.

## WORLE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*HOWARD COLLINS ..Treble | DAVID G. YEO .. 4  
MARJORIE LEGG .. 2 | KENNETH MEDWAY .. 5  
JOHN S. WALTON .. 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (10 different callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.  
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..Treble | \*NEVILLE PARKIN .. 4  
SHEILA M. HARPER .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 5  
\*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 3 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER..Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\*First peal at first attempt. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

A farewell peal to Neville Parkin before going overseas with H.M. Forces.

## FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*MARION HAILE ..Treble | †MOLLIE TILBURY .. 4  
†EDWIN J. DAVIES .. 2 | †JOSEPHINE GREEN .. 5  
†PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 3 | REGINALD T. JONES ..Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\*First peal. †First peal in two Minor methods.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, six different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.  
\*DENIS A. FRITH ..Treble | \*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 4  
\*HENRY P. COLLIN .. 2 | H. REGINALD WOODS .. 5  
\*D. HENRY METTAM .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON ..Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

\*First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the wedding of Frank R. Mitchell (a ringer at this church before his service in the Merchant Navy) and Miss Maureen Lowbridge.

## ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.  
HUGH BELL ..Treble | RICHARD E. MANTON .. 4  
J. HARRY COOK .. 2 | DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 5  
REGINALD LOOKER .. 3 | FRANK BRADLEY .. ..Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Hazelwood for his 73rd birthday; also in recognition of his 30 years' service as Rector's Warden.

## BARKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.  
DAVID BRAND ..Treble | MAX. P. PAGE .. 4  
HARRY D. LISTER .. 2 | WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5  
\*E. GEORGE CATTON .. 3 | ROBERT E. LESTER .. ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\*First peal in three methods. R. E. Lester has now 'circled the tower.'

## GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Kent, and two each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.  
ERNEST BROWN ..Treble | ARCHIE A. FITCH .. 4  
THOMAS BIRD .. 2 | ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 5  
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 3 | SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. ..Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,  
A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL

Consisting of Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

\*MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. 5-6  
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES .. 7-8  
†C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\*First peal of Royal in three methods. †First peal of Spliced Royal. First peal of Spliced Royal as conductor.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 15 in C.  
ALFRED BALLARD .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | \*HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5-6  
JOHN THOMAS .. 3-4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7-8  
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS .. 5-6  
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 3-4 | MRS. T. J. LOCK .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\*First peal 'in hand.'

## QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being two extents of 720, each called differently): G. H. Perry 1, J. H. Haynes 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, J. Southey 2, S. Jones 3, C. Evens 4, R. Rowley 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, T. Norris 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Ulten Granville Sharpe and Miss Jennifer Anne Longnag immediately after the service at this church.

**AMPTHILL, BEDS.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Olney 1, J. F. Olney 2, T. W. Allen 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, S. J. Ivin 6. Ringers of 5 and 6 joint conductors. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. F. T. Gillette, of Ohio, U.S.A., to the native village of his parents.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian Parsons 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, F. W. Housden 4, H. J. Smerdon 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, A. J. Adams 8. Rung as a farewell to Harry Smerdon, who has left Banstead to reside in Devon.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

**BUSHBURY, STAFFS.**—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smallwood (cond.) 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Blackwell 3, G. Dean 4, A. Sansome 5, T. Nott 6. Rung for the anniversary of the rededication of the church; also as a tribute for the birthday of Princess Anne.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Parker (first in method) 1, S. Pitman (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Deem (first in method as cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, S. Skinner 5, N. Skinner (first quarter) 6.

**EALING, MIDDLEX.**—On Aug. 14th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Palmer (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Miss B. Nolder (13) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, Miss D. Luke 4, G. M. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, T. F. Victor Neil 6. First quarter of Doubles by all except 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. R. Kemp and Miss F. A. Brookfield, who were married earlier in the day.

**ECCLES, LANCs.**—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, H. Melbourne (first quarter) 3, A. Ridyard 4, A. Sandford 5, A. Ward 6, R. Longden (cond.) 7, G. Longden 8. Rung for Evensong.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Bellamy (first of Triples) 1, Doris Banks 2, G. Verrill 3, Ann West 4, G. Miles 5, A. E. C. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, A. J. Dye 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Renee Marwood and Mr. Alan Sturgess, both ringers at this church.

**HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.**—On Aug. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: D. Margaret Hawley 1, D. Tune 2, E. M. Bradley 3, F. Terry 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. M. Thorley and Miss P. Reeves.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On June 27th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Head (first of Major) 1, L. Fidler 2, E. Winters 3, K. C. Timbury (first of Oxford Treble Bob Major) 4, M. Collins 5, M. Orme 6, P. Mehew 7, D. P. Jones (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung for Matins. Also 1,260 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: A. Tuttle 1, L. Fidler 3, C. V. Hare 4, K. C. Timbury 5, M. Orme 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, E. Winters 8. Rung for Evensong.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Wells 1, Mrs. R. J. Pearson 2, Mrs. K. F. Parr 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, A. L. Pearson 7, T. E. Davies 8, J. R. Ketteringham 9, A. Tomblin 10.

**LITLINGTON, CAMBS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,440 Minor (720 Childwall, 720 Thelwall): P. Stacey (first of Minor) 1, R. Castledine 2, R. Dixon 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, J. Dear (cond.) 6. First in the methods by all.

**NETHER STOWEY, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Marchant (15) 1, M. Stone (16) 2, D. Miller (17) 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, recently rehung.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 300 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to C. Randall.

**STONEHOUSE, GLOS.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, M. Simpson 2, T. Watts (cond.) 3, A. Harmer 4, W. Dean 5, T. Pritchard 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Price, who was married this day.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Taylor (cond.) 1, L. H. May 2, W. Cockram 3, J. Upton 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Princess Anne.

**WESTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. King 1, R. O. Fry 2, J. A. Hoare 3, P. W. Weekes 4, R. E. Coles 5, R. J. Bowden 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, Sealy Woodburn 8.

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To comply with a long standing request  
from Mr. H. G. Jenney, father of the Cathedral  
band at Leicester, a peal of Double Norwich  
was rung at the Cathedral on the light eight.  
It was over 30 years since he and another mem-  
ber of the band (no names—no ages) rang a  
peal in the method.

Norwich City Police con-  
verged on St. Peter Mancroft  
at 4.20 a.m. on August 12th  
on hearing a bell tolling. At the church a  
policeman was met by Mr. Albert Eagle, a  
sidesman. When Mr. Eagle shouted up the bell  
tower, 'Who's there?' the tolling immediately  
stopped. More police were called out to sur-  
round the building and then the bell tower was  
unlocked. It was found that a stay of the treble  
bell had broken, causing the bell to sound. We  
need not repeat the moral of this story.

The only difference between Lincolnshire and  
Gainsborough (hence the name), instead of long  
dodge, is dodge, lead, dodge, lie, dodge, lead.

The bells of Preston Parish Church will be  
heard immediately before the service to be  
broadcast from there on Sunday, September  
19th, from 9.30–10.15 a.m. in the North of  
England Home Service only.

Peals that have been rung recently at Hart-  
ford, East Budleigh and Withycombe Raleigh  
have been conducted by Mr. Sidney F. Skinner.  
Our correspondent regrets the mistake in the  
initials.

A farewell 720 of Plain Bob Doubles was  
rung at Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, to W. Ball,  
who is joining H.M. Forces. It was his first  
720 and also those of N. Kitchen and K.  
Stainton. The extent was conducted by J.  
Charnock. Other ringers were T. Barker and  
A. Hatch.

In our issue of August 6th we referred to  
Canon C. E. Last ringing his first quarter peal.  
This was in his own tower at Great Horwood,  
of which parish he is rector. The ringers who  
participated were all from the same tower. Will  
correspondents sending in details of quarter  
peals kindly state the name of the tower in  
which the performance took place?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Antony G. Oliver, a  
member of the Holy Trinity  
Cathedral band, Guildford,  
and also of the Roving Ringers, pulled up the  
bells of his own tower single handed last Satur-  
day for his wedding. His bride, Miss Iris  
Ida Purser, of Guildford, is also a ringer, having  
been taught to ring by Mr. G. L. Grover.  
Touches of Stedman Triples were rung before  
and after the service by members of the Holy  
Trinity band. The choral service was conducted  
by the Rev. C. G. Pearson. Among the con-  
gratulatory telegrams received was one from  
the Roving Ringers.

Congratulations to Mr. Thomas Price, hon.  
secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester  
and Bristol Diocesan Association, on his  
marriage. A congratulatory quarter peal was  
rung at Stonehouse on August 14th.

Patience was rewarded in the peal of York-  
shire at Great Holland, Essex. Donald Mills,  
who has just celebrated his 15th birthday, has  
been hoping for a peal of Surprise Major during  
the last two years, having made attempts for  
Rutland, Superlative, Lincolnshire and York-  
shire in different towers with over 30 different  
ringers occupying over 15 hours' ringing. One  
attempt for Rutland lasted 2 hours 35 minutes  
with seven peal conductors in the band and a  
bob was missed.

Hertford College Youths had a misfortune on  
their outing on August 7th. After ringing at  
Godmanchester and Hemingford Abbots, the  
coach broke down on the journey to Peter-  
borough, which prevented the journey being  
made to Spalding. After an excellent lunch a  
very wet afternoon was spent in Peterborough  
visiting the Cathedral. An hour's ringing was  
spent on the heavy bells at St. John's, and  
later another hour at St. James', Thrapston.  
Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers  
who met the visitors.

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# PEAL RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ON looking down the list of Derbyshire towers and their peals, one thing immediately stands out. That is that at many of them, their heyday was prior to 1914. I don't think there is any doubt that more peals were rung in this county at the beginning of the century than since. This is not, perhaps, so surprising when we remember one or two things. Firstly, it wasn't until 1948 that the previous record number of peals in a year was beaten. This previous record had been accomplished as far back as 1913, so that more peals were rung just before the first world war than in any year between the wars. Derbyshire obviously helped in creating this record. Secondly, we must remember the influence in that part of the world of famous ringers and their bands 50 to 60 years ago. Sir A. P. Heywood lived at Duffield, and the pioneer Surprise ringing band at Burton-on-Trent was on the borders of the county and often rang peals in Derby and the surrounding district. So it is not to be wondered at that we have to look back to the beginning of the period under review to see that Derbyshire was one of the main centres of the Exercise then and that it has never reached such pre-eminence again, although that doesn't mean that ringing hasn't flourished since, or that not many peals have been rung in the past 40 years. We have only to remember the lead which Ilkeston gave in ringing Kent and Oxford combined, or the number of peals rung at this place and, say, Eckington between the wars, to realise this.

## THREE CHURCHES WITH 200 PEALS

And now to review the towers. There are now many counties which possess three churches where more than 200 peals have been rung as in Derbyshire. These are the two ten-bell towers of Chesterfield and Duffield and the eight-bell Bolsover. Strangely enough, Duffield and Chesterfield peal totals are exactly the same at the moment—237. Both are good examples of what has been said above, for at the former, 171 of the peals were rung between 1884 and 1914 (81 between 1884 and 1890)—an average of about six a year over the whole period. At the latter, 188 were rung in about the same time with no less than 166 between 1900 and 1915—11 a year average! Thirty-two were rung between 1918 and 1923, when fears for the safety of the 'crooked spire' brought ringing to an abrupt end for nearly 25 years, until 1947, in fact. There is no doubt that, but for this, Chesterfield would be among the four or five towers with the highest number of peals in the whole country. At Duffield 16 peals, and at Chesterfield 17 peals have been rung since the war—quite respectable, but a much lower average than 40 years ago.

Bolsover has just passed the 200 mark—the last peal being the 201st. Ringing was very popular here between the wars, but still not quite up to the pre-1914 period. The first peal was in 1899, and 96 were rung up to 1915. Between 1919 and 1939, 81 were rung, so the average per year fell from six to four. Twenty-four have been rung here since 1945. These three towns are far ahead of all others in the county, for only one other has passed the 100 mark (although Ilkeston will reach that goal with the next peal), and that is North Wing-

field. One hundred and sixteen have been rung there—80 of them from 1900 to 1914 (again supporting the above remarks).

Ilkeston is one of the exceptions to the rule of most peals before 1914. It was between the wars that most of the 99 peals were rung (62, in fact). Mention has already been made of the lead which this tower has given to the ringing of Kent and Oxford. It is still a popular ringing centre, with 17 peals since the war. Two other towers are in the 90's—Long Eaton with 93 and Eckington with 92. In the former case, 24 peals were rung in the four years before 1914, which is its peak of achievement, and at the latter, 62 between the wars. At the moment both names are appearing infrequently in the peal lists. Netherseale (80) and Overseale (73) seem to be the most popular towers at the present. There have been 29 and 30 peals respectively at these places since the war (but only one at each tower so far this year).

## 'RINGING WORLD' SHOWS THE WAY!

Our readers will be interested in the announcement in the 'News Chronicle' on Aug. 17th, which reads as follows:

### WHO ARE YOU?

*Unsigned letters — or those signed with a nom de plume—seem to be increasing. Except in cases where the writer is a member of a profession that make anonymity necessary, such letters cannot be considered for publication.*

*We are no longer the ONLY paper which does not entertain anonymous contributions!*

## A PERIOD OF POPULARITY

Mention should be made of the two other ten-bell towers in the county (there are no twelves). Derby Cathedral is enjoying its most popular period at the moment. Seventeen of its 26 peals have come since 1945—there has only been one this century before then. St. Andrew's, Derby, has had 89 peals, 59 were from 1883 to 1913, and there have been 13 in the past six years, so an average of two peals a year makes the present compare favourably with the past. The eight-bell towers have already been dealt with, except to say that all of them have had at least one peal rung at them. Several have not been heard since the war, but the record for silence is at Derby (St. Werburgh's), where the last peal was rung in 1897.

As for six-bell towers, one of them, Killamarsh, was the leading six-bell tower in the country 60 years ago. Sixty-five peals have been rung there, 30 of them in the 1890's. But no peal has been rung here since 1931. Despite this, its total is more than double any other six-bell tower in the county. Blackwell comes second on the list with 31. Burbage, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Fairfield (when it was a six-bell tower) deserve special mention as being places where multi-method peals have been rung—up to 73 methods at Fairfield in 1937. Six of the 46 rings of six are still 'peal-less.' They are Bamford-in-the-Peak, Bonsall, Hathersage, Longford, Osmaston and Stanton-in-the-Peak. Nine of the 13 five-bell towers have had peals rung at them (not more than two at any of them, though). The four which have not are Hartshorne, Heath, Pentrich and Wingerworth.

Thus there is plenty of interest in Derbyshire.

## WEDDING

MR. J. MARTIN THORLEY—MISS PATRICIA M. REEVES

The first lady member of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, Miss Patricia M. Reeves, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reeves, Second Avenue, Heworth, was married on August 11th at Heworth Parish Church, to Mr. James Martin Thorley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thorley, of Thorne. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Billingham) officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Mrs. Wendy Long, matron of honour, and Miss Doreen Hinton, bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. W. Eric Critchley, peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. Both the bride and bridegroom have been enthusiastic ringers.

The bride wore a ballerina-length dress of white embossed cotton and carried a bouquet of pink roses, and her attendants wore dresses of white organza over pale green taffeta and carried sprays of sweet peas.

A reception was held at Betty's Cafe and the cake was decorated with a ring of eight bells. Both the bride and bridegroom are school teachers and are to live in Leeds.

In the evening the Minster bells were rung to celebrate the event. The honeymoon is being spent in Ireland.

## 'THE NINE TAILORS'

### Bells as Background to Broadcast

Many ringers, without a doubt, listened last Tuesday in the Light Programme to the first of four instalments of the radio version of Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.'

Listeners who have read this novel will know that not only do the bells of the imaginary East Anglian Church of Fenchurch St. Peter control the lives of the parishioners, but they also provide the distinguished exponent of the methods of Sherlock Holmes, Lord Peter Wimsey, with the clue to a murder.

To ensure that the bells are properly rung, recordings were taken at Banstead Parish Church under the supervision of Mr. Harold N. Pitstow.

Alan Wheatley plays the part of Lord Peter Wimsey, Charles Leno his man Bunter, and Marjorie Westbury the teenager Hilary Thorpe. The production is by Norman Wright, who has titled his instalments 'The Bells in their Courses', 'Lord Peter is Called into the Hunt', 'Lord Peter is Called Wrong' and 'The Bells are Rung Down.'

## Death of Mrs. Deborah Spice

A number of the older Kent ringers will have happy memories of their visits to Tunstall and meeting there the widow of William Spice, who for well over fifty years was a keen ringers and member of the Kent County Association.

Granny Spice, as she was familiarly known by her friends and acquaintances, has now passed on to higher service following a short illness, and her mortal remains were interred at Tunstall on August 23rd. She was in her 93rd year and, in the words of one who had known her for many years, 'it is for us a very happy memory of a happy and gracious lady—and the village will not be quite the same without her—but her spirit will remain always.'

Surviving ringer members of her family include her sons, Messrs. W. E. Spice (Tunstall), P. J. Spice (Bromley) and G. H. Spice (Tunstall), Mr. J. W. Unwin, of Canterbury (son-in-law), Dr. J. E. Spice and Mrs. Betty Robbins (grandchildren).



## SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

### 72 Towers in a Fortnight's Tour

**T**HE weather was highly favourable when the Society met under the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, July 24th, for their annual tour. The tour covered 650 miles and 72 towers were visited. Ringing was comparable to the bells, moderate, at the first tower, Stoke Prior (8). At Wychbold (6) the party rang London Minor for a wedding. Ringing was enjoyed at All Saints', Worcester (10), but it was an exhausted company that rang at Great Malvern (8) owing to the long and gruelling climb.

### UNHAPPY EXPERIENCES

The party cycled through appalling weather on the Sunday, ringing at Upton-upon-Severn (8), Leigh (8) and finally at Cirencester (12). The climb over Birdip was awful! The country selected on Monday was some of the worst possible to ride in, and one young lady had a fall. The steel bells at Chalford (6) were not the discordant products anticipated. Then came the wind—a howling, shrieking gale and for 30 miles the party battled against it. Bedminster St. Thomas (8) was reached in the last stages of exhaustion. The party were, however, sufficiently recovered to 'gate-crash' the practice at St. Stephen's (10).

Tuesday was spent among weighty bells, ringing taking place at Easton-in-Gordano (22 cwt.), Wraxall (24 cwt.), Yatton (22 cwt.), Congresbury (35 cwt.) and Wroughton (37 cwt.). In the last-named tower an attempt was made to kill the Master with an extremely fast yet well-struck course of Yorkshire Major. In the evening the tower-grabbing enthusiasts rang at Uphill and Weston-super-Mare.

Striking did justice to the wonderful six at Axbridge on Wednesday. The day developed into one of tug, grunt and sweat for the Ramblers rang at Cheddar, with its swaying tower, and Glastonbury, with all the faults of Cheddar plus a 70 foot draught of rope. The 'go' at Butleigh left much to be desired and the day ended at Street.

### LADY ON SHERBORNE TENOR

'You are not in the North of England now,' was the greeting the party received the next day at Huish Episcopi. Later came Yeovil and Sherborne, two grand rings. At the latter tower Margaret A. Swann rang the tenor. Then over the stiff hill range to the Youth Hostel at Bratcombe—in the evening only three had sufficient energy to visit Sydling St. Nicholas (5).

Only 30 minutes were allowed the next day at Dorchester (8). There was more hill-climbing to Abbotsbury (6) and Litton Cheney (8) and the party were very thankful for the flat run to Burton Bradstock (6). Here the sallies were so low that the ringers were obliged to ring on their knees. The last tower of the day was Symondsburry (6).

Whitchurch Canoncorum (8) was the first tower visited on the Saturday and the depth of tone was much admired. Only five of the party visited Musbury (6), but after refreshment at the local, and refueling to two of the members a fast pace was maintained to Broadclyst (8). In the tower was a photograph of that bell of bells, Kolokol. What a tenor it would make! Alphonso rounded off an enjoyable day.

### SUNDAY'S CIDER

Sunday found us ringing at St. Mark's, Exeter, for Matins and we were intrigued by the call change ringing of the local band. At Silvertown, local ringers joined in a touch, and at Cadeleigh a farmer, after showing us how to

ring call changes, invited us to his farm to see where cider was made! The result was that we arrived late at Tiverton. Ringing at Brampton, the last tower of the day, was not up to the standard we should like.

By 10.30 a.m. on Monday we were ringing at Chipstable, a good light six, and at Milverton we met the Ringing Master of Rochester Cathedral, who was with us for the rest of the day. Other towers on the programme were Trull (6), Bishop's Lydeard (an eight famous for the antics of its bells, and Stogumber (6).

Spraxton (6) and Cannington were visited the next day and then to Bridgwater (much enjoyed) and Wedmore. A vast belfry and a cracked fifth were the only impressions of Wells St. Cuthbert. Some high-speed ringing at Dinder (6) officially finished the day but tower-grabbers snatched Crocombe.

### TWO VISITED HOSPITAL

On Wednesday the very fine eight at Chewton Mendip were visited, after which Radstock sounded rather feeble in comparison. Wellow bells were enjoyed and the cleanness of the belfry commented upon. Bath St. Michael brought to an end the official programme but some of the party rang at Wells Cathedral and others at Bathwick, and two members visited Bath Hospital.

Thursday was to be a long day's ride, starting at Chippenham. With the exception of two hardy members, the journey to Swindon (10) was made by train. Faringdon (8), Whitney (8) and, finally, Charlbury (6) rounded off the day.

A highlight of the visit to Chipping Norton was to hear a little girl play the organ beautifully. The tenor at Shipston-on-Stour, reminiscent of a dustbin, must be heard to be appreciated. Tredington bells (6) were rung, thanks to the kindness of the Rector, for the tower was not officially on the list. Sherborne, Glos (6), finished the day.

Saturday began at Alcester (8), a light ring with the names of the bells inscribed behind each rope. At Bromsgrove (10) we made a lucky grab when we were allowed to pull up the bells for a visiting band. This was a much-appreciated gesture after first being refused the bells. At Belbroughton (6) we were warmly greeted by the local band. Only seven bells could be rung at Lye as the wheel of the fifth was broken. Clent St. Leonard (8) finished the day. Some visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday morning.

### METHODS RUNG

Cinqués.—Stedman.

Royal.—Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and Cambridge, Braunstone, Southwell, New Cambridge, Watford and Lincolnshire Surprise, Kent, Plain, Double Norwich, Original and Little Bob Major.

Triples.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Bourne, Norwich, Oswald, Kirkstall, Kent and Oxford, Plain, Little, Single Court, Double Court, St Clement's, Double Oxford and Original.

Doubles.—Grandsire and Stedman.

At a business meeting John E. Cook was elected Master, and Denis Mottershead and Geoffrey R. Parker Deputy Masters. Next year's tour will be in Norfolk and Suffolk. A reunion is to be held in Leicester at a date to be decided by the Master. It was also decided that a new method be rung each day while on tour.

## A BANK HOLIDAY MYSTERY TOUR IN HEREFORDSHIRE

**A**T 11 a.m. on August Monday, a trio of cars assembled at Worcester, their occupants having arranged only the previous evening to go 'tower-hunting' with little idea where the hunting ground was likely to be. Two of the more 'ancient faithfuls' led off due west leaving a fast 'A 40' to cover up behind.

The first arrivals at Bredenbury Church having sought permission and key, reappeared just in time to witness the arrival of a bewildered 'A 40'—'also ran'! despite having given his passengers a taste of what he called speed. On the handy light six of 8½ cwt. an extent of Grandsire Doubles was followed by a touch of Single Oxford, in which 'A 40,' now quite prominent round the back, received a demonstration of what speed really was.

Journeying again westwards the pretty village of Eardisland provided a pleasant setting for lunch. Observing a procession of cars adorned with white ribbon, a small delegation went off to renew acquaintance with the local captain and convince him that a wedding provided every reason for having a ring. The matrimonial ceremony completed, two of the 'hunters' rang their first courses of Grandsire Triples, local ringers adding comfortable support. Of the Bob Major and concluding Stedman on this lovely eight, one would say, 'It was nice while it lasted.'

After a game of 'hide and seek' between the cars, the tall steeple of Weobley was spotted. The early stages of the rise on this heavy six produced such queer happenings it had one wag asking if George's bell had only half a clapper in it. As the bells rose higher it suddenly dawned on the company that they were muffled and it was with some trepidation that the ropes were manned for Grandsire Doubles, succeeded by a stately touch of Bob Minor. At this stage a resident ringer appeared and quickly put one and all at ease by explaining that though the muffles had been on a fortnight, there had, in fact, been a funeral that day. A decent fall was neatly finished off with the best 'catch 'um rounds' of the day.

A suggestion about tea led to the discovery round the corner of a teashop called 'A Drop in the Bucket'—an ominous title for the corpulent one who, nevertheless, finished up with a huge tray of cakes near his elbow.

With cars now in tight formation for an intricate 'homing' course, the leader was seen to speed over a road junction oblivious of its existence. Arriving safely at Homer, the light six of some 9 cwt. were soon turning out Double Oxford which collapsed when the treble stopped for a gossip on her way to the front. The most peculiar ring of the day was at Stoke Lacy, where some of its six bells seemed to run off independently into different keys. If the instigator of a touch of Grandsire Minor was hoping to conjure some music out of them he must have been sadly disappointed. However, a measure of satisfaction was felt by one who endures recurrent comments on the musical qualities of his own local eight and now considers he has a veritable 'Chewton Mendip' by comparison. Winding up the proceedings with the call 'Catch 'um in Queen's' on this, of all rings, there came the question, 'And how?'

Having had a wonderful day, thanks to the clergy and local ringers, each car made its separate way homewards to drop passengers in districts around Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Worcester. I. G.

**PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, R. Rose 2, L. Sharpe 3, A. F. Ballam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BROADCASTING CO-OPERATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—At the last meeting of the Central Council, held at Newcastle, it was decided, as your readers are aware, to elect a new committee to deal with broadcasting and television.

If, as is the case in the West, a good relationship existed between the ringing fraternity and the B.B.C., the work of this committee would be able to be done smoothly and well. Unfortunately, this is not so, and whilst every effort is being made to put this right, we have in the meantime to rely on knowledge which comes to us from ringing sources to implement our work for the Council.

The purpose of this letter is to bring these facts to the notice of all ringers, and in particular to the general secretaries of all associations. On behalf of the committee I would ask that anything in the nature of broadcasting or television which is arranged should have details sent to the general secretary of the association concerned, so that they may in turn inform the member of the committee in their region, or me, the undersigned.

The committee at present comprises Mr. A. A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1; Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, 11, Church Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down; Mr. G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, and

Yours very sincerely,

H. J. SANGER,  
Convener of the Committee.

Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

## A USE FOR OLD TYRES

Dear Sir,—A set of silencers made from an old car tyre has been in use for a year or two at St. Peter's, St. Albans, where they have been found very convenient for use in connection with dumb practice, raising and lowering quietly (when necessary), demonstration purposes, etc.

For small bells, a motor-cycle tyre is best, a piece cut off slightly less than the diameter of the clapper, with a square hole cut in the tread, through which the flight has to be forced, the walls of the tyre can then be used to silence the bell. One twist of the 'silencer' and the bell is open again. Several peals have been rung on our bells with the silencers in the 'open' position, without mishap, and even the muffles were put on without removal of the silencers!

If the silencers are put into action before lowering the bells, there will obviously be no need for the instructor to climb to the bell chamber twice on learners' night messing about in the pits with clapper-stays or ropes!—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PEAL

Dear Sir,—In browsing through back copies of 'The Ringing World,' I came across a peal claimed as the first by members of one college of a university. I refer to a peal of Double Norwich at Long Stanton on May 1st by members of Selwyn College of the University of Cambridge.

While admitting this may be the first of its type by the Cambridge University Guild, I must point out that a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Great Glen, Leicestershire, by members of the University College of Leicester, all external students of the University of London.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HILL.

Ewell, Surrey.

## 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. John Willis' letter, and with regard to an earlier one from Mr. Arthur V. Davis, to which he refers, so far as I am aware the question of a subsidy by Associations to this journal has not arisen. There certainly seems to be no reason for such a scheme to be turned down as impracticable.

However, as has been so often said, the ideal which is being aimed at is that the paper should be self-supporting, and the answer lies in more postal subscribers. 'The Ringing World' is by no means the only specialist publication which is faced with the alternatives of greater revenue or greater price; a photographic journal has only this week announced reluctantly that its price must be increased, and only a few months ago one of the foremost aeronautical journals made the same decision. I mention this in the hope that readers will understand that the present gap between revenue and expenditure is not, as has been hinted, due to incompetent management. In fact, I think it fair to say that if the work put into the paper were all paid for at its full value, this gap might well be doubled.

Another matter I would like to mention while writing is that it has sometimes been suggested to me that there would be more point in people becoming postal subscribers if the annual cost were less than that of obtaining the paper from a newsagent, with the addition of postage, instead of almost equal to that figure as at present. This is very true of course, but at the moment we just cannot afford such a concession; and in this we err in good company, because I find that, to quote two examples from papers which do not cater for the mass-market, both 'The Times' and 'The Church Times' charge their postal subscribers the full cost-plus-postage rate.

However, postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World' are fortunate this year, because there are 53 Fridays in 1954, and they will thus receive one issue gratis!—Yours faithfully,  
E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

## IN ZUMMERZET

Dear Sir,—May I correct a statement in an article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' headed 'Dree Days in Zummerzet,' which said, 'Mr. Farrant must have forgotten they were coming, so they had to fetch the keys before they could start.'

In fact, I had not been told they were coming that day. Had I known arrangements would have been made for someone to meet them. I was pleased to read they had some good ringing here.—Yours faithfully,

F. FARRANT.

Martock, Somerset.

## WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Sir,—With reference to the Winchester Surprise Royal, may I be allowed to point out, what doubtless the composer knows, that if the 2-6 places—necessary in the Major, but quite unnecessary in the Royal—are cut out and a four-pull dodge substituted, a clear proof scale results, and any composition of New Cambridge or Yorkshire Surprise Royal will go.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

## THE LEGEND OF CORNHILL

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Symonds can refer to my book, 'Legends o' the Bells,' page 23, he will see there I repeat the legend as given by Stow and also give a very excellent photo of Cornhill tower by the late Mr. Francis E. Dawe.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

## WEDDING BELLS AT LUNDY

Dear Sir,—According to 'The Times' on August 9th, the church bells on Lundy Island were rung for the first time in 28 years for the wedding of Mr. Donald Mayes, a commercial pilot, to Miss Eva Zoref, a sister-tutor at a London nursing college.

It would be interesting to know what condition the bells of Lundy are in now, and whether the peal rung on the bells by the Rev. F. E. Robinson was the only one (see 'Among the Bells' by F. E. R.).—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

[Note.—The last information we had of the bells about two years ago was that they were unringable, two bells were off their headstocks, the wheels collapsed, the bearings rusted solid and some of the clappers were broken. Has any reader information concerning their restoration?—Ed.]

## A HOSTILE LAND

Sir,—The anonymous writer about peal ringing in Cornwall is very wrong in saying that Cornwall is a hostile land. During August we are welcoming visitors to our land, our homes, our roads, our churches and our towers.

The Truro Diocesan Guild is one of the largest affiliated to the Central Council, but its members consist not only of half-pull ringers, but also of those who only ring call-changes.

Permission is rarely refused for visiting bands to ring in our towers, even in the Cathedral. Individual visiting ringers will get a far better welcome in Cornish belfries than they sometimes get in towers which practise very advanced methods. And to read in 'The Ringing World' that Cornwall is a hostile land is not likely to increase the circulation of the paper in this county.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA,  
Secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'  
August 28th, 1914

REDDISH, STOCKPORT

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, August 20th, 1914, in 3 hours and 2 minutes

At the Church of St. Elizabeth.

A PEAL OF REDDISH COURT BOB MAJOR  
5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Rev. A. T. Beeston .. .. .	Treble
Harold Jackson .. .. .	2
Alfred Barnes .. .. .	3
William Jackson .. .. .	4
Tom Wilde .. .. .	5
Walter W. Wolstencroft .. .. .	6
Thomas J. Bottrill .. .. .	7
Harry Chapman .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The first peal in the method.

[It was later renamed Hereward Bob.]

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Paul 1, D. Render 2, A. Sheppard 3, Miss D. M. Hawley (cond.) 4, E. M. Bradley 5, D. Barker 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, D. Lawson 2, B. Sissons 3, D. Ruckledge 4, Miss D. M. Hawley 5, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, D. Barker cover. Rung for Evensong.



# A WEEK AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS

## Davertry Ringers' Experiences

FIFTEEN ringers from the Daventry district enjoyed a pleasant journey through Bedfordshire and Cambridge on July 24th for a ringing tour of Suffolk, pausing at Newmarket for lunch. The bells of Stowmarket (Double Norwich) and Barking (Cambridge Minor) provided a promising prelude before reaching the week's headquarters at Ipswich. Acquaintance was renewed with John Wiseman (who spent part of last year amongst us) and he introduced us to the practice at St. Margaret's Church. Superlative was elusive and this was attributed by the 'locals' to our failure to heed their advice to 'push 'em along'!

The Sabbath saw the entire contingent at Corporate Communion in the nearby St. Matthew's; during this inspiring family service the Vicar, the Rev. Brindley Jones, extended both welcome and blessing, a moving gesture. The belfry here carries the exhortation 'Let all things be done decently and in order,' and this was essayed both before Eucharist and for Matins, Cambridge Minor being satisfactory. It held no brief for the clerk of the weather, who taunted us with a deluge which forced the organiser to borrow an umbrella in order to obtain transport for the marooned party's trip to Felixstowe. Back in Ipswich for the impressive Evensong at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ernest excelled in a course of Cambridge Royal before leading his unofficial choir at the rear of the nave.

Monday's radiant hues tempted five (fool) hardy members to the swimming baths at 7 a.m., where the G.O.M. showed a fine disregard for Stedman's principle by entering the cold shower very slowly and out exceptionally quickly in an ungainly dive along the wet floor. This indifferent start was continued at Tuddenham, where the state of the ropes caused the only 'blank' of the week; also at Helmingham, when Gordon tried to dive through the trap door and the others mistook the numerous wall texts for diagrams of new methods. Maybe it was the influence of the nearby manor-house, the Elizabethan home of Lord Tollemeche (surrounded by a moat with drawbridge still raised nightly), from whom a popular brand of Suffolk beer derives its name!

The lych-gate at Framsdon invited us to 'enter into His gates with thanksgiving,' and a musical touch of Duffield supplied the response. The old-style Bridge House put us in the right frame of mind to do justice to the grand eight at Debenham, the rise and fall being in keeping with a worthy touch of Stedman. Several of the youngsters made their introduction to 'ten' at Stonham Aspal, and by restricting the choice of method satisfied the 'boss' with their efforts. The light eight at Henley increased the tempo and furnished an opportunity to try several new diagrams. The evening passed in leisurely contrast on the heavy six at St. Clement's, Ipswich, an appropriate tower for Ipswich Surprise Minor, and a bird's-eye view of the town with running commentary by Fred Bowell.

## BROKE 'ONE OF DAD'S STAYS'

A hearty welcome to Rushmere on Tuesday morning by the Vicar and Mr. Wiseman sen. did not spell success for London Minor, but Oxford Treble Bob made amends before going on to picturesque Grundisburgh. The glorious double hammer-beam roof and a fine ruhng ten inspired one of the 'terrible twins' to break his rope. This, in turn, ruined both his and the 'gaffer's' shirt and, while repairs were being effected, caused a youngster to pop his head over the school wall and 'pipe' an accusation at the tourists of 'breaking one of my dad's stays'! Little did the peal ringers

of the previous evening realise that 5,039 Grand-sire Caters had only 14 blows to spare until the event was recalled later at St. Mary-le-Tower.

A visit to the round tower (in typical Suffolk flint) at Hasketon formed an appetiser for a delicious lunch at the Bull Hotel, Woodbridge; subtle planning by the organiser to extract the best out of the majestic octave dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, where Doug made the tenor literally hum! By way of contrast the light eight at Ufford did not produce ringing of a high standard and E. G. O. would probably have committed the offenders to the stocks, which still survive outside the church, had he not been so engrossed in the amazing bench-ends and the lofty font-cover. Bredfield St. Andrew fostered a new method in 'Brentford,' but the ringing seemed to be assuming a tired nature rather earlier in the week than expected. The practice at St. Mary-le-Tower was extended for our benefit by the kindness of Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, and provided an opportunity to improve on Sunday's baptism on 'twelve.' With the help of three 'locals' we rang a fair course of Grandsire Cinques.

Wednesday's light programme started with a fine eight at Leiston, but the main interest centred in the spider-web roof arch over the crossing and this is, undoubtedly, a gem of the carpenter's craft. Aldeburgh produced the first course of 'Childwall' and spelled success for London Minor. Here, too, Ron Pocklington formed a welcome addition to the party and he made a clean start by leading Charlie into the North Sea. The bells of Hollesley need handling, but the other 'terrible twin,' uplifted by a cheerful letter from home, succeeded in calling round his composition of Bob Major, which had eluded him all the week. By way of celebration afterwards, he and 'the little noise' organised a 'young versus old' darts match at the local hostelry, where the 'different style of bellringing' seemed to have pleased the inhabitants (and the different style of dart playing brought success to the young 'uns).

## EAST BERGHOLT

David Heighton came over from Norwich to join the party for Thursday's route, which started at Holbrook, Cambridge and Spiced Kent and Oxford being worthy of this good-going six. Curiosity took the contingent to East Bergholt to ply the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. J. Oram, with questions, and to pose in front of the quaint edifice for a photograph by an obliging passer-by. Stratford St. Mary just failed to produce Annable's London on the heavy six, but compensation came in the form of a memorable lunch at the Sun Hotel in nearby Dedham. Again the meal provided a stimulus for London at the little church of Langham, where we were welcomed by a Vicar who is justly proud of his Cathedral-like service sheet; we trust that he was not dismayed by our rendering of Crayford Little Bob!

Stoke-by-Nayland boasts a 'beautiful but large church'; what an anticlimax was its six bells, not in correct rotation and too unwieldy to attempt anything beyond Plain Bob or Kent. The last port of call in a busy day was Bures, where the belfry of St. Mary's is evidence of the labour of love bestowed on it by the Master and his family. The bells are good if handled expertly; we fear we did not do them justice even when the 'boss' donned his spurs for Stedman. Returning home, the 'terrible twins' found a skeleton reposing in their bed (a former occupant of room 12A, according to the legend attached) and we 'rejoice' to learn that they did not resort to violence with their rubber hammer! Full marks to the boys for trans-

ferring the old lady so carefully to 'the prof's' bed. The evening was given over to lighter vein at Speedway or Hippodrome; there was, however, a feeling that one member had absconded in pursuit of secondhand bells!

The party was strengthened on Friday by the addition of John Wiseman for the trip to Sudbury. Both churches (St. Gregory's and All Saints'), where ringing is possible, were visited, Double Norwich being achieved at the first call and Cambridge at the other. A first-class meal at the Four Swans Hotel induced the right frame of mind for Long Melford, a magnificent church in a glorious setting; in fact, a Chipping Camden in flint. Possessing a fine octave, worthy of a famous name which adorns so many peal tablets in the belfry, it almost seemed that the ringing here was dedicated to N. J. Pitstow.

## FAREWELL PRESENTATION

Another grand edifice, overshadowed only by the massive tower, which contains a good octave, is Lavenham; that it did not produce the best of striking must have been due to tiredness, which even the inciting of the 'boss' could not dispel. The last call of the day, Monks Eleigh, provided a Waterloo for a Nobby divested of his harness, and his failure to tantalise another tenor repelled the youngsters and left the old campaigners to maintain our reputation.

Our final evening found everyone assembled to enable John (the barman 'in a loose sort of way') to present a cigarette case to Ernest G. Orland as a slight token of our appreciation of his superb organisation. The opportunity was taken to drink a toast also to our hostess, Mrs. Meyer (and to her family), for their homely accommodation at St. George's Hotel.

Saturday's return was punctuated by a call at the Cathedral of Bury St. Edmunds for a ring in the detached Norman tower on what the peal boards describe as 'these harmonious bells.' We have no desire to dispute this assertion and hope that our efforts on ten were in keeping with their traditions. A halt was also taken at Eaton Socon to enjoy the delightful light eight which, among other things, produced a memorable fall terminating in Queen's (to Doug's entire satisfaction). This formed a fitting finale to a ringers' tour which is made possible only by the courtesy of the incumbents concerned, and we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks (as also to the ringers who prepared the freedom of their belfries for us) and of assuring them that we were ever mindful of the purpose for which their bells are installed. C. U.

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STEPNEY, E.—On Aug. 15th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss Jean Powell (first quarter) 1, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox 4, H. J. Weedon 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Rung for Evensong.



## A SHROPSHIRE

### A Successful Week Amongst Grand Scenery and Interesting Churches

FOR the fifth successive year the 'Cannon-Sone' party of tourists visited a new county for their annual tour. This year the venue was Shropshire, and accommodation was booked at Church Stretton by Mr. F. Hector Bennett, of Shrewsbury. Our party consisted of 14 ringers plus Mrs. Sone, and transport consisted of four private cars and Benny's motor-cycle (when required).

Church Stretton is the recognised centre of the glorious hill region of South Shropshire, and the scenery provided can hold its own with both Yorkshire and Cornwall. And, of course, the county has the added advantage that it is not as well known as many counties and, therefore, less crowded.

From a ringing point of view the county is an ideal one for a comfortable peal tour, and there are numerous rings of six off the beaten track to satisfy those seeking the unusual in a fresh tower.

Most of our party met at Church Stretton on Saturday, August 7th, and seven of us commenced the week with a visit to Hope Bowdler (6, 9½ cwt.), where we rang London and Cambridge. Sunday, August 8th arrived with the usual showers but cleared up sufficiently to allow us to walk to Church Stretton (8, 11 cwt.) and ring Cambridge and Stedman. As usual, we stayed for service and four of us, Messrs. Champion, Mehew, Morant and the writer, were invited to join the choir.

In the afternoon we visited Clunbury (6, 10½ cwt.), where we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. B. T. Herbert, and Mr. E. H. Meredith, the local captain. The tenor is an interesting bell of good tone cast by William Clibury, of Wellington, in 1620, and cost £7 2s. 9d. Continuing our journey we arrived at Clun (8, 13½ cwt.), a very large, low tower. We rang Bristol and Superlative and admired the fine interior of the church. For evensong we were privileged to visit the magnificent church of Ludlow (8, 22½ cwt.) and were met by Mr. T. Nash. The bells are hung very high in the central tower and consequently there is considerable movement when ringing. However, we commenced with a good course of Yorkshire, rung at a steady rhythm, followed by Stedman and Double Norwich. Ludlow is a very quaint town, with many fine timbered houses.

### TWO PEALS ON MONDAY

Our first peal tower was an excellent one, Much Wenlock (8, 16 cwt.), Mr. Arthur Pritchard, Master of the Shropshire Association, met us here and we were delighted to have him with us for the rest of the week, not only for his ability as a ringer, but for his unrivalled knowledge of his home county, and good company.

The bells are a really good ring, an old six of Rudhall's, 1729, with trebles added by Taylors in 1931. The ringing chamber is comfortable and we rang a good (and fast) peal of Yorkshire with hardly any errors. Those not ringing visited Morville (6, 9 cwt.), where the bells are to be rehung in the future, and not before it's needed!

After lunch a short ride brought us to Coalbrookdale (10, 18½ cwt.), well known to many ringers, and we rang a reasonable peal of Bob Royal in memory of Walter Lago, a member of the local band for 50 years, who was buried at another church that day. Mr. A. S. Bayley met us after the peal and welcomed us to the district. On our way home we rang at Broseley (8, 13 cwt.), the tall tower causing movement. However, we rang our first course of London of the tour.

## RINGING TOUR

### THE HEAVIEST SIX IN SHROPSHIRE

The chance of a peal at Clive (6, 25 cwt.), on Tuesday, August 10th, enabled the writer to add another 'heaviest six in the county' to his present list of eleven. The bells were cast in 1894 by Taylors, and hang under an imposing spire, which, being on a hill, is a clear landmark. They are a good ring but sound better outside the tower. A good peal was rung in eight methods in the fast time (for these bells) of 3 hours and 12 minutes.

The remainder of our party visited Moreton-Corbet (6, 9½ cwt.) with its deserted mansion, and Stanton-on-Hine-Heath (6, 8 cwt.).

After a good lunch at Wem (8, 13 cwt.) a band started for Cambridge but unfortunately only rang for 1 hour and 40 minutes. Others visited Prees (6, 12 cwt.) and were very pleased to meet Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst (of 17,280 Treble Bob fame). We rang London, Cambridge and Double Oxford, and Mr. Rodenhurst recommended us to visit Ightfield (6, 11½ cwt.). Permission was kindly granted at short notice and we enjoyed Cambridge on a fine ring. Returning home via Shrewsbury, we visited St. Michael's (6, 7 cwt.); the bells hang in a very unusual tower, with two storeys of different size. The 'go' of the bells made them require careful handling, and one of them was reputed to have a 'square' wheel!

### SCENIC TOUR INTO WALES

As a change from peal ringing, Wednesday, August 11th, was chosen for a whole day's tower hunting in lovely scenery. We were very pleased to have Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Shrewsbury, with us all day, and his car was very useful as Tom Sone and his wife took the opportunity of visiting Llandudno.

Our first call was at Lydbury North (6, 9 cwt.); the bells are in a large Norman tower recently restored. If the ropes had been adjusted it would have been possible to ring here at about 2 hours and 15 minutes speed! Next came Bishop's Castle (6, 9 cwt.), a good ring rung from the ground floor.

For most of our party the next tower, Montgomery (6, 12 cwt.), was their first ring in Wales, and the Rev. C. L. Jones, Rector and the captain of the ringers, came into the belfry and gave us a very hearty welcome to the tower. We crossed back into Shropshire again for a ring at Chirbury (6, 13 cwt.), but had to content ourselves with Doubles as the third clapper broke during our rise in peal!

After a good lunch we were in Wales again with a visit to Forden (6, 10 cwt.), a musical ring, and Leighton (6, 11½ cwt.), a fine-sounding ring by Taylors, 1852. The Rev. S. M. Atherley, Vicar, met us here and we admired the splendid modern church standing on high ground, with a spire.

Our only eight-bell tower of the day was Welshpool (8, 13 cwt.), where we were met by Mr. Griffiths, the local captain. In 1914 Mr. Griffiths took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Welshpool, conducted by William Short. Until our visit he had not rung a touch of Stedman since the peal, but he enjoyed a touch with us without a mistake. We also rang a course of Spliced Surprise in three methods, probably the first in the county. At Westbury (6, 7 cwt.), the Vicar the Rev. A. G. Durston welcomed us, as did the Rev. Canon R. Clayton at Pontesbury (6, 12 cwt.). Somebody shifted the tenor box to the fifth position with the amusing result that some of us pulled off in the order 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, much to the delight of those watching!!

After a high tea, close to the River Severn at Shrewsbury we visited St. Chad's (12, 39½ cwt.), whose bells must surely rank as one of

the finest twelves in the country. The circle and draught are ideal, and we enjoyed Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a good course of Cambridge Royal with rounds on the twelve. Several members of the local band joined us, as it was their practice night, and we appreciated the opportunity of ringing on such a grand ring.

### THREE PEALS IN A DAY

For Thursday, August 12th, the morning attempt was at Cheswardine (8, 8½ cwt.). The bells are a merry ring, rung from the ground floor with a long draught, and our Cambridge was the first Surprise on the bells. Those not standing in the attempt had the opportunity of ringing seven Minor methods at Moreton-Corbet (6, 9½ cwt.), thanks to Arthur Pritchard, who got permission for the attempt in the morning. A fast peal was rung in 2 hours and 23 minutes, and it was stated to be the fastest for the Association.

The bells of Market Drayton (8, 17½ cwt.) are well known to many ringers, as the local band is one of the best in the Midlands, ringing Surprise for service. They are a fine Taylor ring and can be heard very clearly in the ringing chamber. A good peal of Braunstone Surprise was rung, the first in the county, and Arthur Pritchard rang the tenor like clockwork. Those not ringing were joined by Messrs. A. Hickman and S. Hughes, of Market Drayton, and Mr. W. Harrison, of Norton-in-Hales (8, 14 cwt.), where the ringing chamber is one of the smallest for eight bells in the country.

As a contrast, in the evening the whole party had the pleasure of ringing on the splendid ring at Hodnet (8, 12 cwt.) and again meeting Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst. We rang Superlative and Oxford Treble Bob, and the writer was very pleased to notice on one of the peal boards the name of a former Vicar, the Rev. J. R. S. Taylor, now Bishop of Sodor and Man, and his old headmaster from 1926 to 1928.

### FRIDAY THE 13th—SUCCESS AND A BROKEN ROPE

The combination of Friday falling on the 13th August caused murmurs amongst the superstitious that there would be 'no peals today'!! However, we thought our luck was in during the morning as we scored a good peal of New Cambridge at Shifnal (8, 18½ cwt.), another 'first in the county.' Some of the bells are rather odd-struck, and the third was reputed to require quite a lot of pulling. Sure enough during the opening touch for the non-pealers, its ringer had quite a lot of trouble with it! But during the peal Brian Bladen rang it perfectly and with no trips, though he did earn himself a blister!

Before starting the peal we looked at the grave of the famous Samuel Lawrence, who weighed 32 stone! The stone would require a good clean before the inscription could be read, and, going up the spiral staircase, we wondered how he reached the ringing chamber of the central tower!

Those not ringing in the peal visited Tong (6, 13 cwt.), with its Bourdon bell of 46 cwt., and Albrighton (6, 11 cwt.) and rang Cambridge, Kent and Spliced Minor in four methods.

The fears of the superstitious were confirmed in the afternoon, because after ringing 50 minutes on the splendid Gillett and Johnston ring at Claverley (8, 15½ cwt.), Superlative was lost through a broken rope. This was a big disappointment to all as the ringing had been regarded as the best of the week. For the non-pealers the afternoon towers were Worfield (6, 15 cwt.), where several of the local band met us, and we inspected the weight hung under the spire. The bells are of good tone, all being cast by A. Rudhall in 1699. Then on to Stockton (6, 13 cwt.), where Mr. Dickinson met us and rang some Plain Bob on a fine six with a

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## SHROPSHIRE TOUR—Cont.

tenor in E. On the way home we rang at Bridgnorth, St. Mary's (8, 9 cwt.).

## THE LAST DAY—AN INTERESTING TOUR

Saturday, August 14th, arrived all too quickly and before starting for 'Cannon's Doxology' at Church Stretton, we said 'Farewell and many thanks' to Arthur Pritchard, who had to leave us early to attend his Association meeting at Westbury. The five who were not ringing in the peal visited Willey (5, 5½ cwt.) and succeeded in ringing a quarter peal of Doubles in 11 methods in the amazing time of 25 minutes! Those taking part were Jane Coates 1, Roland Morant 2, Colin Champion 3, Philip Mehew 4, Brian Bladen (conductor) 5, and this must surely rank as the fastest quarter peal ever rung! Any challengers?

After the morning peal Winnie Burton and Brian Warwick left for Leicester, and the remainder of us enjoyed a tour to seven interesting towers. We started at Condover (8, 13 cwt.), where the writer called a course of three Spliced Surprise to celebrate his 'Waterloo.' Next came Berrington (8, 13½ cwt.), where we rang London, and Mr. W. H. Lloyd, local captain, joined us in our only touch of Grandsire Triples of the week.

A five-bell tower had to be included, and Upton Magna (5, 9 cwt.) was chosen, as there is a fairly long draught and 1, 2 and 3 ropes are close together. An amusing time was had by all!

The roughest ring of the week was encountered at Wroxeter (6, 11 cwt.), not so much because of the 'go' of the bells, but because of a broken slider on the tenor and the very dark ringing chamber. At Uppington (6, 9½ cwt.) the Vicar met us and told us he had been there 25 years. Incidentally, at Upton Magna, dedicated to St. Lucia, the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Thursby-Pelham) has been there 50 years! Shropshire seems a delightful county for a quiet life as a country parson!

At Wrockwardine (6, 13 cwt.) Mr. Savage, local captain, met us and led the way up what must surely be one of the most tricky routes to a village ringing chamber in the country! The bells, in a central tower, are a fine six, rehung by Taylors in 1952, and Mr. Savage rang Cambridge with us, and we also rang Spliced Minor in five methods. The last tower of the day was Wellington (8, 16 cwt.), where a local ringer met us, and we rang London and Stedman.

## THE WAY BACK

On Sunday morning, August 15th, we said 'Goodbye' to 'Benny,' and would add here that his help with meals, and suggestions for peal towers was much appreciated. The rest of the party were told by the writer that there was reputed to be a 'super' eight at Eardisland, Herefordshire (13 cwt.), so we decided to sample them. Members of the local band, Messrs. Leslie Evans (captain), E. P. Rock, J. D. Rock and F. R. Harris, welcomed us.

We continued our way home via Worcester, Pershore and Chipping Norton and decided to call at Charlbury (6, 14 cwt.) for a quick 'snatch.' Permission was readily granted, and we rang London and Cambridge on a fair six, with plenty of tower-sway. This was the writer's 1,823rd tower. It was also Brian Bladen's 500th. For Evensong we just reached Wokingham, All Saints' (8, 19½ cwt.) in time to join the local band in a touch of Stedman, and were shown the grave of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. A large and untidy bush unfortunately covers the view of the stone, but Mr. Wigmore promised to try and get this cut down.

Once again a very successful tour was concluded with eight peals out of ten attempts and visits to 46 towers. The writer would like to thank all those Vicars and local ringers who met our party and who kindly gave us permission to ring. Thank you, Shropshire, for a grand week!

A. P. C.

## OBITUARY

## MR. HARVEY KYNASTON

It is with regret that we record the death after a short illness of Mr. Harvey Kynaston, of Oswestry, Shropshire, on August 12th. He was 62 years of age and had been a regular ringer for over 30 years, learning to ring with his two brothers when the band was revived after the first world war.

The funeral service took place at St. Oswald's Church on August 16th, conducted by the Rev. J. Walters, assisted by two old friends of the family, the Rev. D. R. W. Marsland and the Rev. J. Breeze (Vicar of Llanymynech). The bells were rung with half-muffled clappers before and after the service.

## MR. WALTER LAGO

His many ringing friends in Shropshire and the Midlands will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Walter Lago, which occurred at his home on August 6th at the age of 77 years.

A native of Staffordshire, he commenced ringing at the age of 12 at Tamworth and rang his first peal at Coalbrookdale on October 6th, 1909. He had been a member of the Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, band for about 50 years.

The funeral took place on August 9th with a service at Ironbridge Church, the interment being at Castle Green Cemetery to the accompaniment of his beloved Holy Trinity ten ringing nearby. The bearers were all ringers: Messrs. G. L. Hewitt, J. L. Stanier, B. L. Jones, A. Lloyd, B. Jarman and A. S. Bayley. After the committal a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. L. Hewitt 1-2, J. L. Stanier 3-4, A. S. Bayley 5-6, B. L. Jones 7-8.

On August 11th eight of his old ringing pals rang on the bells of Holy Trinity half-muffled 1,260 Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of G. Leonard Hewitt 1, Leo Evans 2, Harry Edge 3, Robert Savage 4, Joseph L. Stanier 5, B. Leslie Jones 6, Alfred S. Bayley (cond.) 7, Albert Lloyd 8. And so passes another old stalwart of ringing in Shropshire. A. S. B.

## MR. JOHN WHEATON

With regret we record the death on August 9th, after a long illness, of Mr. John Wheaton, of Buckerell, East Devon, one of the oldest members of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. A well-known figure at Branch meetings, his services to the Guild were recognised early this year when hon. life membership was conferred upon him.

A ringer since 1894, he was a regular Sunday ringer up to two years ago. He was captain of Buckerell tower from 1925 to 1945 and a keen churchman. The last time he rang was for the funeral of a churchwarden on November 18th, 1952, an old friend of his. This was the day before he celebrated his own golden wedding, when the local band rang their first peal.

The funeral took place at Buckerell on August 12th, conducted by the Rev. H. E. Smith (chairman of the East Devon Branch). Members from towers in the district attended. He was laid in the same grave as his wife, whose funeral was exactly seven weeks before. Among the many floral tributes was one from members of the local band.

A quarter peal, with the bells muffled, was rung in his memory in the evening by M. Broadhurst, F. H. Parr, R. Bokh, J. Broadhurst, W. Webb and F. J. Parr.

John Wheaton will be sorely missed, and much sympathy is expressed to his son and daughter.

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## DEATH

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Ashover, Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper. 4855

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden (6) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4872

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—At Basingstoke, Aug. 28th. Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District). Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea in the Church Cottage 5. Towers available: Basingstoke (2), Bramley, Overton, Upton Grey, Odiham, Deane, Sherborne St. John, Monk Sherborne and Oakley from 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4874



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Aug. 28th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Kirkstall Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4880

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea in cafe 5.—C. W. Hall. 4853

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4887

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dersingham, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to G. Batterbee, White Horse Drive, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Single and Double Oxford. 4885

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Burnham, Aug. 28th. 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 4857

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.** Next meeting at Kirkheaton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Good bus service from Huddersfield (2½ miles). All ringers welcome. 4895

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, September 4th, at Houghton Conquest (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Sandiacre Surprise Minor.—Brian Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4901

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District Meeting at Whichford, Sept. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. R. Barrett. 4896

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Lymington, Sept. 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. Seagar, Bridge Cottages, Lymington.—B. Pidgeon. 4850

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Hagley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (cost 2s. 6d.) at Hagley Hall for all those who notify me by Sept. 2nd. Business meeting to follow. No name no tea.—R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4914

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, Sept. 4th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Sept. 2nd, D. R. Airey, 4, Elton Grove, Darlington. 4891

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Epping, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; own arrangements. Rounds to Surprise. All welcome. 4873

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Hasfield, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, by Aug. 31st. All welcome.—J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4910

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Northbourne bells after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4882

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Lamberhurst, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) at 5.15 p.m. Names, by Sept. 1st, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4879

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Burnley Parish Church, Sept. 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4894

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch.—Joint meeting at Morecambe on Sept. 4th. Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Marion Hayton, 23, Kensington Road, Morecambe.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4898

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Singleton, 84, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4913

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Mablethorpe, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Make own tea arrangements.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4868

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Usk (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clinch, Wentland, Abergavenny Road, Usk, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Branch Sec. 4854

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by business meeting and tea. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 4863

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4881

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Uffington, Sat., Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 4876

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst on Sept. 4th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4865

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby, Sept. 4th. Names for tea, before Aug. 31st, please, to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4899

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bratton (6), Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4903

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Cup contest and meeting, Killamarsh, Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. For tea notify F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh. Entries to N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4825

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. only for those notifying, by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, Mr. G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts. No name, no tea. 4859

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Names for tea, by Sept. 1st, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4907

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 4860

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Meeting at Broadhembury, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 6th, to Rev. Crowhurst, Vicarage, Broadhembury. 4905

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Charing (6) (not East Farleigh), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service

4. Tea 4.45. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. Important reminder.—Book Oct. 23rd for the dinner and dance at Maidstone. Further details later. 4897

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Please notify, by Sept. 6th, Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4900

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. F. Bailey, 14, Barrington Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 4908

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch and South Oxon Branch.—Joint meeting, Dorchester (8), Sept. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. H. Badger, The Blue Man, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 4892

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Sept. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 4904

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Cheswade, Sept. 11th. Our first here. Light 8. Names must be sent for tea. P.M. service 1 p.m. and 3.30 from Market Drayton. Car owners asked to meet others Drayton Church 2.45 p.m.—W. A. Farmer, 99, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury. 4902

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Make own tea arrangements. Buses from Cannon Square, Retford.—H. Denman. 4909

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Sept. 8th, to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4875

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Committee meeting, Chorley, Sept. 18th. Parish Church Institute 3.30 p.m. Bells available: St. Laurence's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements: cafes nearby.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 4912

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) available from the undersigned.—Apply NOW, as the seating accommodation is limited, P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent. 4849

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