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SOME THOUGHTS ON RULES

CHANGE ringing, as we are all proud to affirm, is both a Science and an Art. This statement, of course, cannot be literally true, and the purist will claim that it is either a Science or an Art, but that it cannot be both. The purist, however, would be wrong, for the statement is a paradox, and implies that there are scientific or mathematical principles to be followed in the theory of change ringing, and artistic creation and satisfaction in the practice of change ringing.

A Science, by its very nature, demands rules and laws. An Art, by its very nature, cannot be confined or limited by rules and laws. This, to me, is the crux of the problem. Whenever the Scientists have attempted to formulate 'limiting' or 'confining' rules they have been hotly contested by the Artists.

That is not to say, of course, that all argument in change ringing is due to the conflict of Science with Art. Indeed there is probably more internal argument amongst the Scientists themselves than there is between the Scientists and Artists. But the fact of conflict remains, and whenever the Scientists come to general agreement amongst themselves as to a particular rule to be brought before the Central Council, it will always be opposed by the Artists if it attempts to 'limit' or 'confine' the Art.

Let us examine this in relation to the problems of method construction. The Scientist looks on this as a means of producing true changes; and studies the figures representing a lead — being concerned with the regular succession of the nature of the rows, seeing that no bell strikes more than two consecutive blows in one place, that the lead is symmetrical, and that it produces a Plain Bob lead end.

The Artist, on the other hand, prefers to study the 'blue line' — concerning himself with its interest or monotony, its movement or stagnation, and its inherent musical qualities. It is not surprising, therefore, to find a conflict of opinion on method construction.

How does this concern the current conflict on Bob Triples? In Annable's time, when ringing was first and

foremost an Art, several excellent seven-bell methods were rung with a treble and six working bells. These methods have qualities which are not to be had in the so-called 'pure' Triples methods, and provide work similar to that found in the more difficult Surprise methods of to-day. Then along came the Scientists who held that every seven-bell method should consist of an unbroken succession of triple changes, and that every eight-bell method should consist of an unbroken succession of alternate quadruple and triple changes. Imagine the storm that this caused! It has never really settled!

There appears to be a widely held opinion that this 'law' is *fundamental*, and must be scrupulously observed in the case of odd bell methods, but need not be in the case of even bell methods. Why? Your guess is as good as mine!

The case of seven-bell methods was further complicated by the problem of producing an extent entirely of triple changes. This was very laudable as a *problem of composition*, but unfortunately it grew into a *prejudice* which condemned Plain Bob on seven bells, not because the four blows behind were 'stagnation,' but because it did not consist of an unbroken succession of triple changes. The result of this has been that instead of having a variety of interesting seven-bell methods to ring, we are now virtually 'limited' or 'confined' to Grandsire Triples. This, to quote one of the finest writers and thinkers that the Exercise has produced, 'is entirely due to the mistaken idea of insisting on a rule which is a good one in its proper and limited sphere, but a bad one when it is made universal.'

When considering Rules, therefore, let us not forget that change ringing started as an Art, and the development of the Science was secondary and subsidiary. Rules which both satisfy the Science and benefit the Art should be accepted gladly; but rules which, in satisfying the Science, injure the Art should be discarded.

In conclusion, may I point out that the Scientists and Artists mentioned previously are not necessarily separate individuals? A complete change ringer is himself both a Scientist and an Artist — in which case the conflict is internal. Central Council representatives, look into your own hearts before you cast your vote!

C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ERNEST STITCH 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	†ALBERT HUMPHRIES 9
IVOR R. NICHOLS 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	*WILLIAM DAVIES 11
GEORGE A. PACKER 6	GEORGE DEAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 75th peal together. † First peal on twelve bells.

Mr. H. Howell has now rung 100 peals on these bells and his 50th of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

From records this is the 200th peal rung in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,344 Superlative and 1,248 each Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Spliced 'inside.'

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALLEN D. RIVERS Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	WALTER LEE 6
JEFFERY C. BIRT* 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
WILLIAM F. BUTLER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method for all except 7 and 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

Parker's Six-part.	
JANET D. CUDBY Treble	*HAROLD SMITH 5
PATRICIA V. HOLLOWAY .. 2	WALTER HUNT 6
MRS. HAROLD SMITH 3	STANLEY G. DAY 7
LAURIE HALL 4	†EDWARD G. BURROWS .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.

* 25th peal. † First peal. First peal in the method by all. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Alan Brown, of Twyford band, and Miss Ann M. Parsons, of Silvertown, Devon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDE, SUSSEX.

RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGERINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN J. HICKS Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON 4
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 2	†ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 5
†RUTH A. CAREY 3	DAVID HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the 702nd anniversary of the death of St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-two extents. Ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb. in G.

R. W. SELBY Treble	REV. A. WEBB 4
E. CARTER 2	J. A. SELBY 5
G. SELBY 3	*E. W. WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by R. W. SELBY.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of Mrs. Frances E. Suffield's 100th birthday, a resident of the village for the past 52 years.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*JUNE KNIGHT Treble	*BERNARD BOWN 4
†KENNETH BURDETT 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*JOHN WARDLE 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Specially arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Rev. C. I. H. Siviter who is very shortly leaving this parish after being Vicar for seven years.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Charlwood, Neasden. St. Albans, and Wragby Delight; Kingston and Sandal, Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
MRS. A. RICHARDSON 2	SYDNEY SAGE 5
IVOR JENKINS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the fifth ringer.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDGAR GEEVES Treble	†RONALD DANIELS 3
REX LINE 2	*NORMAN LINE 4

GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

BRIAN BUSWELL 1-2	*ALFRED MOULD 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7-8

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

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THE 1954 summer festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Stamford, afforded opportunities to some to explore the unknown in and around that town which is noted for its many churches and licensed houses.

Although a town of only around 14,000 population it has as many churches and pubs as some towns three to four times its size. It once had 59 pubs, I'm told. There are St. Mary's, All Saints', St. Michael's, St. John's, St. George's, St. Helen's, and St. Martin's Churches. Out of this lot only All Saints' and St. Martin's have ringable bells—six in each.

St. Mary's is the only one with eight bells, but its oak frame and headstocks are so affected with worm and dry-rot as to make them totally unringable. It is not so much a question of the strength of the steeple and of the church being near the road. I can think of plenty of towers similarly placed—one at Thetford for instance. Neither is its tens 27 cwt., as I have heard stated! It is a 48-inch bell and therefore only in the region of 18-19 cwt. Peals have been rung at St. Mary's in bygone days.

St. Michael's shares a unique distinction with Braunston, near Daventry—of its bells being older than the church. The present St. Michael's Church dates from 1836. Its six bells were saved when the church was destroyed by fire. They were cast in 1762.

St. John's and All Saints' are so near to each other that you can almost throw a stone from one to the other. A good ring of six is in All Saints' steeple and four in the old tower of St. John's.

St. Martin's, with a handy six all cast by C. and G. Mears in 1850, is the only tower of Stamford within the Peterborough Diocese, the only tower south of the river Welland, and the parish is generally known as Stamford Baron, being the Church of Lord Exeter, the patron of the living, who is also patron of a number of others in the district. St. George's Church, like St. John's, has four bells. It is here a plaque commemorates the first Toby Norris, who died in 1626.

THE NORRIS FAMILY

It would be difficult to think of Stamford without thinking of the Norris family of bellfounders. A number of ringers do not realise that there were two Toby Norris's—Toby I, Thomas his son, and Toby II, grandson of the first Toby.

Toby II would sometimes inscribe his name on his bells—Tobie, on others Toby, and others Tobias.

Toby I commenced business in 1603, when most bellfounders did not inscribe their names, but used trade stamps to identify their bells. The earliest bells of Toby I were the 1603 treble of three at Wadenhoe, Northants (augmented to six in 1937), and the 1604 treble to four (now unringable) at Bainton, near Stamford.

When he died in 1626 his son, Thomas, carried on the business, taking in turn his son, Toby II, in 1664. Thomas died in 1674. The business continued in the hands of Toby II with the help of Thomas Hanes and Alexander Rigby (the latter leaving him to start on his own in 1684) until 1699 when Toby II died. Thus, after 96 years, came to an end the Norris family of bellfounders.

Alexandre Rigby continued casting and recasting bells until 1708 when he, too, died, being buried on October 29th, in St. Martin's Church, where a stone commemorates his memory.

Although Toby II and Alexandre Rigby cast many bells neither were considered the best of bellfounders. A recently restored five by Toby II of 1696, upon which I rang a peal, are typical of most of his bells—being dull in tone. It would be difficult to effect a good splice with a new treble which would almost be bound to sound louder than the rest. A Gloucestershire legend about Rigby reads: 'Badgeworth ringers, they were mad, because Rigby made me bad.' However, a good bell of his which must have been one of his first, dated 1684, is the treble of three at Great Billing, near Northampton, where there is also a genuine 14th century bell, the 14 cwt. tenor, by Johannes-de-Yorke, a bellfounder who became Mayor of Leicester in 1370; together with an early Newcombe bell of about 1534.

Of Thomas Hanes we know very little. But the second of three light bells—tenor 4½ cwt.—at Wittering, Northants, reads: T. Hanes and Tobie Norris cast mee 1681. 1681 is also the date on the treble, but with only the name of Tobie Norris. The tenor of these three is about a century older, being a product of one of third generation of Newcombes, with the latin inscription: *Laus Tibi Domine*, meaning, 'Praise to thee, O Lord.'

Thomas Norris comes into the picture as well as Toby I at Bainton. The third bell there reads: 'Thomas Norris 1652.' Also, Alexandre Rigby has his name and 1702 inscribed upon the second. The tenor of these four is a bell of Henry Jordon, the London bellfounder of 1442-1470.

THORNHAUGH—OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

All three Norris's come into the history of the middle three of the five bells at Thornhaugh, Northants, a tower little heard of until 1950 when the first peal (which I arranged and took the fourth in) was rung. Only one Guild meeting is known to have been held here apart from the 1954 summer festival. The tower is a little off the beaten track.

On the second bell is *Mvlti Vocati Pavi Electi* 1619, with a cross stamp as used by Toby Norris I. This Latin inscription means: 'Many called, few chosen.' On the third is: Thomas Norris made me 1634. The fourth, up till 1860, bore the inscription: Tobias Norris 1684. There was, in addition to these three Norris bells, a

sanctus bell which in 1860 was broken up and recast in with the old fourth by Warner and Sons, of London, whose names are inscribed together with the churchwardens, J. Wilson and H. Fuller, the then Rector. Was this Rector a descendant of the famous Baptist missionary, Andrew Fuller, of Kettering? The bi-centenary of Andrew Fuller was in 1954.

Messrs. Warner and Sons rehung all three bells in a new metal frame for five in 1889, adding a new tenor and a new treble in 1909, but putting them on wood headstocks. The tenor of 32 ins. diameter weighs 6 cwt. 6 lb., but sounds heavier.

AN AWKWARD BELFRY

Not far from Thornhaugh is Yarwell where, in 1926, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rehung three bells in a new metal frame, adding a tenor of 5½ cwt. to make four, with space for another treble.

I do not advise anyone suffering in the least degree with arthritis to ascend this belfry which is by way of an awkward ladder and through a trap door. The bells are hung high up in the tower which strikes one as having, at some time, had a spire surmounting it.

The ancient treble at Yarwell may be a bell by John-de-Colsale, a Nottingham founder of circa 1410. *Cvm Voco Venite*, meaning, 'when I call, come to church,' will be found on the second with a cross used by the Newcombes, and on the third is *Mvlti Vocati Pavi Electi*, with the names of Thomas Tilton and Edward Peak, churchwardens, and Thomas Eyre, bell-founder, 1754. This incumbency now goes with Nassington where there is a minor five (first five of six), and a licensed house 'The Queen's Head,' underneath which it is said the head of Mary Queen of Scots was buried after execution at nearby Fotheringhay in 1589, a story which should not be taken too seriously! The beautiful lantern tower has just been restored—the restoration of the bells is foreseen. Entry to the belfry is through a staircase in the porch and over the church roof. There are four bells, tenor about 11 cwt. (39 inches), by Thomas Norris 1634. The third is a recast by G. Mears in 1860 from a Tobie Norris bell of 1609. The second is 1614, and the treble 1595. Tansor, with three bells, has a tenor of 7 cwt., by Robert Crouch, of London, who was a competitor to Henry Jordon, circa 1450. In this tower one is greeted (or was) with old moth eaten ropes, dust and cob-webs galore. From Cottesstock, where there are five bells (tenor 8 cwt.), comes the proverb: 'The weakest go to the wall.' Stone benches can still be seen from when the church had no seats. A tuneless and complete ring of five (tenor 9 cwt.), by Thomas Eyre, 1727, can be found in the Georgian church at Stoke Doyle. A not so tuneless four is at Pilton, where there is a bell of Henry Jordon's, circa 1450, and one by Robert Newcombe, circa 1550. Pilton has a very beautiful church!

Mr. Stanley A. Hazelden, captain at East Farleigh, Kent, obligingly stood in for a peal of Minor when Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's band arrived for a peal attempt one short. His action was much appreciated by the band.



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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy D. Brown 1, Stanley W. Brown 2, Derek H. Paine 3, Maurice W. Stephenson 4, Harry W. Brown (cond.) 5, Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A. 6. First quarter peal rung in the tower by an all men's band and in the shortest time. Rung for Palm Sunday.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann S. Parvin 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Mervyn J. Bray 3, Geo. E. Verrill 4, A. Sturgess 5, R. Smith 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. W. Nuttall 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosemary Margaret Barron to Mr. Herbert Leddra. Also for the 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. W. Ayres, vergers of the church, and Mrs. Ayres.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam E. W. Redrup, father of the conductor, who died suddenly on March 22nd, aged 73 years. He was for many years a ringer at this church.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Colgate 1, M. Smart 2, J. Colgate 3, H. Taylor (cond.) 4, A. B. Cannings 5, E. Knight 6. Rung for morning service, and as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Cannings, tower keeper.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, A. Pendlebury 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung for the christening of Susan Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lamb, on this day.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul on Passion Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, S. Fiskett 2, R. A. Lennard 3, P. J. Shipton 4, G. Amor 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

BLUNSDON ST. LEONARD, WILTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): Brian Bladon (cond.) 1, Yolande Wilkins 2, Anne Pettiford (first 'inside') 3, Barry Shepherd 4, Walter Trueman 5, Diana Lewis 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday Service. Also on same day for evening service, 720 of Thelwall Bob and 360 of Childwall: Diana Lewis 1, Lolande Wilkins 2, Barry Shepherd 3, John Manners 4, Anthony Peake 5, Brian Bladon (cond.) 6. First in methods for all except the conductor. Also on Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): Diana Lewis 1, Eric Sutton 2, Yolande Wilkins 3, Barry Shepherd 4, Brian Bladon 5, Anthony R. Peake (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of I. H. Trueman, a local ringer, to Miss H. Tesson, of Hampreston, Dorset.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): A. Simmons 1, H. Preece 2, D. Bryant 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, E. W. Coles 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. Price Price, for 30 years people's warden at this church, who was interred this day.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Bridges 1, Sheelagh Sands 2, R. A. Lennard 3, D. Houghton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung on Mothering Sunday.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Rugby, Braywood, Slapton, Welford, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Winchendon Place, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, Grandsire, Union, Chase and Plain Bob): M. Purchase 1, Monica Howard 2, Audrey Butler 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, A. Bird 6. Rung for all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

COTLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, W. Baker 3, O. Griffin 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Tozer 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davies (first away from tenor) 1, H. Blick 2, E. Morgan 3, S. Lunn 4, R. C. Coles (cond.) 5, E. Carter 6. Rung half muffled for the memorial service to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Ricketts 1, J. Sansom 2, Barbara Thrush 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne C. Garnett.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Eamer 1, Miss D. M. Drew 2, Miss B. Bridgeman 3, Miss J. Barbrook 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, R. Beale 6. First quarter for treble ringer. Rung by pilgrims before evensong, after the Pilgrims' Conference.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Apr. 3rd at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, S. H. Dearden 4, C. Parks 5, E. W. Razzell 6, Miss P. M. Steere 7, P. G. Humphries 8, G. H. Humphries 9, W. F. Oatway 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, F. E. Mitchell 12.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORD.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Pearson 1, W. Ivings 2, J. H. Gregory 3, C. C. Clarke 4, G. E. Deeley 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Apr. 4th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Kathleen Harrison 1, J. B. Morley (first in method as cond.) 2, F. C. Roper 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Dr. J. C. Pearce who passed away March 31st.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Sands 1, Miss Cope 2, D. Houghton (cond.) 3, Miss Fundrey 4, L. Duffield 5, A. Lumbis 6.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (one extent each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's, three of Southrepps Pleasure, two each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss V. Smart 1, C. J. Castell 2, M. H. Marsey 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, P. Nash 5, R. Rivers 6. First in six methods by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evensong and as a 76th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Allen.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Ruff (first quarter) 1, Jean Pell 2, C. Pell 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Apr. 3rd at All Souls' Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Henry Fielden 1, M. Vivian Copping 2, Sheila M. Taylor 3, John F. Bryant 4, Ralph Beaumont 5, Geoffrey F. Bryant 6, Robert E. Moulds (cond.) 7, Vernon Bottomley 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Rung by the local band for Palm Sunday.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Grandsire, April Day, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Norfolk, Old Doubles, 180 of Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew): John Cruickshank 1, Vernon Green 2, John Hadfield 3, Robin Trebilcock 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Reg Brown 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

HALIFAX.—At 18, Chester Road, on Mar. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Moulds 1-2, J. H. Fielden (arr. and cond.) 3-4, Vernon Bottomley 5-6, G. F. Bryant 7-8. First in hand for all except V. Bottomley. Also at 85, Haley Hill, on Apr. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Fielden 1-2, V. Bottomley 3-4, R. E. Moulds 5-6, G. F. Bryant (first as conductor 'in hand') 7-8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Tanner 1, Laura Beeny 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, C. John Piper 4, George Beeny (cond.) 5, Albert Ellis 6. Rung for evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransome 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service on Mothering Sunday. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Apr. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, E. L. Nicholls 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, G. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Eileen Ricketts 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, J. Sansom 3, Anne Garnett 4, P. Ruch 5, W. Lewis 6, B. Rose 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTER.—On Apr. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Powers 1, N. E. Marklew 2, E. Vallance 3, F. Long 4, E. Sowmans 5, A. Ballard 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Rung half muffled in memory of George Thompson.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, F. Elsome 2, D. Peacock 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung for evensong.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Hill 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, Edna Everest 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, Mr. F. Cox, and his wife and also for their 37th wedding anniversary.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Apr. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Abercrombie 1, M. W. Harbott 2, Miss G. R. Lamont (first of Major) 3, Miss M. L. Hawksley 4, R. J. Cook 5, A. P. Cave 6, A. Thirst 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hoad (first quarter) 1, J. Haffenden 2, J. Grenham (first of Grandsire) 3, C. Tester 4, R. E. Lambert 5, P. Carter 6, T. E. Sone (cond.) 7, B. Tester 8. Rung for the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the sixth.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, R. E. Dean 3, Miss J. Cook (first 'inside') 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8. Rung for evensong on Mothering Sunday.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (180 St. Simon's, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, Pamela A. Warren (cond.) 4, G. M. Battersby 5, G. M. Purnell 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. First in four methods as conductor. Rung for evensong, the bells being half muffled for Lent.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, C. Guy 2, H. Long 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, C. A. Drake 7, W. G. Scott 8. A compliment to Walter Scott, a former ringer at this tower on his 85th birthday. Also to Mr. D. R. Reed on his marriage this day to Miss W. M. Cox.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denison 1, F. Elsome 2, G. Crisp 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, D. Peacock 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Payne, both members of the Over Guild.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (1,020 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): A. Furminger 1, E. H. Harding 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 4, J. F. Penfold 5. Rung to mark the completion of the redecoration of this church.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents of April Day, three Plain Bob and 51 Grandsire): R. Brewin 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Plowright (first 'inside') 3, G. Brewin 4, R. Wilmore 5, M. Westbury (first quarter) 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss P. Perkins, a chorister at this church. Also on Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Plowright 3, G. Brewin 4, R. Brewin (first 'inside') 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung before morning service. This is the first quarter by a service band at this church.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Hemming (first quarter) 6, H. Meek 7, W. Beard 8. Rung half muffled for Mrs. H. M. Lewis, a parishioner.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Apr. 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: B. C. Johnson 1, F. J. Spicer 2, R. W. Darwill 3, T. J. Southam 4, H. V. Frost 5, A. E. Ewer (first on 8 'inside') 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, H. G. Mason 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Geoffrey Boore 1, P. Brook 2, O. Wood (cond.) 3, Miss K. Gorvin 4, H. Simmons 5, P. Ranger 6, F. Marchant 7, D. Roatcher 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Wood 1, J. E. Race 2, E. W. Parke 3, A. Pryke 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6. Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Crouchman in honour of their wedding solemnised the previous day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTER.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. James 1, C. R. Hayward 2, N. L. Walker 3, M. Vernon 4, G. Ball 5, J. Vernon 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Burbage 8. First quarter by Sunday service band.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harrison 1, F. Priestley 2, Miss M. Hill 3, S. Adams 4, C. W. Towers (cond.) 5.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. P. Mayne 1, Miss E. Fulton 2, C. Mayne 3, D. K. Adkins 4, W. Paul 5, J. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, W. Wenban 8, J. Mayne (cond.) 9, T. Sheppard 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sykes 1, H. Short 2, J. R. Waller 3, G. W. White 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Hunter, daughter of one of the local ringers.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob: B. Harfield 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, S. W. Brown 3, Edna M. Everest 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Truran 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. Hancock, a member of the local band. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rosemary Patching 1, H. W. Brown 2, Edna M. Everest 3, Agnes F. Millam 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Truran 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Freda Hammond, a member of the local band.



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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch Spring Meeting

The rain, persistent though it was, could not dim the beauty of that splendid old Church of St. Mary, Puddletown, where the Dorchester Branch held their spring quarterly meeting on April 2nd.

Inside this fine building with the tombs and effigies of the Martyn family, knights and their ladies on marble canopied tombs, the minstrels' gallery and the ancient high oak pews, complete with doors, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. L. Helps, assisted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, who read the lesson and also gave the address. Mr. Ken Townsend was at the organ and the choir was in attendance.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Robins, and the ringers were the guests of Canon Helps, who was thanked by the chairman for his generous hospitality.

The business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. F. Precey (Ringing Master), Mr. R. H. Duke (assistant hon. secretary), the Rev. A. F. Godley, Mr. G. W. Abbott and Mr. E. T. P. Field. It was agreed that the date of the June meeting at Abbotsbury be left to the Vicar and the hon. secretary.

Regarding the Guild annual festival to be held at Marlborough on May 21st, it was suggested that tower correspondents should send names to Mr. Duke by about May 1st, and a coach would be obtained if sufficient support was forthcoming.

Branch practices were provisionally arranged as follows:—April 16th, Martinstown; April 23rd, Buckland Newton; May 7th, Litton Cheney; May 14th, Preston; June 4th, Wool; and June 18th, Milton Abbey.

A vote of thanks to Canon Helps for his hospitality and welcome, to the organist and choir and the caterers was voiced by the chairman, and Canon Helps, in reply, said he was most pleased to welcome the ringers on every possible occasion.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

First Visit to St. Peter's, Leeds

Over 50 members were present at the quarterly meeting of the Western District held on March 19th at St. Peter's Church, Leeds. It is over 40 years since the Yorkshire Association was sub-divided into four Districts, and the kind invitation of the local company to hold its first meeting at Leeds Parish Church was much appreciated.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods from Triples to Cinques until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the nearby Church Hall.

At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. J. Johnson, and various speakers expressed pleasure at being given this opportunity of ringing at Leeds, and hoped that this would be the forerunner of many more successful meetings at Leeds.

An announcement was made concerning this year's Snowdon Dinner to be held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on October 15th, and it was hoped that this important social function would receive the full support of all members.

Further ringing was enjoyed during the evening until 9 p.m., when a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight (tenor 42 cwt.) brought the meeting to a close.

Following the meeting, ringing was resumed on the six fine bells and was carried on until 9 p.m. under the direction of Messrs. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and H. Ford (Abbotsbury), Deputy Branch Ringing Masters.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Bere Regis, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), East Lulworth, Frampton, Preston, Puddletown, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster, with visitors from Beaconsfield, Birmingham and Bournemouth.

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. MARLOW

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on April 2nd, about 40 ringers and friends attending, including visitors from Frome, Salisbury and Chippenham. Apologies were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Harding) and secretary (Mr. F. Slatford), who were unable to attend the service and tea, Mr. Harding arriving later in the evening.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. A. Week, with Mr. L. Hinchins acting as secretary. The next three meetings were arranged for Bromham, West Laver-ton and Urchfont. Thanks were accorded the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Mallard for making the arrangements.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Vicar presented Mr. E. Marlow with a watch from the Warminster ringers and friends as a token of appreciation for 50 years of service to ringing, 30 years having been spent at the Minster Church.

This concluded the business, all returning to the belfry, where the bells were kept going till later in the evening, methods rung ranging from rounds to Cambridge.

GRANDFATHER'S FIRST GRANDSIRE

There was a Confirmation service at Eye, Suffolk, on March 15th, and as it was a Tuesday at 3 o'clock, it was a certainty that eight of the tower's ringers could not be got together, so George Symonds, of Ipswich, who had been associated with Eye and district for so many years, was asked well in advance if he could get a band together. This resulted in a band of eight as follows: Michael Mills (aged 13), of Thorpe-le-Soken; Urban Wildney, of Kirby-le-Soken; George Moss (Manningtree); George Waterman (Harwich); James Bennett (Grundisburgh); William Tillett and Charles Sedgley (Ipswich); and Geo. Symonds himself.

The day arrived and seven turned up at Eye. That morning Geo. Symonds had notification from Charles Sedgley that he could not come because of an attack of lumbago.

The aim had been a quarter peal but now—what was to be done? The seven climbed the 52 stairs and began to ring Grandsire on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 with no tenor behind while Claude Rush biked round the town searching for the eighth man.

Tower captain Fred Brunning was working away, Horace Bailey could not leave his job, then who next? Tom Turner. He was at home. 'Can you blow behind for Grandsire, please?' 'What's on?' 'They're ringing for the Confirmation service.' 'Who's there?' 'Do you know Geo. Symonds?' 'Yes—that I do.' 'Well, he's there with six others.' 'What are they ringing?' 'That's Grandsire without the

OWSTON, LINCS, BELLS ARE A PEAL-RINGER'S DREAM

Owston, on the west bank of the Trent, in the Isle of Axholme, Lincs, is a large village in rich agricultural country. Many Roman remains have been discovered in the parish, and only recently one of the richest finds of Roman coins was unearthed there. Parts of St. Martin's Church are 12th century.

For many years the six bells have been in poor shape, but soon after Canon D. L. Ravins was inducted to the living last year he started a very comprehensive restoration of the church with the bells top priority. By Saturday, February 26th, this part was complete. Messrs. Taylor have tuned and quarter-turned the bells and rehung them in a frame for eight and are to be congratulated on a perfect job. The tower has been thoroughly overhauled and new floors fitted. The bells are now rung from the ground floor and are excellent to handle and hear. With the church at least 100 yards from the nearest house they are the peal-ringer's dream.

By special request of the Vicar and churchwardens, Saturday, February 26th, was the occasion for almost continuous ringing. The local band rang them in rounds during Mass at 8 a.m., when the Vicar blessed them and all those who might ring them.

Later a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: A. Waite (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Grey 2, George L. G. Lunn (conductor) 3, G. Harrison 4, A. Gilbert 5, D. Cole 6. This is believed to be the first quarter rung on the bells.

After lunch, which was very kindly provided free by the parishioners, more ringers arrived, despite arctic weather. Many methods were rung, most of which would undoubtedly be the first on the bells, which have hung in the tower for 100 years. One visitor, aged 87, had come 40 miles by bus and taxi to ring at Owston, where he learned to handle a bell 60 years ago!

second, and the big drum is mixed up with the flutes—well, what d'yer say?' 'I haven't got a collar on—and I haven't washed.' 'That doesn't matter. Can you do it?' 'All right. I'll go.'

He was soon up the tower—the seven going quite well. 'Here's your eighth man,' said Claude. George Symonds called 'Rounds' and 'Stand.' Tom went on the tenor and right away. Right from the start all went well. The Vicar had said that ringing ought to stop at ten to three, so at that time Claude went back to the ringing chamber and winked at George, who apparently thought all was well and at the appropriate times called two more 'Boooaahs.' So Claude whispered in his ear: 'It's six minutes to three.' 'Better call 'em round?' he asked. 'Yes!' So, 'Rounds' and 'Stand' again. A great pity! Another eight minutes or so and there would have been the quarter—it would have been a good one.

'Well done, Tom! How long since you rang Grandsire?' 'Never rung it before!' And he's over 70!

We hope that a certain Cumberland Youth has seen the results of his challenge to the Aldrington band to ring an 'all-ladies' quarter peal' and an 'all-gentlemen's quarter peal'. There are still six more ringers, extra to these twelve, in the local band, three of them having rung quarter peals. The average age of the ladies was 17½ years, but the gentlemen haven't mentioned theirs.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Branch

Despite incessant rain and lack of public transport, a successful quarterly meeting, at which most towers in the Branch were represented, was held at Stanton on March 26th. Visitors from Staffordshire, Somerset and Worcestershire joined in ringing on the six bells.

The service, conducted by the Rev. H. Hodson, was delayed a little owing to the fact that the organ keyboard was found to be locked. The arrival of the churchwarden, complete with numerous keys, did not solve the problem, and eventually the hymns were sung with pedal accompaniment only.

Empty seats in available transport were eagerly seized upon when a move was made to Buckland, where ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable meeting was held on March 26th, when the North District visited Morpeth Watch Tower. It is interesting to note that in Morpeth the church and steeple are one mile apart, and the tower was originally built as a jail.

At the business meeting Mr. Kenneth Arthur emphasised the obligations of a ringer, and the Rector of Morpeth suggested that each belfry should have a representative on the Church Council.

Ringling ceased at eight o'clock, when the traditional curfew was rung.

A BRISTOL UNIVERSITY RINGING ROMANCE

The wedding took place on April 2nd, 1955, at the Church of All Saints, Hampreston, Dorset, of two well-known and popular ringers, Ivor H. Trucman and Heather J. Tesson. Ivor learned his ringing under the very capable tuition of his father, for many years chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Heather learned to ring at the church where she was married.

Both bride and bridegroom are active members of the University of Bristol Society and it was ringing which brought them together. They are past officers of the Society, Ivor having been Master in the academic year 1950-51. They now ring regularly in Bristol, where they are both employed, and are held in great esteem by City and University ringers alike.

It was a ringers' wedding in many ways. The groom's father, Mr. W. H. Trucman, conducted a touch on the six bells of All Saints' Church before the service and Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, called one afterwards. The best man, Mr. J. R. Worrall, and several other guests took part in both touches.

The ceremony was conducted most beautifully by the Vicar, Rev. E. H. Monds, who, himself, has been taught to handle a bell, while at the organ was yet another ringer.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white gown of flowered net over taffeta with a shoulder-length veil and a head-dress of white heather and hyacinth bells. She

carried a bouquet of tulips, daffodils and heather. The bride was attended by a small bridesmaid and a page.

At the reception, which was held at the Innisfail Hotel, the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. Cull. The bridegroom responded and in turn proposed the health of the parents of the bride and himself, to which Mr. Tesson, who had, personally, made the wonderful cake, replied. Telegrams bearing best wishes and congratulations from absent friends were then read.

Later, the couple, showered in confetti and the best wishes of all the guests, left for a honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. The bride wore a green suit with red accessories.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The March meeting was held at Bingham, when there was an attendance of over 50, including visitors from Bottesford, Branston, Bulwell, Colston Bassett, Daybrook, Duffield, Grantham and Sheffield.

Tea was taken in a nearby cafe and was followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected, namely, Mrs. Clarke, of Whatton-in-the-Vale, and Mr. L. Coldbeck, of Newark. The next meeting was confirmed as Ossington and Sutton-on-Trent. Staunton-in-the-Vale was chosen for the July meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing in various methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge continued until 8.30 p.m.

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The 200th peal on the bells
of St. Matthew's, Walsall, was
rung on April 2nd. The ear-
liest peal recorded in this tower was 6,000 Bob
Major in 4 hours and 1 minute on June 30th,
1788. The peal on April 2nd was the 100th
Mr. Howard Howard had rung on the bells, and
his 50th of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

Local ringers at Halifax have made a start
as handbell ringers. We hope to receive a peal
from them shortly.

Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, who was
knocked off his bicycle recently and had his
right femur fractured, expects to be in hospital
for at least three months. His address is Vista
Bonney Ward, Borough General Hospital, Ips-
wich. A speedy recovery is the wish of all
ringing friends.

A meeting is being held at All Hallows',
Twickenham, on May 7th with the purpose of
forming a Medical Change Ringing Society.
Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, of 93, Cole Park Road,
Twickenham, is acting as local representative
and will send details to doctors interested. An
informal dinner will follow the ringing.

In connection with the Oddfellows' A.M.C.
at Hastings, Mr. W. Frank Stenson has re-
ceived sufficient invitations to sustain a week's
ringing tour. Unfortunately at St. Mary-in-the-
Castle Church, where the special service will
be held on the Sunday afternoon of June 4th,
there are no bells. Invitations to ring at Christ
Church, Blacklands (the recast ring in Hastings
for morning and evening service on the Sun-
day and for the Tuesday practice have been
received. A coach trip has been arranged for
the Thursday evening to Battle Abbey and pos-
sible ringing in four towers. Ringers attending
the Conference are asked to communicate with
Mr. Stenson, North Col, 142, Munshull New
Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Next week the Guild of
Clerical Ringers are making
their headquarters at Lynton,
North Devon, for their ringing week. The
party will consist of the Revs. J. H. B. An-
drews, Canon C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox,
K. C. Davis, K. W. H. Felstead, F. S. Marle,
M. C. C. Melville, I. J. Richards, D. P. Roberts,
R. D. St. J. Smith, W. H. R. Trewhealla, H.
F. Warren, C. E. Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson
and E. B. Wood. The party will also be joined
for part of the time by the Rev. and Mrs. J.
G. M. Scott, Mrs. E. S. Powell and the Rev.
N. F. D. Coleridge.

The Kent County Association is probably
the first Association to have a Royal Prince as
a practising member. He is Prince Disnadda
Diskul, of Siam, who is a member of the Ton-
bridge District.

A Yorkshireman writes with reference to the
article of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on 'Peal
Ringing in Lancashire' that Lancashire is not
alone in having five rings of 12. Yorkshire
also has five 12's—York, Sheffield, Leeds, Wake-
field and Halifax.

Congratulations to the Rye Grammar School
Society of Change Ringers on ringing their
first peal. This Society, which was formed in
Autumn, 1950, consists of past and pre-
sent members of the school, many of whom
rung at Rye Parish Church. The Society has
rung several quarters but never before a com-
plete peal.

Cromhall, Glos, ringers played a prominent
part in the Pilgrims' Conference held at the
Parish Church on Palm Sunday. They rang
for each of the three services and our quarter
peal column records one of their performances.
The conductor extends congratulations to Miss
Elizabeth Eamer on the way she rang her first
quarter.

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By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

LINCOLNSHIRE is amongst the counties with the greatest numbers of rings of bells. In her case, most of them are of the six-bell variety—just about 60 per cent. Quite a good proportion of the towers still remain to be conquered—32 out of the 183. These include two 8's—Stamford, St. Mary's, and Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's (unless I have got mixed up between the two towers at the latter place); 13 6's—Addlethorpe, Caistor, Coningsby, Croft, Friskney, Halton Holgate, Higsthorpe, East Keal, Langton, Owston, Redbourne, Stamford (St. Michael's), Theddlethorpe; and 17 5's, the list of which I shall be very pleased to send to anyone interested.

On the whole, there have not been as many peals rung at the towers of this county as in most of those with a comparable number of rings. Thus only two have passed the 100 mark—Surfleet (12) and Spalding (8). The former has scored 131 and was a six-bell tower 30 years ago. Twenty peals were rung from its first in 1901 to 1912. In 1913 and 1914 came two more after the bells had been augmented to 10. After the war, 49 were rung up to 1932 and then came the adding of two more trebles and 32 peals were rung in the next six years. Since the war, 30 more have been rung, so this tower is still going strong. It will always be connected with the names of the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Rupert Richardson and also the fact that it is the lightest 12-bell tower in the country (tenor only 12 cwt.).

At Spalding, 118 peals have been rung and these have been spread pretty consistently over the last 70 years with perhaps a slightly better average recently. Thus 36 peals came before 1914, 49 between the wars and 33 since 1944 (but it is a year since the last of these).

IN LINCOLN CITY

Unless we combine the totals of peals rung at Lincoln, St. Giles' (8), with those when the bells were at St. Peter-at-Arches, no tower is anywhere near the 100 mark. At the latter place, 66 peals were rung from 1891 to 1914 which made it the most popular tower in the county at that time. Seven more were rung from 1922 to 1924, making a total of 53. At St. Giles', the bells have been rung to 40 peals, one in 1940 and the remainder since. So the grand total is 93.

Apart from this, the two towers nearest the city are in the 70's. They are Lincoln Cathedral (12) and Barton-on-Humber, St. Peter's (8). At the former 72 peals have been rung—only nine between 1886 and 1923 when it was an eight-bell tower, and the remainder since 1929 (43 since 1946, which makes it the most popular tower at the moment). St. Peter's has 77 peals—six as a 6-bell tower from 1911 to 1920, no less than 60 from 1921 to 1939 and 11 in the past 10 years. And now to mention the towers according to the numbers of bells.

The two 12-bell towers have already been mentioned. There are three 10's, all of which are enjoying their greatest popularity at the moment. Ewerby has the most peals—40 (18 from 1896 to 1914, 13 from 1921 to 1937 and nine since 1947); Grantham has 29 (16 from 1889 to 1914, only three between the wars and ten since 1949) and Boston 28 (three from 1903 to 1913, 14 from 1933 to 1939 after augmentation and 11 since 1946). Thus there has never been a great deal of 10-bell ringing in the county.

I think there will be the space to mention all the 8-bell towers which have passed the 40

peal mark. There are nine of these (apart from the ones above). Burton-on-Stather leads the way with 66. Twenty-nine of these were rung between 1921 and 1937 when it was a 6-bell tower. Six were rung in 1938 and nine after the trebles had been added and there have been 29 since 1945. Pinchbeck comes next with 65. Like Edenham, which has 64 peals, it recorded its first peal at the turn of the century, and both had six bells then. Both were augmented at the beginning of the 1930's but whereas Pinchbeck had only 14 peals on the original six, Edenham had 28. They produced 19 and 20 peals on the 8's, respectively, before the last war, but since it ended, Pinchbeck has had twice the number of peals that Edenham has had—32 compared with 16. But their history is very similar.

Caithorpe also has 64, spread evenly over the period since 1890 but with a better average of late (27 since 1946). Scunthorpe has 61—only nine prior to 1914 and 17 since 1945 (none in 1954). Harmston's 57 means an average of about two a year from the first peal in 1920, but Gainsborough (54) has taken 67 years to reach that total. Heckington (48) started a few years after Gainsborough, so it has seen a similar pattern of about a peal a year. Grimsby, St. Andrew's (44), has not been heard since 1939 and previous to that there was a seven year gap. The first peal was in 1888 and it was consistent with its one a year until 1932 (except for the war years). Perhaps the bells go badly now.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS

One of the more outstanding achievements of the county has been several multi-method peals on six bells. Before the last war there was a friendly rivalry between Lincolnshire and Cheshire in this and I believe the final word went to Lincolnshire with a peal in 104 Spliced methods (and a 6,480 containing 125 methods). The 104 methods are, I believe, the greatest number of methods which have been spliced in a peal of ordinary length. These peals with ever increasing numbers of methods are echoed in the peal totals of some of the 6-bell towers, although the one with the highest number of peals has only had two peals in more than seven methods (16 methods, both of them). This is Silk Willoughby and all its 61 peals have come since the last war! Thus it is easily the most popular peal ringing tower in the county at the moment.

Deeping St. Nicholas, which comes next, has several peals in up to 14 methods in its total of 57. The first peal on the bells was in 1909 and it has been pretty consistent since with most in recent years (29 since 1945). The two next towers, Bigby and Frampton, both have 44 and here these multi-method peals are especially prominent—at the former before the last war, at the latter since. It was at Bigby that the peals in 104 and 125 methods were rung. Thirty-five of the peals came from 1923 to 1939. At Frampton, a peal in 38 Surprise methods was accomplished early this year. The first peal here was in 1913 and there have been 20 since 1945. Deeping St. James has 43—34 from 1923 to 1940 (up to 28 methods) and nine since 1946. Market Deeping has 39, the first quite early on in 1894 and the bulk from 1920 to 1939 (33) and only three since 1944. A false peal in 32 methods was rung here in 1932. West Deeping has 38 peals (how close together the Deepings are!), the first in 1905 and the bulk (30) between the wars again. Eighteen methods was the most accomplished here.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL Arrangements for Whitsun

CIVIC RECEPTION

Members are being invited to a Civic Reception to be given by the Bristol Corporation after the Council meeting. Invitations will be sent out by the Lord Mayor's Secretary only to those who apply to: Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

Application must be made by May 7th stating the number required.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been planned: Whit-Sunday, May 29th—A half-day tour arranged jointly by the Gloucester and Bristol and the Bath and Wells Associations, with ringing at Wells Cathedral (10), by permission of the Dean; All Saints, Weston, Bath (8); and Bath Abbey (10), by permission of the Archdeacon.

The coach will leave the Council's headquarters, The Royal Hotel, Bristol, at 1 p.m. Tea has been arranged at Bath. The coach will return in time for ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe after evening service.

The charge, including tea, will be 10s. 6d. per head.

Whit-Monday, May 30th—A full-day tour of Gloucestershire, leaving The Royal Hotel, Bristol, at 9.30 a.m.

The tour will include visits to St. Mary, Tetbury (8), St. Lawrence, Stroud (10), St. Mary, Painswick (12), and St. Mary, Cheltenham (12).

Lunch will be at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud, and tea at Cheltenham. The coach will return by approximately 8 p.m. for a social evening at headquarters.

The inclusive charge will be 26s. per head.

Applications for seats on the above tours should be made as soon as possible, accompanied by remittance, and in any case not later than May 7th, to: Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hen-grove Lane, Knowle, Bristol, 4.

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 13 Societies are still outstanding and should be forwarded without delay.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

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Others in the 30's are Blankney (34—33 since the war); Bourne (33—spread out since 1907); Folkingham (33—27 between 1924 and 1938 in up to 32 methods); Branston (31—first in 1895 and the rest evenly from 1923). Forty-eight towers have reached double figures, but there is no space to mention more except that in Algarkirk's 17 are peals in 48, 57, 70 and 80 methods—another of the practice places for the 104 method peal!

Finally, a brief mention of 5-bell towers. Six is the greatest number of peals rung at any of these—at Dunston and Thurlby. All, except the first at Thurlby which was in 1939, have come since the war. Actually, half the towers where peals have been rung have been conquered since the war (11 out of 22). As far as silences go, Belton shares with an 8-bell tower (Hagworthingham) a silence of 44 years, for in both the only peal recorded was in 1911. Even this is beaten by a 6-bell tower—Uffington, which has not had a peal since 1903.

So now we turn to the Home Counties again and have a look at Middlesex. Figures in the above article include peals published up to April 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 75th BIRTHDAY

Paid Membership Again Exceeds 1,000

HAPPIEST man at the Kent County Association's 75th anniversary meeting, held at Maidstone, on Easter Monday, was Mr. E. S. Ruck, a vice-president of the Association. He is the only surviving founder member of the Association and he remembers coming to the first meeting, which was also held at Maidstone. He was then a boy of 12.

There were many references during the day to this milestone in the history of the K.C.A. The service at the Parish Church, conducted by Canon F. L. M. Bennett, was essentially one of thanksgiving. Later in the year it is hoped to hold a 75th commemoration dinner. The meeting was largely attended; there were ample opportunities for ringing with 13 towers available.

THE LUNCHEON

Following the toast of 'the Queen,' Mr. John Willis, who presided, welcomed 'the guests.' These included the Mayor and Mayoress of Maidstone (Ald. and Mrs. Arthur H. Clark), Canon F. L. M. Bennett (Vicar of Maidstone), Mr. R. W. Percy (secretary of the Sussex County Association) and Mrs. Percy, and the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The Mayor gave the Kent County Association a cordial welcome to Maidstone for its 75th annual meeting. By a curious coincidence it was that day, he said, exactly the same programme as 75 years ago. They had then their service in the Parish Church and their luncheon in the hotel. He believed that there was one of the original founder members with them in Mr. Buck (applause).

During the 75 years their bells had tolled out for the deaths of monarchs and pealed joyously for coronations. They were rung to celebrate the victory of the First World War and for the Second World War. There were years when the bells were silent, and how thankful they were that they were silent as if they rang out it would mean that Mr. Hitler was 'knocking at the door.' They all owed a lot to bell-ringers—they were typically English—almost as typical as a pint of beer.

Canon Bennett on behalf of the diocese of Canterbury said he would like to welcome them. They were particularly pleased to have with them friends from the Diocese of Rochester.

Mr. R. W. Percy congratulated the K.C.A. on behalf of all the Guilds and Associations on its 75th birthday. There were two Guilds from whom he would especially like to bring their good wishes—the Hawkhurst & District and the East Grinstead. These two Guilds welded the two counties of Sussex and Kent.

Mr. T. W. White reported on 'The Ringing World' and said that thanks to the donations of those who rang peals and quarter peals and many kind friends a satisfactory balance in hand was being carried forward. The effect of the increase in price meant a loss of circulation of 3 per cent, but they were now selling more 'Ringing Worlds' than 12 months ago.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. John Willis presided at the annual meeting supported by Dr. Hatcher (hon. secretary), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. F. S. Macey (trustees).

A telegram was received from Mr. E. H. Lewis expressing 'best wishes for meeting.' Other apologies were from Messrs. J. A. Russell, B. J. Luck and S. G. Walters.

The annual report presented by Dr. Hatcher, after a tribute to Mr. G. H. Spice expressing sincere thanks for all he did 'so unobtrusively yet so well' as General Secretary, stated: 'We are a county association with territory extend-

ing over most of three dioceses. It is really fitting, therefore, that in the 75th birthday year our General Meeting should be in the County Town, the more so that history is repeating itself. The Foundation Meeting of the K.C.A. took place on May 18th, 1880, in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral, but October 12th of the same year the first general meeting was held in Maidstone, with a service at All Saints' Church and a repast at the Star Hotel just as in 1955.

MEMBERSHIP

An increase in the numbers of practising members from 897 to 1,043 was a great recovery and reflected efficiency and keenness in all districts. This total included 146 junior members, clear evidence of a healthy supply of young recruits. New practising members numbered 203 compared with only 125 in 1953; Ashford district 12 adults 3 juniors; Canterbury 35 and 18; Lewisham 22 and 12; Maidstone 22 and 18; Rochester 25 and 6; Tonbridge 10 and 17.

Offsetting this great improvement was a further drop in the number of honorary members, only 60 subscriptions having been so far received.

DEATHS

With regret the following deaths were recorded: Mr. Frederick White, a vice-president and trustee; Mr. F. A. Slingsby, Cheriton; Sydney Finn, Brabourne; F. Hilton, St. Laurence, Ramsgate; W. Daynes, Eltham; A. Millard, Newington; F. J. Ring, Swanscombe; W. Collison, Tunbridge Wells; William Lilliard, Bromley Common; hon. members: Rev. H. G. Houseman, Selling; F. Huggett, Tunbridge Wells; life member: Rev. C. E. W. Best-Dalison, Boxley; non-resident life members: G. M. Kilby, Willesden; W. J. G. Brown, Ipswich; C. P. Chalk, formerly of Prittlewell; Daniel Cooper, Croydon, R. Philpott, Farnham; V. F. J. Bennett, Oxford; Eric Dench, Edmonton; D. Wright, Southgate.

Dealing with the work of the committee the report stated that the printing of the report was nearly the equivalent to 450 members' subscriptions. What was needed was for many more members to buy a copy and be prepared to give more for it. A sub-committee had been set up to revise the rules.

On the subject of bells in new churches, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge wrote: 'I believe if people got keen enough about bells they will want to have them when opportunity offers in the new churches, just as they will want to have good organs, otherwise.' 'Yes, all is not plain sailing and there is much that we as ringers shall have to do,' commented Dr. Hatcher.

ROUND THE DISTRICTS

An innovation in the Ashford District has been a series of fortnightly combined practices organised and run by Mr. S. G. Waters.

A new church is to be built at Little Chart and the bells from the old bombed church are to be installed, a new bell replacing the one stolen. A grant of £20 towards the cost of nearly £600 has been made from the Belfry Repair Fund. Merstham tower is to be 'braced' and it may be possible to use the bells before 1955 is out.

Major restoration of the bells of St. Alphege, Greenwich, has provided a superb example of how the Association can help. Mr. J. Dafters, one of the Lewisham District representatives, had been in the closest touch throughout, giving technical advice and training a band of ringers to man the bells. A grant of £20 had been made for the Belfry Repair Funds.

Five members of the Tonbridge District had been in the Association for over 50 years—Mr. G. Edwards, Penshurst; Mr. H. Goodwin, Shipbourne; Mr. H. Markwell, Tunbridge Wells; Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham and Mr. W. Leigh, Senior, of Edenbridge. The bells of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, have been put into good order and a grant of £20 made for the Belfry Fund towards the cost.

'The happenings of 1954 have left a stamp of optimism and enterprise on our affairs and there could be no better atmosphere in which to mark this 75th anniversary year.'

The chairman congratulated Dr. Hatcher on an excellent report. Mr. Knight moved the adoption and Mr. G. H. Spice seconded.

The accounts of the Association showed the following balances: General Account, £118 10s. 1d.; Benevolent Fund, £149 16s. 4d.; Belfry Repair Fund, £194 8s. 4d. Assets of the Association amounted to £1,142 18s. 1d. at value at December 31st.

Mr. Mitchell in presenting then said the Benevolent Committee made seven grants to old and aged members to the extent of £55.

Mr. E. Barnett proposed and Mr. F. S. Macey seconded the adoption of the accounts.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. M. S. Lancefield, peal secretary, reported that 146 peals had been rung during 1954, an increase of 16 on last year. The increase may be attributed to the very successful peal tour in the County and to the increased activity in the Ashford and Lewisham districts, where a goodly proportion of the peals in the more advanced methods were rung.

There were only 22 members who rang their first peal, viz.:—Reginald F. Adams, Nicholas Butcher (13), G. John Cavill, Alec F. Chandler, Pamela Cooling, Vesey A. Davoren, J. W. Dixon, Janet French, Eunice E. Grenham, B. P. Hargrove, Margaret Harris, C. T. Hillis, G. J. Hurrell, H. Jarvis, J. M. A. Kennett (15), A. Pluck, D. M. Randall, A. Sayer, W. Smith, D. Staples, Beverly A. Thompson, D. Mary Ward. To the 'first pealers' and the instructors the Association extended congratulations.

There were 48 conductors, six more than in the previous year. Leading conductors were: M. S. Lancefield 25, F. J. Cullum 13, G. J. Butcher 9, G. A. Naylor 7.

The peals rung included the first for the Association of Ashbourne College Bob Major, Southwell and Whitwick Surprise Major and Minor in 12 methods.

Mr. Tom Collingworth moved and Mr. E. S. Ruck seconded the adoption of the report. The meeting thanked Mr. Mark Lancefield for his work as peal secretary.

The officers of the Association were re-elected, but Mr. F. M. Mitchell said this would be his last year in office as hon. treasurer after 27 or 28 years. The chairman: 'We will cross that bridge when we come to it.'

A PRINCE AS A MEMBER

A new member, Prince Disnadda Diskul, of Bangkok, Siam, was elected. 'He handles his bell very well and he will be a credit to his country,' said his proposer, Mr. P. Carter.

The hon. secretary stated that the annual report had been produced for the annual meeting. It was on sale at 2s. a copy. Mr. F. S. Macey said he hoped that the next report would contain a list of those who had completed 50 years' service in the Association.

Certain members expressed their wish that a full list of members should appear in the next annual report.

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KENT ASSOCIATION'S 75th BIRTHDAY

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

The item Central Council meeting appeared on the agenda. Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Council, was invited for his observations and he said the Central Council did not claim to be a superior organisation but to assist ringers and ringing. Any proposals, with that object in view, would receive the consideration of the Council. The Council was indebted to a valuable suggestion from Mr. Garner, of Folkestone, in regards to reduced prices for 'The Ringing World' when sent to one address and this had been adopted.

The chairman said he had in mind the moving of a notice of motion in regard to the upkeep of 'The Ringing World.' He raised the matter with Mr. Joe Dyke and Mr. Smallwood at the College Youths' Dinner, but Mr. Dyke said it would mean an alteration of the Council's rules. He proposed to wait for another 12 months to see what the effect of raising the price would be. If the raising of price covered the cost there would be no need for him to come back to the Association, if not he was prepared to move that a contribution be made from each Association or Guild at so much per member.

Mr. Mitchell suggested that a 75th anniversary dinner be held and that the Archbishop of Canterbury be invited to give an address. It was decided to hold a commemoration dinner.

A welcome was given to the formation of a branch of the Ladies' Guild for Kent.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Spice to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting. He said in these days of wireless and television when people were apt to sit back it was important that they should be ever watchful to keep alive the English art of bell-ringing.

Mr. B. Collinson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the strong wind over a score of ringers came to Great Wymondley on March 26th. Ringing started at 3.15 and continued until 4.45, when an excellent tea was ready at the Green Man.

At the business meeting Mr. B. Lake, of Pirtton, was elected a member. The next meeting will be at Barley, and the special method will be Rosendale Surprise. The Ringing Festival at Benington may have to be cancelled as the bells may be away at the foundry. A collection was taken for the Benevolent Fund.

Ringers came from as far away as Sutton and St. Albans, and rang methods ranging from rounds to Norwich Surprise. J. S.

THE AILMENT OF A BELL-RINGER

(With apologies to Robert Burns)

By Jill and Rosemary, of Walsall

My heart's in the belfry, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the belfry, ringing Stedman I fear,
Doing the quick work, doing the slow,
My heart's in the belfry wherever I go.

Farewell to the belfry, farewell to the bells,
The birthplace of ringers where music excels.
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The bells of Saint Matthew's for ever I love.

Farewell to Howard and Jimmy and all,
Farewell to the peal boards that cover the wall,
Farewell to the sallies, red, white and blue,
Farewell to the clock chimes and farewell to you.

My heart's in the belfry, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the belfry, ringing Cambridge I fear,

Making the places, perfecting each blow,
My heart's in the belfry wherever I go.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL RINGING IN LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—Correcting Mr. Felstead's interesting article, I would point out that at least three of the 'virgin towers' the bells are unringable. They are Hurst (steel bells), Rochdale (St. Alban's) and Thurnham R.C. Church.

The ring of six at Kearsley does not exist—this was an unfortunate mistake in 'Dove,' and it is a pity that due to printing difficulties the new book is not yet ready, as this would have prevented mistakes in previous articles and those which Mr. Felstead will no doubt make in later ones.

Accrington bells were increased to eight in 1953, while as regards Eccles the old eight were scrapped in 1929, when they were replaced by the tenor from St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, with seven recast bells. Whether the present bells are held to be Deansgate bells recast except for the tenor, or seven Eccles bells recast with the addition of the Deansgate tenor, is immaterial—the net result is the same. Lancashire lost a ring of eight over the trans-action.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement in the article 'Peal Ringing in Lancashire' (page 202), 'At St. Nicholas' the 100th (peal) has just been reached,' I must point out that the 100 was reached in 1935. The list is given below.

With regard to Newchurch at Warrington, the eight are still there and a very good eight they are. The interesting point about this church is that it has no dedication. Although I believe one was invented many years for the purpose of a peal record but in fact the church is simply Newchurch (or Culcheth) Church.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. CAVE.

Peals on St. Nicholas' bells were as follows:
1814, 3; 1815, 3; 1817, 1; 1818, 1; 1820, 1;
1821, 1; 1824, 1; 1826, 1; 1827, 1; 1828, 1;
1842, 2; 1859, 1; 1862, 1; 1863, 1; 1866, 1;
1867, 3; 1874, 1; 1875, 1; 1878, 1; 1881, 2;
1912, 3; 1913, 2; 1914, 1; 1919, 1; 1921, 2;
1922, 2; 1923, 3; 1924, 8; 1925, 5; 1926, 4;
1927, 3; 1928, 10; 1929, 6; 1930, 4; 1931, 5;
1932, 4; 1934, 3; 1935, 6; 1936, 3; 1937, 5;
1938, 5; 1939, 2. Total, 115.

'P., P.O. AND P.'

Dear Sir,—We can all appreciate a joke, but, I hope, deplore insidious perversion of the truth. And no self-respecting observer would talk with his tongue in his cheek 'just to create a rum-pus.' If 'Mister Bob' of the 'Extra Ordinary Meeting' recently noted on the front page, had looked with intelligence at only the title, even, of the article he lampoons, he would have realised that 'Public Opinion' is the operative phrase.

With the clamping-down and controlling that is spreading in this enlightened (?) day and age, 'Mister Bob' would look, and no doubt feel, a bit silly, if ultimate introduction of national legislation prohibited the continuance, in residential areas, of artificially-created open-space sounds intended for public hearing, for periods in excess of a brief maximum of, perhaps, half an hour. And especially if his bread and butter depended on his connection with the supply and reconditioning of rings of bells.

As the article pleaded not for 'easier peals' but for the increase of opportunities for long-period ringing, so we need to 'condition' public opinion, not to alienate it. This, at all events, is the view of many, including the one he calls

YORKSHIRE BLACKBERRY.

SYNTHETIC BELLS AND THE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—It would appear that despite the deliberations of Convocation and Central Council, deprecating the installation of synthetic and recorded bells, these things still go on. In a recent issue of the 'Church Times' the gift of an 'Electric Carillon' was reported—surely another use could have been found for the money thus used.

Also in the same paper of a previous week an advertisement appeared for gramophone records for churches possessing 'Bell-chiming installations,' and inviting applications for their price list. I sent for it and found that they offer a wide selection of 78 r.p.m. discs and some 33½ r.p.m. long-playing discs, including one of Cambridge Surprise Major, which has a playing time of 17½ minutes. The others included some of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, St. Simon's Doubles, etc., etc., and the Angelus. One wonders how such recordings were obtained. The ringers must have been aware of it and co-operated with the engineers very closely. Why should they do that? Was it for some financial gain?—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

'A CACOPHONOUS HOWL'

Dear Sir,—In a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago, I referred to 'men who can produce a cacophonous howl from twelve bells!'

In order to remove a misunderstanding that has arisen I would like to make the following points quite clear:—

- (1). This is not a criticism of 12-bell ringers, as such, but is intended to include many ringers who through inadequate experience or lack of preparation 'take hold' for Cinques or Maximus when they are incapable of giving a suitable performance on lower numbers.
- (2). Neither had I in mind, nor is the expression intended to be a criticism of any specific peal, performance or ringer.

Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

RECEPTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE MEN

Dear Sir,—From letters which appear in 'The Ringing World' men on National Service have been accorded a rather poor reception. I should like to quote my own experience whilst recently attached to R.A.F., Cosford. On my second evening I visited the Vicar of Albrighton who very kindly gave me the address of the captain of his tower. The very same evening I found myself ringing at Worfield, and subsequently thanks to his efforts during my eight free evenings at Claverly, West Bromwich, Wrockwardine, Wolverhampton, Albrighton, Coalbrookdale and Madeley. My thanks are also due to Mr. George Drewer, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. F. Brotherton and all others whose names are unknown to me who turned an otherwise unbearable forced migration into a rather pleasant overture.

To those who may find themselves at R.A.F., Cosford, I suggest that they contact Mr. E. Binnersley, Mayfield Road, Albrighton, who not only gave me the opportunity of some good ringing but made me exceptionally welcome at his home. I can only hope that I was of some assistance to him and his band to whom any assistance would be very welcome in the field of change ringing to which they have recently turned.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD H. GARDINER.

Coxley, Nr. Wells, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

STANDARD PROCEDURE

Dear Sir,—A modern teaching technique is needed, one of few words for preference. Systems which work where a good band is in regular practice are just not good enough for standard procedure.

Stage 1.—Counting 'blue line' from a black-board prevents development of that bad fault of looking for the tuft every handstroke. Handbells to teach rhythm is almost a 'must.'

Stage 2.—Call changes? No, never. Run into queens and back to rounds in half-pull changes, then plain hunting on six or eight. Learning the bells to follow just doesn't matter as long as the pupil counts the place he is in; in fact it helps him to know which bells follow on.

Stage 3.—On to Plain Bob now, and here it would be a tragedy if the Central Council proceeded beyond the forbearing measure of their predecessors.

Stage 4.—Grandsire, before Plain Bob, is a dreadful mistake—a heartbreak for the poor learner every time. Much too much of a jump from treble to 'inside.' Thinking of Grandsire and the tower I was brought up in—my first meeting, November, 1921—the Ringing Master calling out 'Touch of Grandsire for the learners,' and in stand our band of regular ringers. We boys are speechless. At our next annual meeting there were no regulars to face the shame of it. Since that day I have made it a practice to stand in whenever the Ringing Master calls out 'Touch of Grandsire for the learners,' and when invited to 'call a touch' have called the simplest possible touch. I've still no answer for the 'looks as though the band wants strengthening.'

Stage 5.—What of the people the learner meets? Are we to be ever ready to provoke a bit of unpleasantness, over perhaps a slight slip or error? Should we not make use of peals to encourage and improve our Sunday service work? Is the peal really an end in itself, even to the extent of calling a tower 'silent' because no peal has been rung there—an unnecessary strain on the Queen's English? Would it not be possible, incidentally, to publish a list of towers with their peal totals as a matter of wider interest perhaps without comment, and in addition to the present excellent series of praise to the peal ringer, good man though he be. I do feel that perhaps a '20th or 25th peal in this tower' would be a not too lowly objective.

This, Sir, is not a 'topic for the month,' rather, the opening pair have made way for the **hope of the side.**—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

SQUIRE LEONARD PROCTOR

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to note that I have a book entitled 'Curious Ringing Scraps,' which belonged to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and was sent to me for preservation by his son, Sir Percival Heywood. On the first page is pasted a letter from Squire Proctor, and on the next is a photograph taken at Ashby-de-la-Zouch west door which shows: J. Howe, Leonard Proctor, G. Dawson, G. Hingley, A. P. Heywood, B. Sugden, W. Hickling and S. Johnson.

The letter reads:—

'Benington, Stevenage,
June 24th, 1890.

Dear Mr. Heywood,—I have not had the great pleasure of hearing from you since we met at that grand gathering of ringers in London. I think you will be amused with a little gossip as to our ringing doings in this, our little village. I am very pleased to say

that we have some very pretty ringing here, on our village peal. On Saturday last, our County Ringing Association held its district meeting at Baldock where, upon its fine peal of eight, we had some very grand ringing indeed. I never in my humble experience heard any better ringing anywhere like it, and it really seemed to electrify the ears of many of the inhabitants as they came into the street to listen to the fine music of their grand peal of bells. Eight of our company came with myself, not a single breakdown all day. We were met by many friends from St. Albans, and others. We rang 2,128 changes, our own Company, Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge.

'Samuel Page, our conductor, really excelled his usual ability; having read in 'Bell News' your most interesting article on 'Multi Bob.' Sam Page was most pleased, and with myself and our Village Band, called a most musical touch of Stedman Triples containing 45 Bobs. We rang this touch in a most remarkable way, simply splendid striking. I should like to hear this ringing on your fine bells. What a treat it would be to again visit Youlgreave, where is the best peal of eight that I have ever heard: Of course I do not know whether this wish of mine could be realised, but, if it could, a very great treat would it be. I hope you and all with you are well, with kind regards, Yours very truly,

(Signed) LEONARD PROCTOR.

Our good friend Canon Wigram came over here lately, he rang with us 1,260 changes of Superlative very well, their company at Hertford is completely broken up. Baker has given up ringing, and when we were at Hertford on Easter Monday, he cut all of us and never spoke a single word to any one meeting him in the street.'

On the next page, opposite the photograph, is a printed 'broadsheet' giving details of the peal of Superlative Surprise Royal rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826, with the figures of method and names of ringers. At the head of this is written in ink 'Mr. Proctor.—Did you ever see this?—J. R. Haworth.'—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

INSTRUCTION—BY MANUAL OR COURSE

Dear Sir,—Every ringer with the future of the Exercise at heart will heartily endorse Mr. York-Bramble's plea for some practical step to ensure a regular supply of first-class instructors who will turn out first-class ringers unlikely to abandon their ringing colleagues and their church, either when ringing in their tower is at a low ebb and their presence would be an invaluable asset, or when some new and ephemeral interest steals their affections.

There are extant several excellent text books for the young ringer or would-be instructor, and I doubt whether yet another ringing manual (as A. Y.-B. suggests) would contribute much to a solution of this ever-present problem. Bell-ringing, like so many other hobbies, could never be narrowed down to one stereotyped system. The methods controversy which recently raged in this journal is indicative of the unwillingness of ringers generally to be bound by any set of rules, and I am certain they could never be persuaded to recruit and teach beginners according to some Central Council official formula or system—nor would it be desirable in a voluntary society.

The author's concluding sentence is, to my mind, the only useful suggestion, viz., 'What about refresher courses for instructors?'

Whether one's hobby be art, sport, natural history, bee-keeping, archaeology, the youth services, needlework, music or one of numerous

other activities, there are opportunities every year for one-day conferences, week-ends, holiday courses, etc., when the enthusiasts can meet to study further their leisure pastimes, and pool their ideas and experiences for the common good.

Now this is where the Central Council could do something really practical and worthwhile. Instead of only meeting at great expense once every year to waste a whole day in talk, would it not be more fruitful to hold a series of one-day or week-end courses in various centres throughout the country for keen ringers, with special priority to tower captains?

No doubt the pessimists will raise their usual objections, these negative contributions can be ignored. Qualified lecturers are not lacking. Travelling to-day is no obstacle, nor is the provision of suitable centres, provided early enough application is made; and if Guilds and Associations really are interested in their own future and genuinely intend to implement their rule to support the Central Council, they would assist financially those of their members whom they recommend as suitable candidates and who are prepared to attend such a course.

I have long advocated the holding of ringing courses and believe in their practicability and desirability. It will not be easy to get a formal motion on these lines tabled for this year's Central Council meeting, but I should like to see this idea (perhaps in 'Other Business') given consideration. I am sure local education authorities (under their Further Education schemes) would lend their support to the encouragement of this truly British art, and perhaps the Church would, too, being the chief beneficiary.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

'A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS'

Dear Sir,—May I join Mr. Long in his appreciation of Mr. Birmingham's article on 'A Ringer and his Obligations.' I would like to see this article framed and hung in every tower throughout the country.

In passing, I note that a composition rung at Burwash on March 12th, and at Hailsham on March 19th, was described as 'Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's.' Is not the person who sent in the details of these peals being a little presumptuous in supposing that this description of the composition will convey anything to the ringing fraternity at large. I, for one, would like to see the figures.—Yours sincerely,

R. O. FRY.

Bath.

A LEARNER'S LAMENT

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of March 18th prompts me to make a suggestion. I have not been ringing for long, but have moved round the country and had to do my practising in a variety of towers. While a few experienced ringers are good tutors and spend much of their ringing time helping others, the many show a reluctance to stand beside and help another. They seem to prefer to ring or to sit out.

The confidence instilled by someone standing beside another must be known to all. Why is there a reluctance to do so? If only more of it were done, learners would get much more practice, achieve more quicker, and the older hands would subsequently benefit, too, not to mention the Exercise at large. Most people thoroughly familiar with a method could stand by others rather than always be ringing that method themselves. What better satisfaction than seeing another succeed? And anyway there's nothing like teaching someone else for making one learn oneself!—Yours truly,

SEMI-ABLE.

Cirencester.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 221.)

Rather dubiously we turn to our second substitution, which is C in the 9th course. (The fact that the 2nd and 3rd are transposed in the tabulation obviously makes no difference.)

	C				
34256	B M H W M H				
23564	— — — 34256				
	45362 35264 23564				

2-3 here are displaced from 'Before' to 'Middle,' but on looking through the courses used in our extension we find that none have the 3rd in 4ths place and the 2nd in 6ths. Our substitution has therefore achieved the purpose of displacing the 4th-5th and 6th while the 2nd and 3rd were temporarily displaced. (Great stuff this!)

Here, then, is the 'composition' in full:—

6144				
23456	W B M H			
52436	— — — 3			
35426	— — — 3			
34256	— — — 2			
23564	— — — —			

5 times repeated, S.S. half-way and end.

Extension (ii.) and (iii.) prove to be far more adaptable to this kind of treatment than extension (i.), so let us have them written out in full with their full complement of calls placed in brackets. Extension (iii.) can be seen to have the same callings as extension (ii.) starting at the 6th course, although it manages to keep the 2nd out of 5ths.

	(ii.)				
23456	W B M H				
52364	[— —] —				
36524	— — — —				
53624	— — — —				
65324	— — — —				
32546	[— —] —				
43265	[— —] —				
26354	[— —] —				
35264	[— —] —				
23645	[— —] —				

	(iii.)				
23456	W B M H				
52364	[— —] —				
36245	[— —] —				
24365	— — — —				
32654	[— —] —				
53246	[— —] —				
24536	— — — —				
52436	— — — —				
45236	— — — —				
23564	[— —] —				

Owing to the introduction of Bob 'Before,' which (the student may remember, and the professor certainly does) lengthens the course by one lead, the composition will now run over 5,000 with the bracketed 'Homes' omitted. Choosing (iii.) as the more musical, and judiciously introducing singles to keep the 2nd out of 5ths, this has already been done and appears as peal 21 in the C.C. Collection.

If the extra insertions are omitted from courses 5 or 4 the peal is further reduced (5,088), and these appear as peals 19 and 20 in the 'Collection.' Omissions of extras from courses other than 4 or 5 causes the bells to run round at the 7th course end.

Peals No. 36, 37 and 38 show the result of altering a single course. As there are 5 possible substitutions in our simple extension it should be clear that two are not published in the Collection: but there are many subsidiary variations depending whether you choose (ii.) or (iii.) above and which course you decide to alter.

All this sounds rather technical, dear student, and I have no doubt that if you started from

scratch you will now be 'wallowing' somewhat. If it so happens that you have not got a copy of the 'Central Council Collection' you will now be hopelessly at sea. (Write for one to-morrow.)

If he cares to, the student may take other extensions as shown below, and try altering them by substitution. He will find that it is only necessary to place the fixed bells by the side of the appropriate course, showing the displacement caused by the substitution. (Compare tables A, B, C and D.)

23456	W	B	M	H
52436	—			
35426	—			
42356	—			
54326	—			
32546	[— —]	—		00302
53246	[— —]	—		03020
25346	[— —]	—		(00320)
				(02003)
34256	—			
23456	[— —]	—		00302

In this case it is possible to see at a glance that the substitution in the 7ths course is false with the 4th, but that either of the other three could be used.

It would also be possible to use more than one substitution in many cases, but if these merely extend the peal without increasing its value they are better left alone.

(Well spoken, sir!)

At this point I was going to insert a peal of my own with a more modern application and which has, literally, scores of variations, but being a modest sort of chap who disdains blowing his own trumpet, beyond saying that it is unsurpassed in neatness and elegance I have refrained from doing so.

Now let us turn to another useful device. Compare the two following touches:—

A (1)		A (2)			
23456	H	23456	W B M H		
42356	—	35264	[— —]		
34256	—	42356	— — —		
23456	—	25463	[— —]		
		34256	— — —		
		45362	[— —]		
		23456	— — —		

If we examine A (2) we shall see that every second course is the same as that in our block of 3 'Homes'—A (1)—and that there has been inserted between each H the following well-known round block. (Given here with figure proof.)

23456	W	B	M	W	M	H
35264	—			23456	35264	35264
23456	—			35264		
				63254	23456	23456

Notice that the Bob M in the second course returns us to our original course (23456) and that the only course not shown on our course ends (part of which—from W to M—has been used) is 63254 with the 6th in 2nds.

Now look at the following:—

B (1)		B (2)			
23456	W H	23456	W B M H		
45236	— —	23564	— [— —]		
23456	— —	45236	— — —		
		45362	— [— —]		
		23456	— — —		

and this:—

C (1)		C (2)			
23456	W	23456	W B M		
52436	—	23564	— [— —]		
35426	—	52436	— — —		
23456	—	52364	— [— —]		
		35426	— — —		
		35264	— [— —]		
		23456	— — —		

In B the same round block B W and M is sandwiched between W and H, and in C between two Wrongs. A moment's thought will show us that this device could be used on any W and H extension (i.e., with 6th in 6ths), and thereby give us in an 11-course extension the 6th alternately each way in 5-6, 22 courses in all. If this is doubled by a single we shall have a peal of 5,280 changes.

Here is an example:—

23456	W	B	M	H
23564	—	—		
45236	—	—		
53462	—	—		
24536	—	—		
24365	—	—		
53246	—	—		
34562	—	—		
25346	—	—		
54263	—	—		
32546	—	—		
32465	—	—		
43526	—	—		
43265	—	—		
52436	—	—		
52364	—	—		
35426	—	—		
35264	—	—		
43256	—	—		
25463	—	—		
34256	—	—		
45362	—	—		
32456	—	—		

Repeated.

5,280 changes with the 6th alternately each way throughout. Omit bracketed Bobs in 2nd half reduces to 5,024.

There are many variations depending on the original extension chosen, but as the peal is now long enough to withstand the omission of one insertion we can omit one accordingly.

Peals No. 140 and 141 show us two of the many variations with one insertion omitted. Notice that in both cases it is the first one. This is, of course, to ensure that the peal lives up to the requirements stated in the footnote, i.e., the 6th alternately each way in 5-6 throughout.

Perhaps the student would like to try his hand at a few variations.

(To be continued)

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456 B M W H

45236	— —		
34256	— —		

42356	A		
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53624	— —		
53246	x —		
23645	— 3		
46532	— —		
63425	x —		
26435	— —		
63254	x —		

32654	A		
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32546	x —		
43526	— —		
56234	— —	2	
63542	x —		
24536	— —		
43652	— 2		
35426	x —		
23456	— —		

First rung at Westbourne, Sussex, on January 1st, conducted by the composer.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. MEERS

Mr. William J. Meers, the Ringing Master at Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, died on March 20th at the age of 79 years.

He had been a member of the local band since 1890 and Ringing Master for many years. Although he rang in a great number of peals his main interest was in service ringing. He was, in fact, ringing for evening service on the Sunday before his death, such was his loyalty to his church.

The funeral took place on Thursday, March 24th. During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following band: Sonia Llewellyn 1, Wendy Foulger 2, Joan Bradley 3, William J. V. Conduct (conductor) 4, Leonard W. Conduct 5, Alec Braggington 6, Harold Jenkins 7, William T. Shelton 8 (7, 6, 8 covering).

EVINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

x.58.x.14.58.x.12.38.12.x.14.58.x.14.x.5.
2nds place L.H. 4ths place bob.
F.C.H. 24365 in 4th lead only.

5,024 (1)					
2	3	4	5	6	
M	B	W	H		
6	3	2	5	4	3
2	5	6	3	4	—
5	3	6	2	4	—
3	4	6	2	5	—
4	2	6	3	5	—
6	2	5	3	4	—
2	4	5	3	6	—
3	2	5	4	6	—
4	3	2	6	5	—
5	2	4	3	6	—
2	3	4	5	6	—

The last 12 C.H.s with 6th at home.

5,024 (2)					
2	3	4	5	6	
M	B	W	H		
3	5	4	2	6	3
5	2	3	6	4	—
3	2	4	6	5	—
2	6	4	3	5	—
6	3	2	5	4	—
3	4	2	5	6	—
4	5	2	3	6	—
5	3	2	4	6	—
2	3	4	5	6	—

x = H. MBWH. MBWH.

Contains all 64s, 65s and 54s, and 6th extent at home at C.H.s. 2.3 never in 6ths and 2 only in 5ths when 6 is at home.

These two peals will not go to Rutland.

8ths Place Variation to Evington Surprise Major, using 6ths place bobs.

5,056 by William Thornley.

2	3	4	5	6
2	5	3	4	6
2	4	5	3	6
2	4	3	5	6
2	5	4	3	6
2	3	5	4	6
2	4	3	5	6
2	5	3	4	6
2	4	3	5	6
2	5	4	3	6
2	3	5	4	6
2	4	3	5	6

F.C.H. 24365 in 6th lead only.

5,103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

By RICHARD F. DEAL

234567890E	
6237458E90	1S.2S.4.
3625478E90	1S.2.3.4.
23654	1.2.3.4.
42356	1.2.3.4S.
34256	1.2.3.4.
23456	1.2.3.4.
62354	1.2.3.4S.
35264	2.3.4.5S.
23564	1.2.3.4.
42365	1.2.3.4S.
34265	1.2.3.4.
23465	1.2.3.4.
52364	1.2.3.4S.
53264	A calling 1st course 2.3.4.5
853627409E	1.2S.3
253648709E	2S.5
32564	1.2.3.4.
43265	1.2.3.4S.
24365	1.2.3.4.
32465	1.2.3.4.
53264	1.2.3.4S.
23465	11-10
52364	1.2.3.4S.
35264	1.2.3.4.
23564	1.2.3.4.
42365	1.2.3.4S.
(34265)	1.2.3.4.

Rung at Lincoln Cathedral on December, 11th. 1954.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE. — There will be no further ringing on weekdays until Monday, June 13th. Sunday ringing as usual at 5.30 p.m.—J. W. Quinney, Sec. 6181

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4, followed by tea and business in Parish Hall. Visitors welcomed.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea

5 p.m. General meeting 5.45 p.m., Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 2-4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8; Cathedral (10) 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.—A. B. Cooper. 6084

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual at East Grinstead, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Small Parish Hall. Names, by April 14th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 32, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 6080

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6081

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6128

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hawley (8) also available after tea.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Watford, Saturday, April 16th. St. Mary's (10) 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Parish Hall. Business includes Bob Triples peals and Mr. B. Barker's propositions. Ringing also at Abbots Langley 10-12; Langleybury; Rickmansworth 11.30-1; Aldenham 2-3.45; Bushey 2-4. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea, by 13th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 6143

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Brigg, Saturday, April 16th.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6147

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Bucklebury, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Yattendon (6) available after 6 p.m. 6137

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6109

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting to-morrow at Southwell Minster. Bells available 2.30. A warm welcome awaits you at this lovely Minster. Come and try your skill on the unique ring of eight.—J. W. Raithby. 6089

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Weghaston (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by 13th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6125

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting, Barcombe, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 6106

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Marybourne, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Cooper, 16, Stevens Green, St. Marybourne. 6151

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Combined practise at Redhill (8) on Thursday, April 21st, from 7-9 p.m. 6168

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip. April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6158

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea, Tuesday, 19th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 6175

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Etwall (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names, by 21st, please, to Mr. F. Murfin, Holly Farm, Etwall.—M. Bailey. 6170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Matlock (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6162

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch. — Meeting at Bampton, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to J. Waite, 2, High Street, Bampton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 6082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6163

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Toddington, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss. 6153

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by April 20th, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6171

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Special meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Andrew's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 6122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Service at Cathedral Church 3.30. Tea and meeting in S. Nicolas' Hall 4.30. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 2.30. Numbers for tea, by April 19th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 6114

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 25th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6152

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle. 6173

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barley, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Rossendale Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6154

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with the cash, please (2s. per head), not later than Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, Kent.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6134

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—The North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, April 23rd, in conjunction with members of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and Evensong at 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed until 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 21st, to Mr. R. M. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Nancy I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 6111

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Woodhouse Eaves, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names, by 20th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 6149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, April 23rd, South Wigston (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names not later than 20th, to B. A. Endall, 90, Edward Avenue, Leicester.. 6172

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. The Crown Hotel. Names for tea April 13th. L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, Leicester. 6165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Horncastle, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, April 18th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6135

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6), April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. M. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 6103

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—The annual ringers' service will be held April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. A. Prescott. Tel. Timsbury 287. 6169

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks and Oxford City Branches.—Combined meeting at Appleton, Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important: Notify by 19th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6110

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Spring meeting at Orlingbury (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, previous, to B. O. Butler, Orlingbury, Kettering.—D. Haynes, Hon. Sec. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 6105

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Guild.—Quarterly meeting, South Newton, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Wishford (5) also available after tea. Names by April 19th, please. — Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury (note change of address). 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and a talk 'How to learn methods.' Names for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 6120

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Pevensey and Westham, not Wadhurst, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells: Pevensey 2.30 p.m.; Westham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 20th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6164

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Rotherwick, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chatterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6174

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by April 21st, to Mr. F. R. Pearson, 2, Palmer Avenue, Kingston Road, Willerby, Hull.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6102

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion 8 a.m. April 24th, Long Ashton. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying by April 22nd.—Mrs. H. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 6167

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Churchill, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 6166

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Cudham, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6156

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bolton, April 30th. Towers available: All Souls' (8) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Deane (8) and The Saviour's (8) 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.; St. George's (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; The Parish Church (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and, after the meeting, Holy Trinity (8) and St. Bartholomew's (6). It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in Bolton Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Church Schools 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Names, together with remittance, by April 20th, to Mr. V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. Tel. No. Eagley 1536. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting in Parish Church Schools at approximately 6 p.m. 6157

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Ringers' Chapel. Evensong 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, followed by business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6159

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nash, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting (Waterloo Hotel). Names for tea by 20th, please.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chpystow, Mon. 6150

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by April 27th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6161

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6176

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Practice meeting at Churchdown, April 23rd. Bells (6) 6 p.m. A. Lynam, Branch Sec. 6179

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. John's Church on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6180

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at St. Philip's, Hulme, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available. Ringing tour (Oxford) starts on July 11th. Will anyone interested please notify secretary: Anne Muirhead, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester 14. 6177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch to be held at Benson has been postponed until Saturday, May 7th.

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