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HOW HANDBELL PEALS WERE LOST

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

LOOKING through my peal book recently recalled not only the successful occasions but also the failures with their pointers to success, and in some cases humorous situations which caused sudden stoppages. Some handbell ringers are apt to be 'nervy' and strange noises upset them very easily, for those residing in the vicinity cannot be expected to understand anything about handbell peals.

On one occasion we were all set for a peal of Triples in a back room when the man next door started shooting rats from an open window. A front room attempt went well till a man with his one-man-band came along and we were glad when he passed to other houses. Shortly afterwards a band struck up and preaching followed, but one of the umpires went out with some coppers, and this had the desired effect until a man with a cornet started his solos in his own particular style which finished our attempt for that meeting. Many other outside noises were experienced such as a political meeting, a singing beggar, cat and dog fights, and a domestic quarrel, all of which taught us the lesson that suitable rooms should be appreciated. Even open-air attempts were liable to come to grief because of unexpected events, and a tolerant 5-6 man can say nasty things about mischievous boys who squirt water down people's necks from behind a garden fence.

The writer attempted but one handbell peal in Ireland, which was in J. W. Washbrook's garden at Arklow, and after ringing over 2,000 Stedman Triples he had to cry off from having any more on 5-6 because of the perplexing situation created by the front bells. In ordinary handbell peals 1-2 and 3-4 are manipulated by two persons using up and down strokes, but on this occasion Jim Washbrook was ringing four bells and also calling the bobs; therefore, such a mode of procedure, unique and clever, was too confusing to me because of the difference in hand-movements.

Sometimes it was the umpires who caused a stir by undue noises when poking the fire or putting on more fuel, and during one peal we had two umpires who enjoyed a bag of juicy pears, some oranges and a bag of nuts between them, with varied noises caused by the nut-crackers at uneven intervals.

The three brothers William, Ernest and Bob Pye with Bertram Prewett used to meet occasionally in London for double-handed Stedman 'in hand,' and in 1911-12 quite a good bag of peals 'in hand' was rung at various addresses in London and Surrey, but when Alf Grimes took up handbell peal ringing early in 1912 his residence, a licensed house in Haggerston, became a popular meeting place, chiefly on account of a nice large room readily available for peals. Even here we found that a big rat became interested in Stedman for a short while and one evening the umpire's chair collapsed! Alf's 'pub' was handy when listeners came to hear the ringing, for a choice of drinks could be obtained, and how nice it was to ring Stedman Cinques with one umpire busy with his bread, cheese and pickles.

Later on, the belfry of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, became the meeting place, and here came many famous ringers, clergymen included, to take part in handbell peals. A rare experience of two bats invading the ringing chamber of a Surrey tower while a handbell peal was well on the way to success brings back memories of five ringers evading bats and ringing Grandsire Caters at the same time. The umpire settled the argument by switching off the light.

We had no code of rules relating to umpires or any advice on situations likely to arise during the ringing, and if one dropped off to sleep after his day's work it was understandable, but his loud snores certainly disturbed the tranquillity of the ringing. The umpire two of us found hard to forgive was one who liked a nice blazing fire and who kept stoking up until the heat became unbearable for my neighbouring ringer and myself who had our backs to the fire.

A unique way of attending a ringing meeting came one day when a Surrey handbell party travelled by boat on the Thames and rang a quarter peal en route. This led to the idea that a peal on the water would be quite a novelty and this was duly arranged. Everything looked all right even though we had to make do with a punt, but after ringing 1,500 the writer found his cushions had slipped and he was low in the punt. Soon came the uncomfortable feeling that water had found the spot where he was sitting and was slowly coming upwards because of a leak; therefore, it was desirable to arrive at a decision quickly. Needless to say, we made for the land and all hands helped the wet conductor ashore. No more river handbells, was the verdict; still, everyone enjoyed a good laugh over it.

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Those London and Surrey handbell days, peal or no peal, enabled the writer to meet well-known personalities who did much to popularise double-handed ringing. Many of them have left us for higher service, leaving behind them not only a record of peals scored but also happy memories of peal attempts and incidents connected with them. Space prevents any mention of names or details of peals won, but I trust the few specimens given herein will suffice to show what varied situations have been the means of halting handbell peals.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., July 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt in D.

ERNEST W. RAWSON Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 9
ALFRED BALLARD 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER 10
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of Harold J. Poole, greatly beloved founder and first president of this Guild and master of the Cathedral company of ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 64 cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	ROLAND BENISTON 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 8
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	ERNEST J. JELLEY 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE 5	MRS. B. G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* 400th peal.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
ALBERT DISERENS 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*ELSIE K. FULTON 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD 8
RONALD F. DISERENS 4	NOEL J. DISERENS 9
JOHN N. DISERENS 5	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT 6
JACK BRAY 2	*HARRY HALL 7
*RONALD CHAFER 3	*W. ALLAN RICHARDSON 8
*C. AUBREY HARRISON 4	GEORGE W. MOODY 9
FRANK LORD 5	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung in affectionate remembrance of Harold J. Poole.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
PETER R. JOHNSON 4	SAMUEL J. HINES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

The first peal of Major in the method by all.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5024 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	PETER BORDER 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOURNVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ANTHONY AGER Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 3	PETER BORDER 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	JOHN WARNER 6
DIANA M. MATTHEW 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
TERRY EARLE 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 400th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

EDMUND MALIN Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	PETER BORDER 6
PETER BERESFORD 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	WILLIAM LOVE 6
RICHARD W. R. COATES .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 7
PETER KINDRED 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARRETT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
†RALPH BIRD 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 6
NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING .. 7
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
VALERIE WILLARD Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
WILLIAM FARMER 3	THOMAS BOREHAM .. 7
GEORGE KILMISTER .. 4	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Grandsire.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the diocese.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., July 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDMUND MALIN Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. 5
ANN BURR 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	*PETER BERESFORD .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 100th peal for the Society.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	HUBERT E. SUMMERS .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	GEORGE GARDNER .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
PERCY STONE 4	DAVID A. CARPENTER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John W. Taylor, father of the conductor, for 44 years a ringer at this church, who was interred on Saturday, July 9th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
DENNIS KNOX 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Heywood's.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
ROGER LEIGH Treble	FRANK STEAD 5
JAMES GROUNDS 2	*MAURICE HOLGATE .. 6
*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Peter Crook, sen., and a 51st birthday compliment to the mother of the tenor ringer.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	LESLIE SQUIRES 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 7
H. LESTER PASK 4	HARRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.



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LINCOLN. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*ELLAINE GREATHEAD .. Treble	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 2	*GEOFFREY PAUL .. 6
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
†GWEN I. RUSBY .. 4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. † Twenty-fifth peal together.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
BASIL JONES .. 2	ALAN J. BROWN .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
ALAN A. POTTS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

This composition is a variation of the 27 course block usually ascribed to John Reeves, shortened to 5,152.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	JACK ASHCROFT .. 6
DOREEN DUTTON .. 3	*BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the visit to Southport of H.R.H Princess Margaret.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARTIN CUBITT .. Treble	PETER WOODWARD .. 5
†DAVID BANKS .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 6
R. MARGARET BRYCE .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	JOHN E. KIRBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memory of Lt.-Col. Thomas Chadwick.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES'S Five-part.	
MELBOURNE PRICE .. Treble	ALFRED LOMAS .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
RONALD BAGNALL .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
*NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	HENRY PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the parish priest, Rev. E. D. Butters.

RYE, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Wed., July 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

Taylor's Six-part.	
*MARGARET H. TWIDALE .. Treble	ALAN J. HICKS .. 5
†DEREK C. JACKSON .. 2	DAVID HODGSON .. 6
*RUTH A. CAREY .. 3	*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4	†GEOFFREY F. B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 on leaving Rye.

WILBY, SUSSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., July 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*BETTY SYRETT .. Treble	*STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. 3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	*L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung as a 6th birthday compliment to Pauline and Peter Head, twin grandchildren of the ringer of the 2nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*SHEELAGH SANDS .. Treble	PETER SHIPTON .. 4
*ANN FUNDERY .. 2	J. RUSSELL TAYLOR .. 5
DAVID HOUGHTON .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal. Average age 17 years.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. Treble	SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 4
ARTHUR SMITHSON .. 2	WILFRED RILEY .. 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

In memoriam Mr. J. W. Pilkington, captain of Ormskirk Parish Church bellringers, who passed away July 2nd. 1955, aged 74 years.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Cambridge Surprise.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
RALPH BEAUMONT .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK (Oxford and Kent) and W. J. RIDGMAN (Cambridge).

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*THOMAS R. ROAST .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MARY DOWSETT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).	Tenor 11 cwt.
WILLIAM YATES .. Treble	HENRY JOHNSON .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITSON .. 2	SIDNEY BOWYER .. 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG .. 3	H. DOUGLAS WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell, B.A., Vicar of this parish.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CRACKNELL .. Treble	LEONARD S. SHARPE 4
RONALD FRANCIS 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 5
JAMES B. MORLEY 3	KENNETH G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. SPARKS .. Treble	ARTHUR J. CALLOW .. 3
*FREDERICK L. ANDREWS .. 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4

*ARNOLD C. BOWN Tenor

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

*First peal in two methods.

Rung in connection with the centenary of the church celebrations.

HANDBELL PEAL

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 184, LOWER FARNHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (10 callings) and Morris's 240. Tenor size 15 in C.

ANN M. COX 1—2	E. JOHN WELLS 3—4
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DUGALD M. MACPHERSON 5—6

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

First handbell peal by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. — On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. S. Aylett 1, W. A. Stote 2, J. L. Garner-Hayward 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrins 5, A. Carpenter 6, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 7, G. Gardner 8. Rung for Evensong.

ARMLEY, YORKS. — On July 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (2 extents): H. Lofthouse 1, D. Fenton 2, J. D. Cox 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Dawson 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Cox, mother of the ringers of 3 and 4, on her birthday.

BATH, SOMERSET. — At St. Michael with St. Paul, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Davis 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, E. Naylor 4, C. Conway 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. W. Willgress (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, A. B. Corden 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Marks 6, D. J. Meager (first as cond.) 7, F. Stonton 8. Rung for the treble ringer, a visitor from Acle, Norfolk.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. — On June 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, S. Slaney 2, A. Keller 3, K. Rutland 4, Mrs. L. Holmes 5, A. B. Cooper 6, D. Cooper 7, H. Wagstaffe 8. First quarter for 3 and 4.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET. — On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pearce 1, Miss E. Overend 2, W. Mills 3, W. J. Phippen 4, E. E. Bray (cond.) 5, P. Bray 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of Mrs. L. G. Courtney, wife of the Vicar of Buckland Dinham with Great Elm.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, G. Rouse (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM. — On July 16th, 2,176 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Bailey 1, Dillys Hulbert 2, T. P. Edwards 3, W. G. Jones 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, W. H. Dare 6, A. K. G. Jones (cond.) 7, A. R. Price 8. First in method by 3, 4 and 7.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Elsey 1, D. Bray 2, H. Kilby 3, A. Bodycote 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. Rung to welcome home the Dudley family from Canada, also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

COWLEY, OXON. — On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Holloway (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, D. Norris 5, P. Smith 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5.



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QUARTER PEALS

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET. — On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, F. Casey 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, H. G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. Nuncombe 6. **ELMORE, GLOS.** — On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being 300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob): P. Hurcombe 1, C. Wixey 2, G. P. Green 3, F. E. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Cobb 6. First quarter in three methods for 1, 2 and 3.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On July 10th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): K. Small 1, E. J. Coode 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, G. Daynes 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Evensong. — Also, on the same day, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, F. Hurrell 2, E. B. Crowder 3, E. J. Coode 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung after Evensong for Procession of Witness to Open-air Service arranged by Eltham Council of Churches.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET. — On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Audrey Stephens 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Josephine Burrows (first quarter) 3, C. Conway 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Taunton.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, C. J. Young 2, M. Dyer 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. T. H. Townsend, who for many years was captain at this tower.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK. — On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Fruin 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. Hurrell (first quarter) 4, G. Jennings 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Garwood, who has been a ringer at the church for 47 years and is one of the local band.

HEALEY, ROCHEDALE, LANCs. — On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Ogden (first in method) 1, A. Hilton 2, J. A. Taylor 3, F. Pritchard 4, I. Kay 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A tribute from the Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, to the memory of Harold J. Poole, late president, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. T. Stoker 1, E. D. Tunc 2, G. F. Terry (cond.) 3, J. M. Harrop 4, E. Philpot 5, A. H. Howcroft 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK. — On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Tooke (cond.) 1, Eileen Bracey 2, C. H. Moore 3, M. J. Day 4, R. G. Loft 5, W. Clover 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. G. Heawood as Vicar of Ketteringham, which living is held in plurality with Hethersett.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Chambers 1, Clare Chambers 2, Barbara Marks (cond.) 3, B. L. Marks 4, P. T. Pilcher 5, P. Wells 6. Rung for Evensong and to welcome P. T. Pilcher home from Australia and New Zealand.

LONDON, STAFFS. — On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Doleman (first quarter) 1, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 2, Angela W. Smith (first 'inside') 3, L. E. Monk 4, B. J. Townsend 5.

LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E. — On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Hawksley (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Grainger 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, C. W. Otley 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7. Rung, for Evensong, without covering bell, owing to meeting short.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET. — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, F. T. Locke 2, P. Cox 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. G. Westlake 5, H. Wetherell 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. L. Taylor, whose funeral was earlier in the day, and as an expression of sympathy with her husband, son and daughter, members of the local band.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — On July 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Doris Dobbie 1, J. Grensted 2, T. Grice 3, B. Baker 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leeson 7, G. Kenward 8, S. Dobbie 9, A. Dunk (first on ten bells) 10. First quarter of Caters for 50 years for the 2nd.

MEREWORTH, KENT. — On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bishop 1, T. Warner 2, Miss P. J. Butcher (first 'inside' and first of Minor) 3, C. Saunders 4, H. H. Osborne (cond.) 5, L. Honess 6. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss P. J. Butcher.

NORTH BARROW, SOMERSET. — On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 60 of Grandsire): C. Clarke 1, M. Stone 2, R. D. Short 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

NUTFIELD, SURREY. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy E. Kempell 1, F. W. Bird 2, T. H. Bird (cond.) 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver 5, E. J. Carvell 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on July 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Sayer 1, H. G. Mason 2, Mrs. O. Johnson 3, B. C. Johnson 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. E. Ewer (first of Major) 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

WALMER, KENT. — On July 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Banks (first quarter and first touch of Plain Bob Major) 1, Miss A. Vine 2, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 3, J. Penfold 4, J. Hales 5, P. Westwood 6, P. J. Rye 7, F. A. Rye 8. Rung for Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to P. J. Rye.

WINGHAM, KENT. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Devonshire (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Banks (first of Triples) 2, R. Grav 3, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 4, J. Hales 5, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, P. Westwood 7, P. J. Rye 8.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD. — On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Woodward 1, C. Holloway 2, V. Green 3, M. Journeaux 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for the Octave of St. Peter.

WOODFORD, ESSEX. — On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Luckman (19. first quarter) 1, F. Maynard 2, Mrs. L. Bullock 3, H. Rumens 4, B. Chapman (16) 5, J. Boyack 6, L. Bullock (cond.) 7, K. Gardener (first quarter) 8. Rung after evening service as birthday greetings to 1st and 5th ringers, Mr. E. Wright (service ringer) and 75th for Mr. C. Morss.

OUTINGS

NORTON SUBCOURSE AND BECCLES

On July 9th the ringers of Norton Subcourse and Beccles had an enjoyable day in Essex. The party of 38 left Norton at 8 a.m., and after a brief stop at Bury St. Edmunds proceeded to Pebmarsh, where some good touches were rung on the delightful six.

After lunch at Halstead, Sible Hedingham was visited, where methods including Cambridge Major were rung. Returning to Halstead the eight bells were set going, after which tea was taken. Then on to Colne Engaine, where London and Beverley Surprise Minor were attempted and brought round.

At the next stop, Earls Colne, some of the best ringing of the day occurred on these lovely eight bells. The final call was Great Tey, where some tired ringers ascended the somewhat unusual staircase to partake in various methods which included a touch of Stedman Triples.

Returning home via Colchester one stop was made to sample some Suffolk brew, and then home, arriving at 11.55. The party tender their thanks to Mr. W. Arnold for his help in arranging the programme, also to Mr. Claydon, who acted as guide. Mr. G. Walpole would like to thank all incumbents and local ringers for their help and kindness.

G. G. W.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

A very enjoyable meeting took place on July 9th when St. Mary's ringers left Eastbourne at 7.30 a.m. picking up friends en route to the first stop, Crawley, where ringing was enjoyed at St. John-the-Baptist's (tenor 13½ cwt.). Then on to Godalming, where, after a good lunch, the heavier eight (tenor 22 cwt.) were put to good use.

The highlight of the day followed, ringing on the ten at Haslemere: these must surely be the best ten for their weight (tenor 13 cwt.) in the country. This was followed by a drive through the beautiful countryside to the little village of Linchmere, where tea was prepared in the Vicarage garden and thoroughly enjoyed, appreciation being shown by handbell ringing. The little church of Linchmere could not be by-passed so the two small bells there had to be tried.

And so on to the last tower of the day, Billingshurst (tenor 12½ cwt.), where a very good touch of Double Norwich rounded off a very pleasant day's ringing.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, the tower secretaries and all who helped to make this outing such a great success.

L. W. P.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On July 16th the Twerton-on-Avon ringers had their outing. The weather was really beautiful and the lovely Wiltshire countryside looked a picture.

At Malmesbury Abbey we were met by Mr. E. Player and ringing was enjoyed on the good eight (tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp). The second tower was Cricklade, where Mr. Sherwood awaited the party. Ringing here on the five bells (tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb. in G) will be remembered for a very long time as the ropes go through two sets of guides. The length between the ringers and the bells is 75 feet.

After a wonderful spread, ringing followed at Purtop, where we were met by Messrs. R. and C. R. Shailes. The six bells are glorious (tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp). At the last tower, Wootton Bassett, Mr. E. Brooks greeted the party. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight (tenor 18 cwt. in E).

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Fry, who organised the outing so well, and to the incumbents.

A. F. L.

QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 458, 58, 38, 14, 58, 16, 5
2nds place lead end, 4ths place bob.
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, June 16th, 1955.

OUTINGS

PUTNEY

Readers of 'The Ringing World' for July 15th will have seen that Mr. Elson, of Putney, has celebrated his 88th birthday. But those of us who year by year take part in the outings which he arranges find great difficulty in believing it. I do not know whether he was ever a sergeant-major, but, by the way in which he keeps a coachload of varied ringers and non-ringers up to the time-table he has arranged, he could well have been.

This year was no exception and on July 9th the usual party of Putneyites and invited guests enjoyed ringing in four eight-bell towers in Essex: Halstead, deep in tone for its 14½ cwt. tenor; St. Peter's, Colchester, 21 cwt., a lovely ring and a fine ringing chamber; Writtle, 18½ cwt., in a church by the village green, where the annual fair was in progress; and Brentwood, 19½ cwt., with a tower at present in 'splints.'

Lunch at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, was first class, and a good tea was enjoyed at Whittle. But the unusual part of the outing was the afternoon visit to Bergholt, just over the border into Suffolk. Here the visiting ringers were spectators just as much as the non-ringers, while the local band demonstrated their skill in set changes on the five bells (tenor 28 cwt.) in the bell cage in the churchyard. Whether it is more difficult to ring the bells, without ropes, by the handgrips on the headstocks than it is to stand the noise in the bell cage is debatable, but we all found it most interesting.

Thanks are accorded to the incumbents and to the members of the local bands who welcomed us at each tower. W. G. W.

RAINHAM, KENT

It was at 7 a.m. with the mist still surrounding the countryside that Rainham ringers and friends left for their annual outing on July 9th. Mr. P. Borer and lady friend had travelled by car from Frindsbury and had kindly given a lift to Mr. and Mrs. Carey, who, like several younger members, were making it their first outing with St. Margaret's ringers. Soon Key Street was reached, where Mr. and Mrs. B. May and Michael, also Mr. George Kenward, joined the party.

Along the road to Stockbury Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dunk came aboard and we set sail for our 200 miles tour of Kent and Sussex well up to time, the route being via Maidstone, Hadlow, on to Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

After a short break at Crowborough for morning coffee we went to St. Margaret's, Buxted, our first ring, which proved to be a very handy eight (tenor 16 cwt.), rung from the ground floor. This church is well back in the park, where herds of deer roam, and our thanks are due to Mr. Eade, who met us.

Arundel was reached at midday for lunch at the Warming Pan Hotel, a very welcome break before ringing the light eight at Arundel Parish Church (tenor 14½ cwt.). Once again the coach had to hurry, for we were due at Chichester Cathedral at 2.30, and heard some members of the Cathedral band pulling up the bells as we climbed the many steps at its detached campanile. Here the bells were rung to touches of Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and

rounds. Non-ringing friends took the opportunity of visiting the Cathedral.

The next ring was upon the bells of St. Mary's, Pulborough, a light eight (tenor 13½ cwt.). Alas! The tower is surrounded by scaffolding, awaiting a surveyor's report upon repairs to be undertaken. By 5 o'clock tea was next upon the programme, but owing to a slight breakdown to the coach we arrived half an hour late at the Rose and Crown. Never was a cup of tea more welcome, for all the party had walked uphill for nearly a mile before the coach came along.

The last ring of the day was at East Grinstead with its grand eight (tenor 23½ cwt.). Here we were greeted in the tower by two local ringers, who had waited for over half an hour so that we could enjoy our ringing.

It was a great pity that the company this year could not ring more methods. How we miss the old faces the Jarretts, Naylors and Dobbies, besides those who have passed over since the war. Still, a happy day was spent, not forgetting the call at the local just outside Hadlow.

By 10 p.m. we were on our homeward journey led by choirmaster Bert Dunk, singing till Stockbury was reached. Rainham was reached just after 11 p.m. Our thanks are due to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who helped to make this outing a success. F. J. C.

BOURNVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

38, 14, 56, 16, 12, 1258, 36, 7

2nds place lead end. 4ths place bob.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, June 23rd, 1955

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Congratulations to the Rye
Grammar School Society of
Change Ringers on the peal
of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Mary's,
Rye. This is the first peal on the bells for
25 years. Unfortunately it was a farewell to
four members of the band who are leaving Rye.

Will Mr. Roger Baldwin kindly forward his
address to the Editor.

Mr. J. W. Pilkington, late captain of the
Ormskirk ringers, who died on July 23rd, had
rung at Ormskirk for over 60 years. To his
memory a peal was rung at Huyton, Lancs, in
which a great friend of Mr. Pilkington, Mr.
Wilfred Riley, participated.

The quarter of Bob Minor at St. Michael's-
with-St. Paul's, Bath, on July 17th, was ar-
ranged for Mr. Colin Conway, who has been
in Bath serving an apprenticeship and is leaving
to join H.M. Forces.

Mr. J. G. Macdougall, of Hornchurch, re-
cently underwent a severe abdominal operation
in Oldchurch Hospital, Romford. After making
a good recovery his condition deteriorated and
further treatment was necessary. The latest
news is that 'Mac' is once again making
steady progress. His many friends in the Horn-
church area hope that this improvement will be
maintained. 'Mac,' indeed, thanks all who
have written to him, and sends his kindest re-
gards.

Seldom are the musical eight at Redditch,
Worcs, heard ringing more than rounds or
Grandsire Doubles and it is believed that not
even a quarter peal has been rung on the bells
since restoration in 1931. However, for Even-
song, on July 17th, an excellent quarter peal
of Grandsire Doubles, with the assistance of
two outside ringers, was rung to mark the end
of a week of celebrations for the centenary of
the consecration of the completed Church of
St. Stephen (July 19th, 1855).

BELFRY

GOSSIP

With the peal of Plain Bob
Triples at Wilby, Mr. H. W.
Barrett, of Loddon, has com-
pleted the Plain Bob family from Doubles to
Maximus. The legitimacy of 'Master Triples'
will doubtless cause maternal instincts to rise
in the breasts of many who had hitherto thought
they had a quiverful of Plain Bob.

Visitors, particularly 'tower-grabbers,' should
note the recommendation of the Chew Deanery
Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan As-
sociation that applications for the use of bells
should be made at least one week before the
date of a proposed visit.

The Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of
Leeds and president of the Yorkshire Associa-
tion, was inducted as Vicar of St. John-the-
Evangelist's, New Briggate, Leeds, on July 21st.
In honour of the event a peal of Yorkshire
Surprise Major was rung at Heptonstall on
July 23rd.

An attempt on Monday, July 11th, to ring
a memorial peal to Mr. J. W. Taylor, at
Allesley, Coventry, came to grief with only four
courses to go when a rope broke. Despite the
discomfort of the close weather the band in-
stantly agreed to make a second attempt the
following Thursday. This met with success and
a very fitting peal was rung to the memory of
the late Ringing Master.

Mr. Bob Stickley, to the deep regret of his
South African friends, left for home on July
15th. He leaves a gap that will be very diffi-
cult to fill at St. Mary's, Woodstock, and the
band there write appreciatively of his services
during the last 12 months, particularly in con-
ducting. They wish him Godspeed to Hereford
and good ringing. Any ringers going to Cape
Town will be very welcome and should com-
municate with Mr. A. V. Sheppard, P.O. Box
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FUNERAL OF MR. HAROLD J. POOLE

A Wonderful Tribute of Affection at Leicester Cathedral

ON Monday, July 18th, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives, ringers, policemen and friends, all that was mortal of Harold Joseph Poole was brought to the Cathedral Church of St. Martin in Leicester. This was a place that he had loved, where many of his happiest hours had been spent, and where he had played so large a part in making ringing history. It was fitting that he should be received there for the last time with such honour and dignity, attended by important officers of Church and State amongst the sorrow and love of many humbler friends.

At the hour of one, in a pause in the throbbing life of a busy city, the funeral cortege, passing through a guard of honour of Leicester City Police, was received at the Cathedral north door by the Provost of Leicester, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong and the Rev. F. W. Pratt and other clergy, and as the opening sentences were recited the procession moved slowly up the nave and to the foot of the altar steps, where the Lord Bishop of the Diocese had already taken his place.

The coffin was supported by four of Mr. Poole's fellow lay canons wearing their familiar red and black robes. The family mourners were led by Mrs. Poole supported by Mr. P. J. Staniforth and followed by Mrs. Staniforth (known still to so many as Jill Poole) and Mr. G. W. Poole, Harold's eldest brother. Other brothers and sisters—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Poole, Mr. E. Poole, Miss F. A. Poole—and nephews and nieces—Messrs. F. and G. A. Poole, Mrs. W. Parker and Mrs. G. Fitzgerald—followed with his great friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner.

Then came the Cathedral company of ringers and Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and Harold's mentor of long ago in the Leicester City Police. Also in the procession were the Chief Constable of Leicester, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, whose genial presence at many Leicester ringing functions will be recalled by many, accompanied by his deputy chief.

'CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION'

The choir, already in their places, led the singing of the opening psalm, and the Arch-deacon of Leicester, the Ven. C. L. Matthews, read the lesson, the Revelation of St. John—the Divine 7 xiv.

... These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell amongst them. . . .

Then followed the familiar setting of the 23rd Psalm to Brother James' Air and so to the prayers and to the hymn 'Blessed are the pure in heart.' The Lord Bishop gave his Blessing, and as the choir took up the strains

of the Nunc Dimittis the procession re-formed and moved slowly out through the north door.

Several of the congregation were able to follow in cars to the crematorium on the outskirts of the city, and in the Cemetery Chapel the prayers were said by the Rev. F. W. Pratt, and as the solemn words of committal were pronounced by the Provost of Leicester the coffin moved slowly out of sight. The Provost gave the final Blessing and so we left the Chapel having committed to the care and keeping of Almighty God the soul of a great friend of ringers and a much loved man whose good works will surely live long after him.

AMONG THE CONGREGATION

Many ringers were present in the Cathedral from all parts of the country representing many aspects of Mr. Poole's very active ringing career. Among them were Mr. E. A. Barnett, general secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Mr. F. I. Hairs, representing 'The Ringing World' Committee, of which Mr. Poole was a member, Messrs. Alfred H. Pulling and Albert Walker, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. J. Wayman. (Surfleet), Messrs. John Freeman, George E. Feirn (Lincoln Guild), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior, N. S. Bagworth, C. E. Willmington (National Police Guild, of which Mr. Poole was founder and president), W. B. Cartwright and N. Goodman (Worcestershire and Districts Association), a strong representation from each of the six Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, including Mr. Paul L. Taylor, vice-president, Mr. W. A. Wood, general secretary, Mr. A. E. Rowley, treasurer, and the Leicester Guild Central Council representatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (Coventry Guild), Mrs. Datson (Peterborough), many old friends with whom Mr. Poole had done a great deal of ringing, such as Harry Broughton, who was in his first and many of his early peals, Redvers F. Elkington, Alfred Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, with whom he rang tunes on handbells with much skill and artistry, Leslie W. G. Morris, Ralph Edwards, John Pinfold, A. D. Barker, A. G. Mason, J. Cotton, K. Holtom, and very many others including ringers from humble five- and six-bell towers whose names are not known to the Exercise but whose cause was so dear to the first president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

MEMORIAL PEAL

In the evening at the Cathedral a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung half-muffled by a band comprising senior members of the Cathedral company including Mr. H. G. Jenney, a member of the Police Guild and a friend of many years, Mr. Shirley Burton, peal secretary, and other old friends in the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The composition was specially chosen as being the one that was rung for the Guild's first peal of Stedman Cinques and as being by Frederick H. Dexter, who, more than any other, was acknowledged always by Harold as to one to whom he owed most in his ringing career.

P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

As deputy to Harold Poole in the capacity of Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, I should like to add my tribute to his greatness.

All I may be personally, as a ringer, is due to his great ability, advice and help under all conditions. The Cathedral band was of his making, and all its success has been due to his enthusiasm and painstaking effort. It will indeed be a difficult task for his successor, but we shall do our best to maintain the standard he so ably created.

He was a gentleman in every sense and a very sincere friend. He will be greatly missed in many walks of life. The peal rung on the Cathedral bells on the day of his funeral was, I think, one which did full credit to those taking part, and a tribute for all he had done for ringing and ringers.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

VETERAN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—As the ringer who first guided Harold Poole's steps to the Leicester Cathedral belfry and who had the arranging of all the ringing he did in the early years of his brilliant career, I would like to convey my thanks to all the ringers who gathered at Leicester Cathedral on the occasion of his funeral from both near and far to pay their last respects to a great ringer and true friend.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester.

HARRY BROUGHTON.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Easton Maudit a Popular Meeting

Bellringers from a wide area and their friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Easton Maudit on July 16th.

Among those present were representatives from Earls Barton, Wollaston, Rushden, Ecton, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northampton, Cogenhoe, Lichborough, Yardley Hastings, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Harrold, Lavendon, Luton and the local ringers.

The Guild service, held in the Parish Church, was led by the Vicar of Bozeat and Easton Maudit (the Rev. W. G. Knight), who is president of the Branch. He also gave an address. The organist was Mr. S. Jeffs, and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 14s. 6d.

Mr. Knight presided over the business proceedings, supported by Mr. A. Bigley, secretary. It was decided to visit Ecton during October for the next meeting.

The Rector of Wilby, the Rev. H. D. Pitchford, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. E. Seamar, of Irchester, a ringing member.

Miss Smith, of Great Doddington, expressed thanks to the Vicar and the organist, and to Mrs. E. Jones and her helpers for providing and serving tea. Mrs. Allebone (churchwarden) and the Vicar replied.

Handbells were rung at the conclusion of the meeting. The towers of Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings and Bozeat were open for ringing in the evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

NEW LORD BISHOP'S ENCOURAGING MESSAGE — KEEP ACTIVITIES OF RINGERS IN PUBLIC EYE, URGES MASTER — FINANCES DISTURBED BY COST OF ANNUAL REPORT
AN INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL TO VISIT OXFORD

THE Right Rev. Harry Carpenter, the new Bishop of Oxford, met the ringers of Oxford Diocesan Guild for the first time at the Guild festival on July 15th. At the Guild service, held in Christ Church and conducted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (the Master), he preached the sermon.

The Bishop spoke of the great joy expressed by bells in calling people to worship—a wild, riotous joy which was different in quality from anything that could be produced by any other form of music. The bells proclaimed in the heart the joy of Christian people.

To-day they particularly needed the reminder of the bells. So many Christian people did not connect joy and gladness with going to church. They were apt to think of their worship as something they ought to go through with or as a kind of tonic. The Church of England encouraged them to approach God with a joyful heart.

'I am very happy to know that all over the diocese there are keen, enthusiastic ringers, who give up a great deal of their time and energy to make their ringing more perfect. We are all grateful to you for your contribution to the life and worship of the Church and the witness you bear to the joy of the Gospel. I know you find in your work a happy co-operation in which each of you has a part to play. I hope you will have a happy festival and go back to your parishes encouraged for your work in the future.'

As usual, ringers of the diocese formed a surplined choir. The Deputy Ringing Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) read the lesson.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in the Chapter House. The Master presided, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross).

At the beginning of the meeting the members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. H. J. Poole.

The Master, in his report, wrote that the incumbents of the Oxford Diocese were, on the whole, very interested in the progress and welfare of their bands of ringers. It was most important for captains of towers to do their best to keep the activities of the ringers in the public eye of the parish, for in this way new recruits for the belfry could be more easily obtained. A very good plan was to obtain the sanction of the incumbent for a ringers' Sunday to be held. He urged ringers in any parish to keep the needs of the Guild Restoration Fund before their Parochial Church Councils and to ascertain what response had been made to the appeal recently circulated to all incumbents in the diocese with rings of bells in their charge.

The Deputy Master reported that with a few notable exceptions Sunday service ringing was well maintained and much enthusiasm was evident at Branch meetings. To those in the remoter parts of the diocese who found it difficult and costly to attend the annual festival, he suggested towers combining to run a motor coach to Oxford with stops for ringing en route.

Among those who had passed away he paid tribute to Victor Bennett, former hon. secretary of the Oxford Society, who was greatly beloved by all who knew him and did so much to advance the art of ringing in Oxford. Another outstanding ringer was J. E. Hedges, who did much good work for the Newbury Branch, and reached the advanced age of 92.

The secretary's report stated 1954 went along smoothly. Membership was still high and they must be thankful to all the individuals who spent so much of their time teaching recruits to handle a bell and then to 'hunt the treble.' The number of peals had decreased very much compared with the years since the war.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £962 10s. 8d., of which £878 3s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund.

The librarian stated that recording of peals rung by the Guild went steadily on and she was very grateful to Mr. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, for all the work he had done. Between 3,000 and 4,000 peals had now been tabulated. She thanked all who had lent early peal books for reference.

Mr. F. Vickers proposed, and Mr. H. James seconded, the adoption of the reports with the exception of the treasurer's.

DIFFICULTY OVER PRINTER'S BILL

Mr. A. D. Barker said the finances of the Guild were a serious matter. He had a bill for £92 2s. 9d. for printing the annual reports which he could not meet. Only two Branch quotas had been received and one was considerably lower.

The Master hoped the difficulty was only temporary. When the money from the Branches was received Mr. Barker should be able to pay the printers.

In reply to the Rev. C. Sherwood, Mr. Barker said the printer's charges were 50 per cent. higher.

It was decided that a committee consisting of the officers, with power to co-opt, should consider the position.

Mr. E. F. Gibbard suggested that each Branch should subscribe £2 from its Branch funds to meet the difference in cost. It was pointed out that the meeting had no power to vote Branch funds, but the Master said if Branches acted on Mr. Gibbard's suggestion it would be much appreciated.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, and also the members of the committee with the exception of Mr. B. Hall.

The meeting debated a recommendation from the General Committee 'that in the case of

children still at school, on application by the tower foreman to the Branch secretary, such children may pay half price for annual subscriptions.'

Miss Cross objected to the recommendation. In her own tower they saved the money received from wedding ringing to meet the cost of subscriptions and outings.

The recommendation was defeated by 34 votes to 33.

A number of other amendments to rules were approved.

NEW MEMBERS

The meeting confirmed the election of 205 new members, which included some non-resident members.

Mr. T. J. Fowler said while they were glad to have new members, many were only members for a few months and then lapsed. They got about 200 new members each year but their total membership did not increase. He thought the trouble was that foremen put up youngsters for membership before they were ready.

The Master said there was an old rule that a new member should be able to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, and he felt they should stick to it.

Mr. Gibbard asked for a grant for Winslow tower, where they proposed to augment a ring of six to eight. A grant of £10 was agreed.

Mr. F. Vickers submitted an application on behalf of Buckingham. They were having new headstocks, pulleys, etc., and the cost would be between £300 and £325. A grant of £25 was sanctioned.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon in the hall of Christ Church followed and was attended by the Lord Bishop. The Master presided.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral for the service, to the new president, the Lord Bishop for preaching the sermon, to Mr. Oxley, the deputy organist, and to the general secretary and general treasurer for making the arrangements.

The Lord Bishop thanked the ringers for their welcome and said it was a great privilege to take part in their festival.

The toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. T. W. White, who made a sympathetic reference to the passing of Mr. Harold Poole. Arising from his death it might not be possible for the 1956 Council meeting to be held at Leicester. He understood that the Central Council had not previously visited Oxford, and he wondered if, in the event of such a difficulty arising, the Guild would consider inviting the Council to Oxford.

The suggestion was favourably received and on the proposition of Miss Cross the following resolution was passed: 'Should the Central Council not be able to go to Leicester for the 1956 meeting, the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild extend a cordial invitation to the Council to hold its 1956 meeting at Oxford.'

A collection of photographs of old bells and founders' marks belonging to Mr. Sharpe was on view and attracted considerable attention. Ringing followed in various churches and colleges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WESTBURY-ON-TRYM TRAGEDY

Dear Sir,—I am sure that after the unfortunate and tragic accident in the tower of this Parish Church last week, when a choirboy was trapped and killed by a bell, ringers and tower masters throughout the country will look to you for fair and informed comment, as many of the newspaper reports seem to have been hurried and incomplete.

I should like to make it quite clear that the two choirboys came quietly into the ringing chamber and sat down. Later they were given permission to visit the top of the tower, a ringer of four years' standing being deputised to accompany them while silent practice continued.

The stairs to the top lead past the outside of the bolted door of the bell chamber, and the evidence of the uninjured choirboy at the inquest made it quite plain that he expected to be taken on to the top of the tower, and that he had heard my warning about not leaning on the battlements. Unfortunately, the ringer (who arrived after the boy's original request) concluded that they would like to see the bells and opened the door.

The lesson to be learnt is that verbal instructions are inadequate, and that the physical barrier of a lock and key is a necessity. I am sure that this accident will make each person in charge of a tower even more conscious of his responsibilities.—Yours sincerely,

E. GEORGE, Tower Secretary,
Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church.

RINGING DURING A SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Wills' letter in a recent issue, I venture to say that the Vicar is undoubtedly right. If ringing ceased before Mattins, the congregation assembling for Choral Eucharist would hear no bells. There is really no difficulty about worship accompanied by the sound of bells, and the ringing of bells during an act of worship is by no means without precedent. Unless I am mistaken, the ancient statutes of Exeter Cathedral actually provided for the ringing or chiming of two bells during part of Mattins, viz., the Te Deum. The essential point is that the supreme act of Christian worship should be immediately preceded by the music of the bells.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

BROADCAST—LYME REGIS

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World', heartily congratulate the Lyme Regis band on the top grade ringing in their recent Sunday service broadcast. I am sure many will agree that this is the best striking heard on radio for a very long time.

As a past member of the band I am familiar with the keenness and enthusiasm with which Mr. G. S. Morris and his band have progressed, the first consideration always being a very high standard of striking and, secondly, to progress to the more advanced methods, an ambition every ringer should strive for where circumstances permit.—Yours sincerely,

N. MAILETT.

Barnstaple.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—When Australian bells and ringing come under discussion, the average English ringer generally says, 'Oh, but there isn't much ringing down there, is there?' As one who has recently been 'Down Under', may I do something to correct this impression?

In Sydney there are eight rings of bells. Seven of these are ringable and six out of the seven have active bands. There are also two 'country towers' in New South Wales—Yass and West Maitland, each of which have rings of six.

In Queensland there is only one ringing peal which is at Maryborough, 2,000 (yes, two thousand!) miles from the nearest ringing tower, and yet the Exercise lives on. At Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, the bells of St. John's Cathedral are hung dead in a temporary structure pending the completion of the new central tower.

Of the three rings of bells in Melbourne only St. Paul's Cathedral (13) are rung regularly. St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral are silent for want of a band, and St. James' are unringable owing to faulty hanging. At Bendigo in Victoria the eight bells are rung although the tower sways fantastically. Ballarat has a fine eight at the Town Hall and six (with an additional two trebles hung dead) at St. Peter's. Both of these rings of bells are rung regularly.

Adelaide also has three ringing towers. The eight at the Town Hall have not been rung within living memory, but the new Taylor eight at the Cathedral and the six at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, are far from silent.

There is only one ring of bells in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Two English ringers have taught several of the local lads to handle the bells at St. George's Cathedral, but they are reluctant to risk ringing them as all the bells are badly pitted by years of chiming.

Down in Hobart, Tasmania (separated from the mainland by a day's sailing), there are two rings of eight, at both of which change ringing is practised.

Geelong has an absolutely unringable eight, and I believe that there was also an eight at Bathurst which have been taken down from the tower—in any event, no one can remember them ever having been rung.

In addition to all the centres of tower-bell ringing there is also a handbell group at Echuca, in the Murray Valley, taught by Mr. Bennett, a former English ringer. Handbells are also rung with great enthusiasm in Sydney and at St. Andrew's, Walkerville. Anyone else who has visited Australia can testify to the enthusiasm existing out there, and it is hoped that one day some of the Australian lads will visit England to 'show their paces' on our bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOAN E. M. HILLS.

Grays, Essex.

SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement made by Mr. Woolley in his article under the above heading, can he put me in touch, please, with one or more of those sets of handbells which are serving no useful purpose, as I would like to purchase same for our own belfry where they can be put to good use.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HUCKLE.

Fulwood Place, Barham, Kent.

BOB TRIPLES AT LEISTON

Dear Sir,—May I point out that there is no record of a peal of Bob Triples at Leiston, Suffolk, in the belfry. The tablet that Mr. R. W. Stannard refers to records a peal of 10,304 Bob Major, composed by H. Knights and conducted by J. Motts, on 21st April, 1888, with three other peals—5,376 Bob Major, composed and conducted by G. Lindoff, on December 27th, 1887; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, conducted by G. Lindoff, on January 5th, 1889; 5,024 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed by J. Cox and conducted by G. Lindoff, on January 24th, 1889.

Mr. R. W. Stannard took part in all the above peals, and he leaves me with no doubt that Bob Triples had been previously rung at Leiston by the peals that he mentioned in his letter.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Suffolk.

DANGERS OF CLOCKING

Dear Sir,—Many readers were no doubt astonished to read in the report of an outing in your issue of July 15th that the visiting ringers, finding the five bells at a church unringable, 'clocked' the fourth bell in order to chime. Surely they should know of the danger of cracking a bell by this dangerous practice, and should read the stern warning against clocking given on page 2 of the Central Council's handbook on the preservation of bells.—Yours, etc.

CLEM GLENN.

Nottingham.

LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Why the grinding of the axe re Lavenham tenor? Cecil W. Pipe did not say where a better tenor could be heard.

I have heard Lavenham in the tower, below the tower and at various distances up to three miles away, and for the weight and note I have still to hear a better bell. I, like Mr. Pipe, have travelled the country a bit and rung on and listened to many rings of bells. Give credit where it is due.—Yours, etc.,

FREDERICK A. SALTER.

Nottingham.

PEAL RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—On going through 'The Ringing World' of April 22nd, I see that mention is made of the bells of St. Dionis', then in Fenchurch Street, and it is stated that there have been no peals rung there during the period. I have records of five peals rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, namely:—

1729.—5,184 Grandsire Caters, time not given.

1752.—5,085 Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 15 minutes.

1760.—5,040 Double Ten In. 3 hours 45 minutes.

1785.—5,040 Treble Bob Royal, 3 hours 30 minutes.

1852.—5,079 Stedman Caters, 3 hours 15 minutes.

As the article says, peals have been heard for over 200 years, so it could not be expected all peals would be in the records kept now.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BOTTING.

Ashfield, N.S.W., Australia.

PEAL RINGING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER a series of counties having a large numbers of rings or large numbers of peals to talk about (Kent to Northants, alphabetically), we come to Nottinghamshire, which has neither. There are about 90 rings of bells and only one has had more than 100 peals rung on them. Although in olden days (before the period we are considering commenced) the Sherwood Youths were quite famous (they rang 10,260 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1778), I don't think ringing in the county has ever attained such prominence since, although a preliminary glance at the tower figures seems to suggest that more peals have been rung in the last 10 years than in any comparable period since 1881, which is most encouraging.

The centenarian is St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), which has scored 137 since 1881. Thirty were rung when it was an eight-bell tower up to 1919, but after augmentation it was the most popular peal ringing tower in the county, for 69 came from 1922 to 1939. Since the war, too, it has done well, 38 peals having been rung there, which total is only beaten by one tower—one with six bells—Warsop, all of whose 44 peals have come since 1947. This total of 137 is almost double that of any other tower. The second on the list is Greasley (8), with 75. The first peal here wasn't rung until 1926, so it has done consistently well since then. Thirty-seven came from 1926 to 1939 and 38 from 1943 to 1955—pretty well the same average per year. Stanford-on-Soar's best time was prior to 1914. At this eight-bell tower 57 of its 69 peals were rung from 1896 to 1914—the most in any tower in the county over that period. There were 11 more from 1921 to 1932 and only one since then (last year). So the glories of this ring are found 50 years ago. The same is true of Beeston (8), which has the next most of the eight-bell towers. Thirty-three of the 45 peals came between 1882 and 1914, nine from 1919 to 1927, and odd ones in 1932, 1934 and 1937, and none since. 7,200 of Double Norwich Major was rung here in 1882, which was then the longest peal in the method (the record was surpassed three years later).

FOUR TEN-BELL TOWERS

Before mentioning other eight-bell towers, a few words about those with higher numbers. There are no 12's in the county. Of the four 10's, Nottingham, St. Peter's, has already been mentioned. The other ten-bell tower in that city, St. Mary's, has many old peal records apart from the long length above. In the past 75 years, 58 peals have been rung there, 27 in the last 10 years, so it is going strong now. There were eight prior to 1914 and 23 between the wars. East Retford had a lean time 25 years ago, for only three peals were rung in the 1920's and 1930's. Its heyday was early in our period and 30 peals came from 1891 to 1913. Things have looked up a little since the war and there have been seven peals since 1948. The total is thus 40. The last ten-bell tower, Newark, must be amongst those with the fewest peals in the country, for only two seem to have been rung since 1881—in 1897 and 1913. I expect many ringers would like to have the opportunity of breaking the long silence here.

Turning to eight-bell towers again, one is still virgin territory—Thrumpton. Three have already been mentioned, and following them comes firstly Sutton-on-Trent, where 44 peals have been rung. This was a six-bell tower until 1932 and nine peals had been rung there by that date. Nineteen followed in the next seven years and there have been 16 since 1946.

so it is keeping up a steady average. Of Lenton's 37 peals, 25 came from 1902 to 1914, and there has only been one since 1929—in 1949. I believe the 'go' of these bells leaves a lot to be desired. Twenty of Mansfield's 30 likewise came before 1914, with seven from 1920 to 1933 and three from 1949 to 1953. The same story is repeated at Eastwood (25 peals)—19 from 1905 to 1912, four from 1919 to 1929, and two in 1949. The only two other towers with more than 25 are Daybrook and East Markham, each with 26. Exactly half have been rung since the last war at the first of these, so it is doing better now (first peal in 1903). The latter was a six-bell tower at first, and three peals were rung there between 1899 and 1906. Eighteen came after augmentation between 1925 and 1940, and the remaining five since 1946 (none for five years now). The last peal at Nottingham, All Saints', was in 1905.

SIX-BELL TOWERS FLOURISHING

It seems to be the six-bell towers which have been the most flourishing in recent times. Warsop's 44 since 1947 has been noted above as the highest number of peals at any tower in the county since the war. One six-bell tower has a bigger number of peals than this—actually the fourth of all the rings in the county. It is Gamston, with a total of 61. Twenty-nine were rung from 1927 to 1938 and there have been 32 since 1944, so the good work is continuing. In the 30's are Barnby-in-the-Willows and North Muskham, both with 33, and Cotgrave with 31. At the first, all have been rung since 1935, with 10 since 1945 (there were nine in 1937); at the second, 23 have come since 1946, the first peal here being in 1928, when there were five bells; at the last, we find the peals spread out evenly over the years since the first in 1900. In the 20's are Cuckney (21) and Elston (20). Two towers where a peal has been rung have not been heard this century. Clifton's one and only was in 1898, and Shireoak's in 1896. There are four unconquered towers—Bunney, Laxton, Ossington and North Wheatley.

The best that the five-bell towers can muster is six at Kirkby-in-Ashfield. All were rung between 1928 and 1937. Teversall had three in 1929 and 1930, whilst Cropwell Bishop, Farnsfield, Shelford, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Sutton Bonington and Thrumpton have two each. Eleven of the 23 such towers have not had peals yet.

Peal totals include all published up to April 29th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Aldeburgh (by the sea) is an ideal place for a summer meeting where one can bring one's family and ring, while the family (if non-ringers) can enjoy the breezy beach, but at the meeting of the Saxmundham District on July 2nd at Aldeburgh, the attendance was low, despite the day being warm and sunny.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. with many methods being rung until 8.30 p.m. An adjournment for tea on the sea front at 5 p.m., where the conversation turned from ringing to local fishing, to the absence of one of the lifeboats, to the sea defences and back again to ringing. A short service at 7.30 p.m. was taken by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, a vote of thanks was given for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Pilgrim for arranging the tea. The next meeting will be at Sweffling and Saxmundham in October, the actual date to be announced later.

A. R. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Ingrave Since the War

On July 17th the South-Western Division held their summer quarterly meeting at Ingrave. This is the first time since that war that the Association has visited Ingrave, and for many this was their first pull on this rather noisy five. Thirty-two members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Don Crouchman and her able helpers.

The new Rector of Ingrave (the Rev. Mr. Porter) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Jimmy Adams, a ringing member of Walthamstow, who had died since the last quarterly meeting. Eight new members were elected, including the Rector of Ingrave.

Mr. Chalk put forward the suggestion that the date of the Essex Association's annual general meeting should be changed in order that the Central Council's representatives should not have to miss their own annual general meeting, and it was agreed that this subject should be deferred for further discussion. Mr. Crampin, who had been at Bristol this year, gave the meeting a brief outline of the Central Council's proceedings there.

Mr. Chalk also suggested to the Rector that a scheme should be put in hand for adding a treble bell to the existing five at Ingrave. The Rector replied that present parish commitments, including the building and furnishing of a church on the new estate, made this impossible—at least for the present.

The date of the next divisional meeting was given as August 13th; this is a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association, and both Bethnal Green and Stepney towers will be open. It was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Division be sent to Messrs. A. H. Everitt and E. Roast (Master and secretary respectively of the South-Eastern Division) for the excellent lunch and tea which they and members of the Danbury band provided at Chelmsford this year.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector and organist and the ladies of the parish for making the meeting at Ingrave possible. After tea, ringing continued both here and at Brentwood. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 18s. 9d.

J. E. H.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The July quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at the six-bell tower of Tickenham, the church having the unusual dedication of St. Quiricus and Julietta.

Ringling preceded the Association service, which was conducted by the Rector of Tickenham, the Rev. W. R. Ford, and afterwards a move was made to Clevedon for tea and the business meeting.

One new member from Nailsea was elected, and it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting should be held at Yatton in October, with practice meetings at Clapton-in-Gordano (August) and Butcombe (September). The half-yearly Corporate Communion will be held at Yatton on August 28th.

It was mentioned that a misunderstanding had been caused at one tower in the Branch due to visitors asking the incumbent for the use of the bells at short notice, and after discussion a recommendation was made that intending visitors wishing to use the bells should apply early, at least a week before the date of the proposed visit.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and the organist concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, ringing being under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

Various Notations used in setting down Touches and Peals

By D. BEACHAM

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The various notations used will now be dealt with.

DOUBLES

Extents of Doubles (excluding principles such as Stedman) are always set down by the lead heads as shown in the examples of Bob Doubles. Doubles methods, however, fall into two groups; one, in which the bob is made at the treble's backstroke lead as in Plain Bob; the other, in which the bob is made at the treble's handstroke lead, as in Grandsire. Note that in the Grandsire group the bob is called when the treble is in 3rds.

MINOR

For Minor methods, whether Plain Treble Bob or Surprise, two methods are in general use:—

(1) By the lead heads.

Example: 360 Plain Bob. 23456

The transpositions are:—

Plain lead	Bob lead	Single lead
23456	23456	23456
		45623
35264	23564	45236

Note that a single lead is the same as a bob lead except that the bells in 2nds and 3rds are reversed.

twice repeated

In this touch the tenor is said to be called 'W., R. and W.' twice repeated. When the calling is repeated, the touch or peal is said to be a two-part, three-part, etc. (this one is a three-part), and the last row in each part is called the PART END.

(2) By the bob leads.

For irregular (i.e., not in parts) touches and 720's, the above method is too long and we generally only need to know the bob leads anyway. Set out in bob leads, the above touch would be shown:—

23456	The figures to the right indicate the number of leads between the calls. Here the first bob is at the first lead, and the second is at the fourth lead after that, and so on. Note that the bob marks are not used. If the call is a Single, however, S is written on the left hand side of the row.
23564 1	
45236 4	
45362 1	
P.L. 23456 4	
twice repeated	

N.B.: P.L.—Plain lead.

TRIPLES

GRANDSIRE: Written either by the lead heads or by the bob leads only as already described for Minor.

Example: 167

234567 or by the bob leads: 234567

253746	672453	2
—672453	346572	1
—346572	723654	2
354267	467523	1
—723654	S764523	4
—467523	357264	1
456372	P.L. (325476)	1
435267	The last row is shown bracketed because rounds occur at handstroke.	
423756		
S764523		
—357264		
(325476)		

OTHER TRIPLES METHODS (excluding principles such as Stedman and Erin) use the same methods.

STEDMAN.—See letter.

MAJOR

For all methods on and above eight bells, the COURSE END notation is used. The calls are made so as not to affect the work of the observation bell (the tenor), except in special cases. These calls also keep the tenors together, i.e., 7th always coursing after the 8th in Major, the reason being musical, and these bells therefore ring plain courses all the time except in the special cases which will be dealt with.

Examples of Bob Major.

	1,264			
23456	W	B	M	H
23564		1	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
32456	—	—	S	—
53264	—	1	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—	—
24356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	S	—

in one course without the leads repeating, the number of bobs B. is indicated by a figure. Each bob B. introduces an extra lead into the course.

Thus the first course in the example is produced by calling one bob B. and a bob H.

The first course in the second block is produced by calling bobs at W., M. and H. The lines between the blocks are merely to indicate special features, e.g., different bells being moved into 56 as in the example.

	160			
23456	W	5	4	M
56423	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

The '5ths and 4ths' position is shown in this example. Sometimes the two dashes are replaced by an X. Bobs at '5ths and 4ths' part the tenors for the lead between them, and shorten the course by two leads.

DOUBLE NORWICH

In this method the three bells concerned in the bob making are those in 678. In order, therefore, that the tenor should not be affected by the bobs, they are called when the tenor is below 6ths. The leads in which the tenor is in the position required are the 1st, 4th and 6th. A short course (5 leads) is produced if a bob is called in the 5th lead, at which 7 and 8 dodge together behind. The compositions are thus set out as in the following example:—

	304			
23456	1	4	6	
63524	—	—	S	
52436	S	5		
23456	—	—	—	

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MISS DAPHNE WEBB, OF TEMPLECOMBE, MARRIED

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Templecombe, Somerset, on July 13th, of a barometer to Miss Daphne Webb on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. D. Howcutt, also of Templecombe, which took place three days later at St. Mary's Church.

Miss Webb is a member of the Bath and Wells Association and of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and is well known to many in the Branches. Nearly eight years ago she assisted in the formation of a practice party to confine their efforts to advanced and Surprise methods. She was then a learner in these methods, being only in her middle teens.

Miss Webb rapidly became a valuable instructress and conductor of these methods. The party, drawn from six parishes, numbers ten regulars, of whom four are ladies, with occasional visitors. The practices are held on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year in various towers in turn situated in about 12 miles of Sherborne, Dorset.

The presentation was made by Mrs. M. M. Godley, of Yetminster, one of the party. In handing the gift to Miss Webb she expressed good wishes for her future happiness adding that at the moment one of the hands of the barometer was pointing to 'Change,' which indicated her change of name, and the other to 'Set Fair,' which was a happy omen for her future.

Miss Webb, in reply, thanked the donors for the generous gift and for their good wishes. She would still reside in Templecombe after her marriage.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Mary's, Templecombe, on Saturday, July 16th, in perfect summer weather.

The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Vernon in the absence of the Rector, who was on holiday.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two small bridesmaids. The choir met the bride at the west door and preceded her up the aisle with the singing of 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.' Two other hymns chosen by the bride were sung during the service. The choir concluded the service by singing Psalm 23 set to Crimond.

Wedding bells were ringing merrily before and after the service. Touches during the hour before the service included some of Cambridge Surprise, and after the ceremony a quarter peal in this method was rung. The local ringers were reinforced by several ringers from near and far towers where the bride is well known.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, when among the many telegrams received was one from the local Branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Association and another from the secretary of the Salisbury Branch of Salisbury Guild.

The quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor mentioned above (1,440 changes), was rung by: J. F. Hatchley 1, H. P. Sparks 2, Miss Judy M. Denton 3, T. Marks 4, F. Priddle (conductor) 5, D. V. Gare 6.

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TREBLE BOB

The calling positions used are the same as for Plain Bob except that they come in a different order, i.e., H., M., B., W. Also, all these bobs except the bob B. lengthen the course by one lead for each bob called. Compositions are set down as for Plain Bob.

SURPRISE

Again, compositions are set out in the same way as Plain Bob except that the calling positions occur in a different order depending on the method group. One difference, however, is that a bob B. may produce a short course having less than seven leads. The actual number will depend on the method.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR

We regret to record the passing on July 6th of Mr. John William Taylor—'Old Jack,' as he was affectionately known amongst his friends in the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He was 66 and during the past two years had suffered a painful affliction and had several spells in hospital. A relapse after an operation a few weeks ago brought the end. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to his widow and family.

Jack was a loyal supporter of the church for many years as a bellringer, and his employment as head gardener at the Paybody Hospital Coventry, kept him within earshot of the bells of All Saints', Allesley, where he rang. He learned to ring about 1911 under Mr. Harry Kettle, who was Rector's gardener and Ringing Master of the band until his death in the first war. After the war Jack became Ringing Master and the band grew strong under his leadership.

Apart from a few years at the end of the 1920's and early 1930's Jack retained the office until 1949, his total period as Master being about 25 years. He was also at various times tower secretary and towerkeeper. During his 44 years as a ringer he took part in 112 peals, exactly half of which were rung at All Saints', many on the six bells before they were augmented to eight. All but one of his peals were rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he was elected a member in 1912, and of which he was for many years a committee member.

Among his more notable peal achievements were the first Guild peal of London Minor, which was his first Surprise peal, and the first Guild peal in seven Surprise Minor methods, both at All Saints', Allesley, with a Sunday service band. He preferred to leave the calling to others and only called one peal himself, a peal of Plain Bob Minor, in which his eldest son, John, rang his first peal 'inside.'

The funeral took place at All Saints', Allesley, on July 9th. A touch of Stedman, half-muffled, preceded the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' over the grave. A memorial peal was rung on Thursday, July 14th, conducted by J. W. T. Taylor, 'Old Jack's' eldest son.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 3.
Minor.—Plain Bob 20 (cond. 1), Kent 1, Treble Bob two methods 1, three methods 1, Minor four methods 3, five methods 1, seven methods 6.
Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 23, London 5, Wells 1, seven methods 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 3.
Major.—Plain Bob 14, Kent 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 3.
Surprise Major.—Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 3, Yorkshire 1.
'In hand'.—Doubles: Grandsire 2, Caters: Stedman 10.
Total.—112.

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OPERATION FELMERSHAM

In view of the forthcoming restoration and augmentation of the five bells of Felmersham, Beds, it was decided by two notorious members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to prove or disprove once and for all the ancient legend of the Monks of Odell and the theft of the sixth bell from Felmersham Church. Perhaps a brief outline of the legend is necessary here:—

Way back in the dim and distant days before the Reformation, the wicked monks of Odell one dark night rowed down to Felmersham, and while the village slept, proceeded to convey the aforementioned bell back to their monastery. Their dastardly plan was not to be accomplished, however, for before they had passed the bounds of the parish a great storm arose, their frail craft sank, and they and the bell with it. It is said by some that the bell can be heard on any such dark night to this day, being tolled by the spirits of the drowned monks!

Arriving at the village at midnight, great difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable site from which to commence operations. A dog suffering from insomnia caused our departure from the first base, and galloping horses hastened our retreat from the second. The pitch blackness and the presence of bogs deterred us from trying a third spot. And 'besides, the more portly member of the expedition was near exhaustion.

It being decided that practice at swimming would be necessary, when a certain famous park in Northamptonshire was reached at 1.45 a.m., advantage was taken of the swimming pool therein. This must have had a cooling effect on the pair of adventurers, for by 2.15 a.m. a decision was reached to abandon operations for the night.

Had you been in the vicinity of Felmersham on the afternoon of the following day, you might have seen further antiquarian aquatics on the site of the legendary disaster, and it is understood that most valuable experience was gained there. It is hoped that it will be possible to report favourably in the very near future.

(Since this was written, information has been received that P. Amos has actually seen this bell. He says that it is a 30 cwt. bell, striking a waterlogged D natural, and was cast by the same firm that cast Passenham tenor.)

B. S. C.

Queensland Surprise Major

—34—14—58—16—34—58, 16—16, 38.
8th lead end, 6th bob, f.c.e.'s 32546 & 46253.

5,120 by R. F. B. SPEED

	2	3	4	5	6	F	O	I	H
34625							2		x
23645								2	
36524							2		x
23564								2	
35264									
42356						2			x
52364									4
62345									4
25463									3
35426									x
23456								2	

Rung at Willesden, July 14th, 1955.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Visit to Winterton

The Eastern Branch visited Winterton on July 16th, where, as usual, the welcome from the Rector and the local ringers was very warm, as warm, in fact, as the bright sunshine which prevailed throughout the afternoon.

This isolated coastal village boasts a very tall tower visible over the flat countryside and out to sea for several miles, and the many links existing between church and the seafaring way of life are further strengthened by the fact that certain of the local ringers also belong to the Rocket Life-saving Company, who on wild wintry nights, in concert with local lifeboats, have snatched many a life from a watery grave on these bleak coasts.

The six bells were soon being rung to suit all talents, despite the fact that the stiff climb to the belfry had found many hitherto unknown muscles for some of the members!

The diocesan order of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Harwood) and the 'pressed volunteer' organist was the new Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and lately general secretary of the Association, the Rev. A. G. Thurlow.

After the short business meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) and supported by the Association Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) and members of the committee, the belfry election of Mr. William H. Holdom, of Cromer, was ratified.

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, Gorleston was voted as the venue for the next meeting on October 1st. On the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher the sympathy of the Association was to be conveyed to Mrs. Poole in her recent tragic loss.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the organist and Mr. R. Woodhouse, of the local ringers, for the well-organised tea arrangements.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Favoured with perfect summer weather, the Canterbury District held its quarterly meeting at the Church of St. John, Margate, on July 16th. An attendance of 85 members and friends was recorded, some of them making a day of it, having arranged a coach. The members came from 21 towers in the District, with visiting ringers from Ashford, Sevenoaks and Kempston, Beds.

Ringing was slightly delayed during the afternoon by a wedding, the happy couple having the benefit of a wedding peal without fee. The service in the church was conducted by the curate (the Rev. I. N. Skepper), who, in a short address, welcomed the members to Margate. Through the generosity of the Church Council we were entertained to an excellent tea, even appetites sharpened by the sea failing to clear the tables.

For a short business meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell was in the chair. One new member was elected. Bekebourne gained the vote as the place of the next by-meeting. Pleasure was expressed at the presence of Mr. Frank Pack after his recent successful eye operation. Mrs. Dadds, mother of the local secretary, had made and iced a cake as a prize for the raffle, this being won by Mrs. Bridges, of Broadstairs, the result being a nice little sum added to the funds for the social.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Margate, to the curate, the Church Council, the helpers at the tea and the two churchwardens who had given up their time to be present for the afternoon and evening. Further ringing was held until a late hour, though the ranks were rather thinned by those who had brought their bathing slips, and those who complained that 'ringing is thirsty work in this 'ere 'eat.' And so to the close of another happy time at Margate.

B. J. L.

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BIRTHS

PANTER.—On July 19th, 1955, at Camelot, Pinhoe, Exeter, to Phyllis Irene (née Willington), wife of Wilfred, a daughter (Linda Mary). 6686

THRELFALL.—On July 21st, 1955, at Kingston Hospital, to Frances (née Edgar), wife of Brian D. Threlfall, a daughter. 6692

SILVER WEDDING

HOODLESS—FORVAGUE.—On Aug. 2nd, 1930, Arthur Ernest, to Lillian Edna at Fleet, Lincs. Congratulations and best wishes. — Arthur, Joan and Allan. 6700

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Albert G. Harrison is now: 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk. 6703

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Poole, Peter and Jill would like all ringers and friends to know how greatly they have appreciated all the kind messages, inquiries and loving thoughts they have received during their recent sad bereavement.—The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 6695

MISCELLANEOUS

YORKSHIRE TOUR.—August 13th–20th. A few spare seats available. Details obtainable from A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford. 6682

RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1956.—We wish to thank Association Secretaries for the excellent response to our request for additional information to be included in next year's edition of the Diary. Dates of Guild Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., will be gladly inserted into the Diary section if details could be forwarded to the address given below before August 15th.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6710

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.—There will be no practices during August. 6702

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, July 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, July 30th, 3.30. Preliminary notice: annual dinner, Bridge House, Saturday, November 12th.—A. B. Peck. 6679

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Collins. 6606

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Eaton Bishop, July 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 26th, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 6683

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, on July 30th. Bells (10) at 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea at local Lyons. All members and friends welcome. 6648

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting at Barton Stacey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells available (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Longparish (6) available after tea.—G. K. Dodd and J. A. C. King, Hon. Secs. 6693

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. 6653

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, to W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6704

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Sherborne, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 6701

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Meeting at Holsworthy, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 6698

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 6696

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8), Saturday, Aug. 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. G. Yarborough, Headley Road, Grayshott, Hants.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6684

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6), Aug. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 6694

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton (8), Aug. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, by Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—W. P. G. 6629

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, Aug. 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6682

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at St. James', East Crompton, on Aug. 6th. The bells, recently recast and augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank, will be available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—F. Pritchard. 6691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6677

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Early notifications for tea, please, as number limited.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Beachampton, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (5) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting at West Hadon, Aug. 6th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 6699

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverell (6), Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6708

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Names for tea, by Aug. 3rd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6706

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 6th, St. Austell (8), 6–7 p.m.; St. Stephen-in-Brannel (8) 7.30–9 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6685

BARNLEY and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield, not later than Aug. 10th.—D. Smith and J. Seager, Hon. Secs. 6705

DURHAM and NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Margaret's, Tanfield, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, Church House, Tantobie, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 6707

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Aug. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6687

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by the 10th, please.—B. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne. 6688

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s., from the undersigned. Early application is advised, as numbers are limited.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 6680

Lavenham, Suffolk, Outing

For their 28th 'annual' the Lavenham ringers with their wives and friends spent an enjoyable day in Essex on July 16th.

During the morning, ringing took place at Rayleigh (8) and Thorpe Bay (8). After lunch at the Peverill Restaurant, Southend, ringing took place at Prittlewell (10) and Fobbing (8), followed by tea at Stanford-le-Hope, after which more ringing took place. The last call, Maplestead, was for 'refreshments' and handbell ringing.

Thanks are accorded to the various incumbents, tower captains and those who met the party, also our worthy secretary, Mr. M. T. Symonds. S. H. S.

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At the meeting members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Matthews, of Putney, and Mr. W. H. Passmore, of Tooting. One new member was elected. The warmest congratulations of the meeting were extended to Mr. Gorge Cook, who had now paid his 50th annual subscription to the Surrey Association.

Ringing continued for a short period at Walton, and then for one hour at St. James', Weybridge, a new tower to some of the company, where ringing facilities are difficult to obtain, and finally at St. Mary's, Oatlands Park.

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