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## HAROLD J. POOLE

**T**HE news of the passing of Harold J. Poole, in tragic circumstances, will come as a tremendous shock to those who knew him—hundreds of ringers knew him personally and thousands knew of him by repute because he was a giant among ringers, one of the great men of the Exercise. Ringers everywhere will join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Poole and her family.

Harold Poole had all those attributes that made him the great man he was. As a ringer and conductor there have been few his equal; as an instructor he accomplished marvels. His tremendous enthusiasm infected all his pupils; they established a reputation for 12-bell ringing unsurpassed in the country. But it was not merely in his own tower and among peal ringers that his activities were confined. The same enthusiasm for peal ringing he introduced into the activities of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which became a separate entity largely through his initiative when the Midland Counties Association was divided. As president he did a great work among the young people. Mere instruction is not enough; for a guild to flourish there must be a strong social life. In spirit he was for ever young, joining and inspiring the fun and happiness of those around him. His socials were at times on a big scale. We remember seeing nearly 1,000 people dancing in the de Montford Hall at Leicester at a function his ringers had organised.

There was also the serious side of his character. He realised that ringing was not solely for human enjoyment; it had a great spiritual message to convey to the country. In the Leicester Diocese the understanding between the Church authorities and the ringers was almost ideal. Since 1941 Mr. Poole had been a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, an honour that is unique in English ringing. This friendliness has not only found expression with the support given by the Bishops and Provosts of Leicester to ringers' meetings and festivals, but on one of the happiest days in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Poole the Bishop attended to give the Blessing at the marriage of their daughter, Jill.

By profession he was a policeman. There was the police stamp of authority about him. It was only last November that he retired from the Leicester City Force. For years he had been the prosecuting inspector, sitting almost daily

in the Leicester Courts. He had a deep knowledge of human nature: not a hard impenetrable rock but a sympathetic understanding and a readiness to help those who found life's travel one of difficulty. With those above him he was held in high esteem; with policemen all over the country he was known as a fine colleague. Much of this came through the agency of the National Police Guild of Ringers, of which he was one of the founders. From secretary in this Guild he advanced to president. The annual gatherings of the Guild were very fraternal with the president not only maintaining the standard of ringing but introducing a happy social atmosphere.

It is only natural that Harold Poole, with his brilliant achievements as a ringer and the president of two guilds, should be on the Central Council. Nowhere will his passing be more keenly felt than when the Council meet again. He brought to bear a complete understanding of what the rank and file of the Exercise were thinking. We are not giving away a secret when we mention that at a meeting of the Standing Committee eyes would turn towards him seeking his reaction to the immediate problem. It was the same on the floor of the Council meeting. His views were listened to attentively. At times there would be a bluntness and the spice of humour was invariably near to the surface, but always his advice was sound. When the business of the day was over it was to Harold Poole that the company looked for entertainment. He was undoubtedly the presiding genius at the social evening.

We on this journal remember in particular his tenacious fight at Chester to keep the price of 'The Ringing World' at fourpence. He joined Mr. J. Frank Smallwood on 'The Ringing World' Committee and examined with care the different sides of the problem. Only those behind the scenes know of the really big effort that was made. Harold Poole was particularly anxious that every boy and girl should not begrudge the price of the publication.

Of the pupils of Fred Dexter, Harold Poole was probably the greatest. He moulded him as a ringer and he introduced to him the art of composition. Our news columns give some indication of his accomplishments as a peal ringer, both on tower bells and handbells. The full story will come later with the record of his peals.

Truly, his motto might well have been, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' There was nothing half-hearted about Harold; in all matters he was painstaking and conscientious. May he rest in peace.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon. June 27, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 5
ALAN R. PINK .. .. 2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 6
MARY HOBBS .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 7
*BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of St. Edburga.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Johnson's Variation .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 5
*BRIAN PRATT .. .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 6
JOHN W. WARD .. .. 3	CYRIL A. HURST .. .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Frederick Dench.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	RICHARD G. BELL .. .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 6
*REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. .. 7
*WALTER G. PAUL .. .. 4	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Angela Bell, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, and member of the local band; and also in honour of the engagement of Geoffrey W. Seaman to Miss Shirley Ambler.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation) .. Treble	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. .. 5
FREDERICK G. HINCHIN .. .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 6
ARTHUR T. SHOREY .. .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 7
BRENDA M. SMITH .. .. 4	*JOHN MOORE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since being rehanging and augmented to eight by J. Taylor and Co.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EUNICE HILEY .. .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 5
ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON .. .. 6
*DAVID D. WRIGHT .. .. 3	HERBERT COLCOMBE .. .. 7
E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 4	JAMES F. DODSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES F. DODSON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 2,176 Yorkshire, 1,472 Lincolnshire and 1,408 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. .. 5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	L. JOHN EVANS .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. .. 3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 20).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Rung as a compliment to Canon R. T. Rowlands, who has now completed 21 years as Rector of Llandudno.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In seven methods, being 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Pudsey, 672 Yorkshire and 576 Aldenham, with 130 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ALAN J. BROWN .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
ALAN A. POTTS .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal of Spiced Surprise Major in seven methods for the Guild, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER .. .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	HARRY BARNES .. .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. DALE .. .. 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS (No. 572).

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Barnes (Stainton).

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. 7
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. .. 4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung without previous practice.

A birthday peal for Mr. J. E. Rootes.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH LAWSON .. .. Treble	THOMAS TEMPLEMAN .. .. 5
MRS. W. MAUGHAN .. .. 2	CHARLES LEA .. .. 6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. .. 3	ROBERT BELL .. .. 7
WILLIAM F. SHERATON .. .. 4	WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by WILLIAM MAUGHAN.  
\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.  
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. Wears (former curate of Stranton) on his institution and induction to the living of St. John-the-Evangelist, Merrington, on Thursday, July 7th.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

MIDDLETON'S .. .. Treble	HENRY PARKER .. .. 5
DAVID A. GODFREY .. .. 2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN .. .. 6
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 4	CECIL RADDON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker (July 12th). R. W. Worrall was the best man at the wedding in 1930.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., July 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN .. .. Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 7
A. NEVILLE BROWN .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., July 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

KENNETH L. BROWN .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 6
HERBERT LASKEY .. .. 3	*WALTER FORD .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal of Grandsire. The only other peal of Grandsire on the bells was rung 42 years ago.

SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE .. .. Treble	AUBREY J. PROBERT .. .. 4
THOMAS J. GUNDY .. .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. .. 3	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.  
The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID P. STUBBINGS .. .. Treble	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. .. 4
JANE THORPE .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.  
Rung for the festival of St. Peter.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. .. 2	*GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 5
FRANK E. FAGG .. .. 3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* 75th peal together.

Rung as a farewell peal to Frank E. Fagg, captain of the local band, who is leaving Milton Regis to take up an appointment in Belfast. The band and all members of the Rochester district wish Frank every success in Belfast.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
Consisting of (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Norfolk; (2) York; (3) Durham; (4) Netherseale; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

AMOS INGALL .. .. Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT C. HALL .. .. Treble	*PATRICK L. HATCHER .. .. 4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. .. 2	*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. .. 5
*HARRY J. WHEATLEY .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of 2nd and 5th, and to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc.(Hons.).

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.  
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. Treble CHARLES H. PAGE .. .. 4  
GEORGE H. HALL .. .. 2 EWART H. EDGE .. .. 5  
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 3 ALFRED H. COTTRELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

Rung to commemorate the visitation the previous day of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, D.D.).

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*DAVID D. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. 5
JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL HARROP .. .. Treble	D. M. HAWLEY .. .. 4
SUSAN HARROP .. .. 2	A. SHEPPARD .. .. 5
G. F. TERRY .. .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. F. TERRY.



**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being seven extents, 120 each, of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN..Treble | FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4  
\*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER.. 2 | SIMON L. BARLEY .. 5  
\*GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3 | CHARLES J. COPP .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

\* 25th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. L. Exton, ringing master of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild, and Miss Brenda Wright, whose wedding took place in Newark during the ringing of this peal.

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

*On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*PERCY E. CROWE ..Treble | †LESLIE H. RISEBROW .. 4  
CYRIL POOLEY .. 2 | JOHN R. SMITH .. 5  
†RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 3 | †WILLIAM H. HOLDOM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal.

**SEALE, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat  
\*EUNICE A. HILEY ..Treble | †DUGALD M. MACPHERSON 4  
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2 | JAMES F. DODSON .. 5  
E. JOHN WELLS .. 3 | ERNEST GARDNER .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of Minor and first peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. E. Gardner has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever).

**SHUSTOKE, WARWICKSHIRE.  
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. Cuthbert,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being one 240 by Pitman and 40 120's, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM C. RHODES ..Treble | LESLIE L. WILLIS .. 4  
J. WILLIAM HOVEY .. 2 | GORDON H. LANE .. 5  
DONALD L. HOOPER .. 3 | \*HARRY WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Diocese Jubilee.

**WINTERBOURNE ST. MARTIN, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*(Dorchester Branch.)  
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 10 extents of April Day, 16 extents of Plain Bob, 14 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

\*JOHN W. ROSE ..Treble | \*BETTY J. MARSH .. 4  
\*DOROTHY M. NICE .. 2 | HENRY J. FORD .. 5  
\*GEORGE J. W. ABBOTT .. 3 | †JAMES A. HART .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Miss D. M. Nice, who is leaving the district, and as a birthday compliment to Miss B. J. Marsh.

**RODMERSHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., July 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*ALBERT DUNK ..Treble | GEORGE KENWARD .. 4  
†EDWARD C. BARTON .. 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5  
JOSEPH GRENFED .. 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal including Treble Bob hunt. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Rodmersham (the Rev. Mr. Jacques), who is taking up another appointment.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., July 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged and rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, of Leicester.

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., July 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

IN THE RINGERS' ROOM AT THE MINSTER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (10 different callings).

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 1-2 | \*FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 3-4  
†J. BRYAN SMITH .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal as conductor

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

**THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., July 13, 1955, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Seven different callings.

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3-4  
LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 5-6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

NOTTINGHAM.

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., July 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

At 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE TRIPLES**

Reeves' Variation.

MRS. A. SIMPSON .. 1-2 | BRIAN BUSWELL .. 5-6  
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4 | ALAN SIMPSON .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

The first handbell peal in the method.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Sexton 1, Pamela Law 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, R. D. Brown (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Beryl Reynolds, who will be leaving the parish after her marriage to Jim Sexton on July 9th.

**BOURNE, Lincs.**—On July 2nd, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (576 Beverley and Surfleet, 720 Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. E. Scott 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, A. Wade 5, J. W. Haw 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a farewell to the curate, the Rev. D. T. Russell, M.A., upon his departure to become Rector of Belton, Lincs. Also a wedding compliment to William R. Fayers, one of the local band, who was married the previous day at Preston, Lancs.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On July 10th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bignmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett (first in method as cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Rung for morning service.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On July 11th, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cox (Bramley) 1, W. Lee (Calverley) 2, D. Cox (Bramley) 3, R. Waddington (first quarter, Calverley) 4, P. Dawson (Calverley) 5, D. Thorp (first as cond., Calverley) 6.

**CAMBERWELL, LONDON, S.E.**—At the Church of St. George, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, B. K. Lunn 3, J. Waters 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, E. G. Webb 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for Evensong. A birthday compliment to F. R. L. Blewer.



**COLERNE, WILTS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Clements 1, G. C. Weeks 2, W. J. Gait 3, G. J. Sheppard 4, A. Lee 5, R. O. Fry 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, T. Gray 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**COTTENHAM, CAMBS.**—On June 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denison 1, F. Elsome 2, G. Crisp 3, V. Chamberlain 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. David P. Maurice, son of the Rev. L. S. Maurice (Rector of Cottenham), who was ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On July 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: F. E. Darby 1, W. Williams 2, S. H. Dearden 3, J. H. Crampion 4, J. Waters (longest length of Surprise and Maximus) 5, R. Davies 6, A. G. Mason 7, W. F. Oatway 8, C. G. Watts 9, A. B. Peck 10, J. Phillips 11, F. E. Collins (cond.) 12.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, E. Gees 2, R. Daniels 3, R. Line 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung for the Festival of SS. Peter and Paul.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): P. Down (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell 2, G. Hurrell 3, E. J. Coode 4, F. Richardson 5, C. Philpott 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong and also an 85th birthday compliment to G. Daynes.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Watson 1, T. Stagg 2, R. Rose 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. F. Balaam 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. First in method for 3, 5, 6, 7.

**FRITTIENDEN, KENT.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd and Even Bob One-Part): W. A. J. Knight 1, H. Baker 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (first in method) 4, L. Mannering 5, J. Wallis 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, M. Downes (first quarter) 8.

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Phillips 3, J. Alsopp 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, H. Belcher 7, W. Hibbert 8, T. Setter (cond.) 9, Mrs. P. Lewington 10.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. V. Good 1, W. Ayre (cond.) 2, H. Gates 3, Miss P. A. Martin 4, W. C. Hughes 5, W. B. R. Ellender 6, G. S. Duncan (first in method) 7, D. E. Latchford 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Malley, on his retirement.

**HORBURY, YORKS.**—On July 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, M. B. Schofield 4, W. Sykes 5, P. M. Speck 6. First of Cambridge Minor by 2 and 3.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Cox 1, J. D. Kape 2, A. Heppenstall (first in method) 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

**ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Walters (first in method) 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, D. Gay 4, D. Beecham 5, N. Mallett 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. A compliment to L. Walters on his silver wedding anniversary.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, B. Bissat 2, R. J. Hicks 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, D. Martin 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 60 of Grandsire): A. Atyeo (first in six methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, J. Taylor (first in six methods) 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on the bells since their recent restoration after about 40 years of silence.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 120 each Dedworth I., Dedworth II., Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure and Southrepps Pleasure): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. H. Etherington 5, G. M. Purnell 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Cecil George Kibblewhite, for many years a ringer and chorister at Merrow and interred there that day.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On July 10th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Isobel Dearling 1, N. Small (first in two methods) 2, H. Allen 3, G. R. Drew (first quarter) 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor's wife and father, the 2nd ringer's son and the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston), whose birthdays all fall on the same day, July 5th.



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## QUARTER PEALS

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On July 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Doris 1, Miss D. Atwell 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, D. James 4, J. A. Hoare 5, J. E. Morgan 6, R. E. Coles 7, D. J. King (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, Miss C. Woodward 3, C. Holloway 4, A. Gammon (cond.) 5. Rung before evening service on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.—Also on July 10th, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Miss C. Woodward 2, M. Journeaux 3, A. Gammon 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. Rung after evening service, half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. G. E. Day, Rural Dean of Islip, and Miss M. Mortimer.

**OXFORD.**—On June 12th, at the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Jackson 1, D. H. Niblett 2, D. A. Edwards 3, P. R. Sanders 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart (cond.) 6.

**PENTRE, GLAM.**—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lovett (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, G. Williams 3, K. Jones 4, J. Evans 5, R. Brabham 6, K. Hartnoll 7, H. Crabb 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

**STEPNEY, LONDON, E.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Powell 1, C. Tester 2, H. G. Weedon 3, R. E. Lambert 4, W. Hughes 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, L. Honess 7, W. Manser 8.

**STOCKLAND, DEVON.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Poole 1, H. W. Pearce 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, C. F. Joyce 6.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Thurstans' One-part): Miss I. Holland (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, D. Wight 5, H. C. Allbrow 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On July 3rd, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Muriel Reay 1, G. E. Fearn 2, J. Findon 3, A. J. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, F. C. Lyne (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. Steed 9, W. Cockins 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3, 4 and 5.

**THURSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Nice 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

**TOWNSTAL, DARTMOUTH, DEVON.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Pat Mills 1, Heather Hood 2, A. Newman 3, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, A. Goss 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 6 and first on the bells. Rung for the birth of a son to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, the priest in charge of this church.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, T. V. Pitt (first quarter) 6.

**TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Colbran 1, F. H. Hicks 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, J. H. Howard 4, C. F. Bonnett 5, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 6, E. Constable 7, M. McLeod 8. Rung with 7-8 behind. Rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the dedication of the church.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medway 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, Marjorie Legg 3, J. Tonkin 4, G. Pratt 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for the coming-of-age of Mr. H. Collings, a ringer at the above tower.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Wilcox (first quarter) 1, R. Bullivant 2, Freda Robinson 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Hughes 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, Mrs. J. Moore 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, W. Stevens 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. T. Nough (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd as Vicar.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 26th, at All Saints', Stranton, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Lawson 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss P. James 3, Miss M. James 4, W. Maughan 5, H. Short 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, A. Watson 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4. Rung for evening service.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Holland 1, A. N. Wood 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. Ridgway 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung in memoriam Edwin Yates.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On July 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, V. Chamberlain 2, N. Robinson 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

**WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: A. Jaques 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, P. M. Giles 3, P. E. Ball 4, C. Glenn 5, A. Simpson 6, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 7, H. Cawthorne 8. Rung for Confirmation service.—Also on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjory Twells 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Vallery Tebbut 3, C. Hammond 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, P. M. Giles 6. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to the Royal Agricultural Show, Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

**WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 720 Double Oxford): G. Marchant 1, C. Clarke 2, M. Stone 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, W. Gigg (first in the method) 6. First in two methods of Minor by all.

**WRITTLE, ESSEX.**—On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. J. Came 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, P. W. Saltmarsh 3, E. W. Roast 4, E. E. S. Johnson 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8.

## OBITUARY

### MR. THOMAS H. TOWNSEND

With the passing of Mr. T. H. Townsend, Ely Association has lost another of its old stalwarts.

A native of Tetbury, Glos, he settled in Huntingdonshire in 1898 and at Great Staughton a few years later. He was a keen ringer and when the bells were augmented to six, after the first world war, he soon established a change ringing band. In 1921 he had the unusual experience of conducting the first peal on the bells and the first peal and the first attempt by all the band. It was only Grandsire Doubles, but it earned the following comment from Mr. Goldsmith: 'No matter to what heights these men may climb they will never ring a sweeter peal.'

Tom was very regular in his service ringing, and although he had to work on Sundays he made a point of being in the belfry for both morning and evening service. He was captain of Great Staughton tower until he left the district in 1930. On his retirement, in 1950, he returned to Great Staughton, but failing health prevented him from doing much ringing, though he was still interested right up to the end.

Tom was a great man, always cheerful, and beloved by all who knew him. After his funeral, on July 11th, the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles.

F. W. L.

## OUTING

### TIVERTON, DEVON

Two outings have already been enjoyed this year by members of St. Peter's, Tiverton, and friends. The first was on May 28th, when five six-bell towers in the Dunster Deanery were visited. The first stop was at Exton, high on the hill overlooking Bridgetown and Exmoor, then to Cutcombe, where to the surprise of the party the bells were up. Here there is a ground floor ringing chamber not shut off from the church.

Exford has a modern ring of six, excellent for both tone and 'go.' Then followed the mellow old six at Winsford, and, finally, Brushford, where in spite of the rope of the fourth breaking, some good ringing was enjoyed on this tricky light six.

The annual outing on June 18th was into Somerset proper and five eight-bell towers were the order of the day. At 9.30 a.m. the party were ringing Grandsire and Stedman at Wedmore. Next to Cheddar, where the 'go' of the bells or the sway of the tower upset many, but the locals were quite pleased with the striking, although not up to the Society's usual standard.

Lunch was taken at Weston-super-Mare and then to Congresbury, the heaviest ring of the day. These bells are certainly a handful, but the effort put in was well worth while, some Grandsire and Stedman Triples being successfully brought round. Winscombe, a lighter eight, where some thought the ringing was the best of the day, was next: this lighter ring seemed ideal for a very hot afternoon. Back to Weston for tea and to pick up those who decided to spend the afternoon by the sea, then down the coast to Burnham-on-Sea for one and a half hours' ringing on a lovely Mears eight with some of the local ringers.

Taunton, the final stop, for refreshments, was reached at 9.30 p.m. and home was reached at 10.30 p.m. Thanks are extended to all incumbents and to the local tower captains who met the party.

W. H. W.

### HANDBELLS REPLACE ORGAN

At a special service at St. Mary's Church, Ambrosden, on July 3rd, all the hymns were accompanied on handbells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe's handbell ringers. In all three, octaves of bells were used, the largest being 25 in G. The bells were by many different founders, the oldest being 1696. The lessons were read by ringers—Mr. S. Holtham, Miss S. Clarke, Miss P. J. Ayris and Mr. F. Sharpe. The church was packed for the service.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE OF QUEENBOROUGH RINGER

Eighty-three-years-old Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough, Kent, has celebrated his diamond jubilee as a ringer. Mr. Wood joined the Kent County Association in 1895 and for the past 45 years he has rung regularly for services at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough.

His completion of 60 years' practising membership has been followed by a letter of congratulation from the general secretary of the Kent County Association. The letter states: 'This is a wonderful record of service and loyalty, and it is not wholly surprising that your fellow ringers and the members of the Parochial Church Council are honouring you.

'As you ring the bells in God's name this Sunday, your diamond jubilee as a ringer, you can feel that your achievement is at the heart of our Association's traditions, and that your example will be the inspiration of younger ringers for many years to come.'

A native of Faversham, it was as a boy of 15 that Mr. Wood crept up to the belfry at Selling. He became fascinated by the bells and learned to handle them. He rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee and, since, on the occasion of every Royal birthday, wedding and funeral. Not only does he attend the weekly practice at Queenborough, but most Mondays will also find him at the Sittingbourne practice.

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### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS N.E. Branch in Culm Valley

Towers in the Culm Valley were visited by the N.E. Branch for their meeting on July 2nd at Hemyock, where the service was conducted by the Rector. He told the ringers of the damage done by the clapper of the tenor bell breaking. Although temporary repairs had been effected he asked that ringing should be limited, but hoped that everyone would have a touch on the bells. A Bells Restoration Fund had been started and the collection was devoted to this object. Tea, an excellent spread, was served by the wives of local ringers.

Ringling before the service was at Culmstock, a useful but tricky ring of eight, where some well-struck touches of Triples and Doubles were brought round. After tea and a short ring at Hemyock, the visitors went up the hill to Clayhidon, a tower never previously visited by the Guild, not even by the president, who was among the party. Here two very enjoyable hours were spent on this handy six, methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court and Cambridge. Ringling was under the guidance of Mr. A. G. Selley.

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### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Ringing Festival was held at Launceston on July 9th, with headquarters at St. Stephen's. Other towers open were St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas', Lawhitton, Lezant, St. Giles-in-the-Heath, North Petherwin and North Tamerton. About 70 were present, representing Zennor, Lewannick, Lelant, Landulph, St. Mary Magdalene's and St. Stephen's, Launceston, Crantock, Lezant, St. Dennis, Stratton, Marhamchurch, St. Breock, Menheniot St. Ewe, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, and several visitors. The late hay harvest kept many away.

The president was unfortunately unable to attend, the officials of the Guild being represented by the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Clark) and the secretary (the Rev. H. Trehwella).

Evensong at St. Stephen's was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Gendall), the preacher being Prebendary Guy, of Tavistock; the lessons were read by Mr. E. H. Ransom, one of the ringers at St. Stephen's. An excellent tea was provided and served by the ladies of the parish during which the Ringing Master, introduced by Mr. H. J. Clark as it was his first Diocesan Festival since his election, thanked the Vicar of St. Stephen's and all who had helped to make the festival a success.

Ringling ranged from rounds upwards and much method ringing was heard. It was good to know that this last type of ringing is beginning to be practised in Launceston, whose three noble rings are worthy to be used for the highest forms of the Exercise.

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The next Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on February 26th, 1956.

Steeplekeepers will be intrigued by the following notice that was seen recently on a ground-floor level door giving access to the staircase of a Suffolk church tower:—

'Please fasten this door securely.

Birds building in tower.'

When in hospital Mr. Pack, a Faversham, Kent, ringer, came in contact with another patient from Herne Bay, who had with him a photograph of Mr. John Thomas, of Gloucester, who died on May 7th, 1921, aged 92. This Mr. Thomas assisted in ringing a muffled peal in London at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington in 1852, and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Isaac Emery, who was one of the three veterans attending the College Youths' meeting referred to in this column last week, is 84 years of age. Of the three veterans mentioned, he was the senior College Youth, having been elected on May 2nd, 1891. On his birthday, on June 25th, he was unable to get the band he wanted but he conducted several touches of Grandsire Triples with seven girl ringers at Bromley.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

If the Leicester Diocesan Guild are unable to have the Central Council meeting at Leicester in 1956, the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday empowered its officers to invite the Council to hold its meeting at Oxford, a city which has never previously been visited by the Council.

With a quarter peal at Melbury Osmond on July 8th Mr. E. T. P. Field has rung in all the ringable towers in Dorset.

Mr. Tudor P. Edwards, B.Sc., of Bristol University, recently received heartiest congratulations from his fellow ringers at Pentre, Glam., on his 21st birthday. A quarter peal, in which he participated, was rung in honour of the event.

The tragedy at Westbury-on-Trym, where a choirboy was crushed to death by a falling bell, emphasises the responsibility of ensuring that no unauthorised person enters a ringing chamber. It is incumbent upon all ringers to examine the safety precautions existing in their own tower.

The single bell of Iona Abbey will be heard prior to the services to be broadcast from there at 9.30 a.m. on Sundays in all Home Services on July 24 and 31st and August 7th, the only exceptions being the West Home Service on July 24th and the Midland Home Service on August 7th.

Mr. Harold J. Poole's last peal was arranged specially for Mr. J. W. Cotton, of Overseale, to enable him to ring his 400th peal. 'I shall always remember with gratitude one who so readily arranged and assisted, when not fit, in my 400th peal. We ringers in the Midlands—to say little of the Exercise as a whole—have now suffered a great loss and I a very sincere friend,' writes Mr. Cotton.

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# TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. HAROLD J. POOLE

## *A Brilliant Ringer whose Lustre Enhanced the Exercise in every Direction*

WITH deep regret 'The Ringing World' records the death of Mr. Harold Joseph Poole, of 150, Narborough Road, Leicester, on Thursday, July 14th. In the opinion of the Coroner he acted on a sudden impulse in taking his life, and while the balance of his mind was temporarily disturbed. He was found hanging from a spare rope which had been attached to a spiral staircase in the belfry of Leicester Cathedral.

Mr. Poole, who was 52 years of age, rang his last peal on the evening before his death, in the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. It was Stedman Caters and was called by his son-in-law, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth. Mrs. Poole was also a member of the band. For the past week he had not been his usual self. On the Thursday morning he left home in his car to call for his daughter, Jill, and his little granddaughter. He did not arrive and the police were notified.

### CHIEF CONSTABLE'S TRIBUTE

At the inquest the Chief Constable of Leicester, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, said: 'Inspector Poole was a superbly conscientious officer. On behalf of the Police Force I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Poole and his family. I have known him for 26 years and he was a most able and efficient officer.'

Thus passes one of the most brilliant ringers the Exercise has ever known. He was the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the National Guild of Police Ringers. He had rung approximately 1,250 peals, and last year rang more than 100 peals with his wife.

### INFLUENCE OF F. H. DEXTER

It was while a choirboy at Bitteswell, Leicestershire, a six-bell tower, that Mr. Poole was taught to handle a bell by the verger, Mr. Tom Briggs. In 1917 the family moved to Leicester, and Harold and his father and brother became members of the St. Mary-de-Castro tower. Under the guidance of William Millar, the steeplekeeper, he learned to ring Grandsire Doubles, and for two years his ringing was mainly confined to this method.

The turning point in his ringing career came in July, 1919, when the bells of St. Mary-de-Castro were condemned as unsafe to ring. He was then a member of the choir and it was a choice between ringing and singing. Mr. Poole's choice was ringing and he joined St. Martin's band. Here he came under the very critical ear and eye of Frederick H. Dexter, who quickly realised his aptitude for learning more difficult methods.

His distinguished career as a peal ringer started with Stedman Triples at Stoney Stanton on July 3rd, 1920, and by May, 1923, he had completed his century. Before he was 21 he had conducted the longest length (12.896) of Cambridge Surprise Major, at Stoney Stanton. His second century was completed in 1925, and in November of that year he joined the Leicester City Police Force, with which he served for 29 years.



*The Late Mr. H. J. Poole*

### CONDUCTED G. R. PYE'S 900th PEAL

While attending a detective course at New Scotland Yard in 1930, Mr. Poole rang his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major—one in four methods conducted by the late William Pye. One of his most thrilling week-ends at that time was when he rang his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the Saturday, conducted a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (G. R. Pye's 900th) on the Sunday afternoon, and afterwards rang ten courses of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal on handbells. This was said to be the first time Cambridge Surprise Royal had been rung 'in hand.'

### RINGING MASTER AT CATHEDRAL FOR 18 YEARS

In 1937 when the new ring of 13 bells was installed at Leicester Cathedral Mr. Poole was elected Ringing Master in place of his tutor, Mr. Frederick H. Dexter. This position he held to the time of his death, and there is no question that the band he brought to perfection in Surprise Maximus ringing was the outstanding Sunday Cathedral band in the country.

Among his many individual achievements was being the first person to conduct Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on tower bells and also 'in hand,' and he had also conducted from Minor to Maximus in this method in one day. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques by a police band, and the first of Stedman Cinques by a band of married couples. His 1,000th peal was rung in December, 1952, one of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods, the first time such a peal had ever been rung.

### PRESIDENT OF TWO GUILDS

Mr. Poole combined his outstanding proficiency as a conductor and a peal ringer with the gift of organisation. As a young man he was at one time secretary of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association and also represented that body on the Central

Council. Following the decision in 1946 to divide the Midland Counties Association into three and to form as one part the Leicester Diocesan Guild he was elected the first president. This position he held at the time of his death. His unlimited enthusiasm for social events made annual meetings and dinners of the Guild memorable occasions. Leicester gained a big reputation for its hospitality. With the Lord Bishops and other leading officials of the Diocese he maintained a very friendly contact, and his services to Leicester Cathedral were recognised in 1941 when he was elected a lay canon.

Mr. Poole was also a founder of the Police Guild of Ringers in 1931. For the first 16 years he was honorary secretary and in 1947 he was elected president, a position he still held.

With the Central Council he had a long association and for many years was a member of the Standing Committee. In 1951 he was elected a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee. As a public speaker he spoke with conviction and his views received the closest attention of the Exercise.

The deep sympathy of the Exercise is extended to Mrs. Poole, his daughter, Jill, and son-in-law, Peter J. Staniforth. They constituted a family that did much to advance the progress of change ringing.

The funeral service was held at Leicester Cathedral on Monday.

A service of 'Reconciliation' was held in the Cathedral on Saturday conducted by the Bishop, Dr. R. R. Williams, assisted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong.

### AN APPRECIATION

Consternation, bewilderment and tragic shock greeted the Leicester Cathedral ringers on their arrival at the Cathedral for the usual Thursday evening practice on July 14th. It was a stunning blow difficult to realise, as only the previous evening he had rung in a peal at Loughborough without any indication of the tragedy so soon to follow. His brilliant brain must have snapped with startling suddenness.

As a ringer he stood on a pedestal with the very few. I counted him as a great personal friend throughout his ringing career and his police service. His natural aptitude as a ringer was brought to perfection by Fred Dexter, who was very proud of his pupil and very pleased to see him take over the leadership of the Cathedral band. His genius as such is well known. He inspired ordinary ringers to effort and achievement which has never been surpassed. In everything he did or undertook he displayed an enthusiasm and thoroughness which guaranteed full success. These qualifications were in evidence in work and play.

His domestic life was also a shining example of affection and happiness and to those who mourn their loss the sympathies of a host of ringing friends will be extended.

As a lay canon of the Cathedral he was respected by all with whom he came in contact. His Christianity was the real thing, a practical Christianity which showed itself in many ways without ostentation or thought of appreciation. He could be exacting inasmuch as nothing but the best sufficed, but there was always a tolerant kindness which earned the respect of all with whom he dealt. Our loss is irreparable but his shining example will live with us, and must be our inspiration to carry on.

Leicester.

H. G. J.



# WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

## RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE PULLINGER FROM MASTERSHIP

**T**HE annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke on July 2nd was well attended, all Districts of the Guild being represented, together with visitors from Chilvers Coton, Beaconsfield, Checkendon and Salisbury. The bells at many of the surrounding towers were available during the day, and the Guild's service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke. The address was given by the Rev. D. A. Oliphant, Vicar of Yateley.

A meat tea was provided in Church Cottage after which the general meeting was held presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger) and supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed). The Master welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Guild and made special mention of the presence of those ringers from various towers who are now attached to Southampton University and take an active part in the Guild's affairs. Apologies expressing their inability to attend were received from several members.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted, the general secretary expressing his regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances the printers had not been able to distribute the annual reports in order that members could have been in possession of them before the meeting.

### IMPROVED FINANCES

In the absence of the report, copies of the accounts were passed round and exhibited whilst the treasurer explained the items in detail. An improvement in the Guild's financial position was revealed, showing a balance of £133, excluding investments in Defence Bonds and War Savings and moneys held by District secretaries. He attributed the improvement to (1) decrease in cost of reports by adopting an abridged form; (2) no schemes entailing expense; (3) slightly increased membership; (4) increase in dues from Districts. He was pleased to report that the juvenile membership of the Guild was now over 60. The report, as circulated, was adopted.

The general secretary read the joint report of the Guild officers.

From reports received from the various Districts quite a useful and encouraging year had been spent, which must have given the District secretaries a considerable amount of satisfaction, especially in the knowledge that the juvenile membership was steadily increasing. A special word of praise was due to the Andover District in increasing its ringing members by 36 and honorary members by 11, also to the Basingstoke District, which reported an increase of 26 ringing members. It was to be hoped that this would be spread over all Districts during the coming year.

The overall membership showed a slight decrease but with a united effort this could be remedied to show a definite increase.

The finances had shown a greater stability during the year, due in no small measure to the decision to economise on annual reports, which showed a saving of £29. A further supply of badges was obtained but due to steady sales a profit was shown on the Trad-

ing Account, together with Guild certificates. Little restoration work had been reported during the year but the Guild wished success to Preston Candover in their effort to recast and augment their bells, and also to Old Alresford where it was hoped to raise sufficient funds to rehang the present ring.

An inspection of the statistics presented by the recorder of peals showed that a varied and useful year had been spent. The District secretaries reported that more quarter peals had been rung, many for Sunday services.

'It is to be hoped that members will support their District secretary with their presence at District meetings. In many cases these meetings would have met with little success had they not been supported by ringers outside of the Districts, much as their presence is both welcomed and appreciated. We should like to commend to all the desirability of supporting our only national journal, "The Ringing World." The editor and editorial committee have a difficult task in covering all aspects and catering for all tastes in our art, but we are sure that ringing would suffer a severe set-back if, through lack of support, it had to cease publication.

'We much appreciated the portrait of the late Master (Mr. George Williams), which our late treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) presented to the Guild.'

The recorder of peals (Mr. N. Hayes), in presenting his report, said that during 1954, 48 tower bell and 17 handbell peals had been rung compared with 52 and 14 respectively in 1953. Ten new methods for the Guild had been rung, among them Southwell and Winchester Surprise, being the first ever rung. For the first time peals had been rung on the bells at Baughurst and Kingsclere. The peals recorder intimated that he would not be seeking re-election, and after the meeting had accepted his report he was heartily thanked for his past services in connection with this office.

The librarian (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead), in his report, mentioned that the handbells needed an overhaul of straps, and the meeting empowered the Executive to invite tenders for renewal of straps and to proceed with the work if the estimate was considered reasonable.

A report of the Central Council proceedings at Bristol was presented by one of the Guild's representatives, Mr. C. H. Kippin, and supported by the other three representatives who attended the meeting.

### CHANGES IN GUILD OFFICERS

The Master (Mr. George Pullinger) expressed his definite wish to relinquish his office. He said he would be retiring soon in private life and he considered that now was the time to make the change. Mr. Kippin proposed that a record be placed in the minutes of the great work done by the Master, and this was endorsed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. N. Andrews proposed that the Master's work be recognised in a fitting manner by electing him a vice-president of the Guild. This was received with acclamation, and Mr. Pullinger feelingly responded and thanked the members for the honour bestowed on him.

The general secretary had given his intention to resign from his present office for some months, and the members, on the proposition of Mr. Kippin, invited him to accept the vacant Mastership. After some consideration he agreed to the nomination and as there were no other nominations he was elected Master.

In thanking the meeting for their confidence, he paid a personal tribute to the work done by Mr. Pullinger for the Guild, both as Master and before that as general secretary, and trusted that he (personally) would be able to serve the Guild equally as efficiently as his predecessors.

Mr. J. C. A. King (Winchester) was invited to accept the post of general secretary. He said that if it was the wish of the members he would be happy to serve in that capacity. He was unanimously elected.

Mr. R. A. Reed was re-elected general treasurer, Mr. L. Bailey general auditor, and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead librarian. Mr. J. M. Lakin was elected in place of Mr. N. Hayes as recorder of peals.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on July 7th, 1956.

A suggestion to hold the annual general meetings alternately in each District of the Guild was referred to the Executive for consideration, as it would necessitate amending Rule 5.

### PRESTON CANDOVER BELLS

The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth announced that the restored bells at Preston Candover would be opened to ringers on October 22nd. Mr. King appealed for the restoration being carried out on the six bells at Old Alresford and a sum of five guineas was granted from the Special Purposes Fund to this project. Mr. Brinkworth also mentioned that a scheme was afoot to restore Brown Candover bells.

At the conclusion of the business votes of thanks were accorded Mr. J. Chesterman, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the ladies who officiated at tea and the organists and incumbents of all churches who had granted the use of their bells to the members.

The bells of the various churches were again made use of during the evening.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 2nd, a meeting of the Eastern District was held at the Parish Church of St. Hilda, South Shields. Contrary to the usual inclement weather, brilliant sunshine shone through the circular window and illuminated the ringing chamber where there were gathered ringers from various towers in Northumberland and Durham. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Richmond, North Yorks, and Poole, Dorset.

Unfortunately, the Vicar (Canon M. N. Coates) was unable to be present at the meeting owing to other engagements, but on his return in the evening he came up into the belfry to welcome the ringers.

The ringing was somewhat curtailed during the afternoon on account of the stallholders in the Market Square, but after tea there was no opposition and we were able to ring until 9 p.m.

The next meeting is to be held at West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), when the predominant method will be Stedman Caters. J. B. S.

Mr. T. J. Fowler is writing his reminiscences of 57 years in Cookham. This vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, we are certain, will have something interesting to say about ringing. He cannot keep it out.



## LETTERS

## A LEAD OF PRIMROSE IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir.—Mr. Barnett's supposition about the introduction of the lead of Primrose into the composition of Cambridge is correct, it 'by-passes' false leads in course with tenors parted. I see nothing objectionable in it; there is nothing there which is not Cambridge, and in a method such as this, which has so few good compositions available, is justified. Middleton's, good as it is, must become dreadfully monotonous after ringing it a few dozen times.

Further, I think the introduction of a lead of Primrose at the start of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, thus bringing up the 'Wrong' the first lead, is the best means of shortening it to 5.040; we did this once at Ipswich.—Yours sincerely,  
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.  
Ipswich.

## LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pipe's outburst on Lavenham tenor was in bad taste. No doubt he wants to extol the virtues of some other bell. Envious controversy, to my mind, is harmful to the Exercise. Few, if any of us, are qualified to make comparisons and we do not want a long drawn-out argument on this matter. So please, Mr. Pipe—pipe down.—Yours, etc.,  
Cuckfield. R. V. JOHNSON.

## 'NOT A BETTER BELL'

Dear Sir.—It always appears to me rather ridiculous and sometimes childish to criticise without reason.

So perhaps Cecil W. Pipe will add a little reason to his criticism of Lavenham tenor and inform ringers where better tenors are to be found and why they are better.

During my 40 years as a ringer I have not heard a better-toned bell; until I do I shall believe the 300-years-old myth which Cecil W. Pipe wants exploding—mind the blast, sir.—Yours faithfully,  
R. NEWMAN.  
Holloway, N.7.

## Four Generations Ring Together

Horsham, Sussex.—On Sunday, July 3rd, 72 changes of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: Jean F. Barnett (age 12) 1, F. Bennett (age 86½) 2, Mrs. O. D. Barnett 3, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4, E. Barnett 5, E. A. Barnett 6, F. I. Hairs 7.

The ringers of the first four bells are four generations and it is believed to be the first occasion this has taken place. They are respectively the treble ringer's great-grandfather, mother and grandmother, and the other ringers were her father and two grandfathers; in all, four sets of three generations were included.

The band are very grateful to the Horsham ringers for allowing them to come at rather short notice, and glad to have joined them in the normal service ringing afterwards. In the course of this the oldest member of the party proved that he could still call Stedman Triples without any difficulty.

## 5,024 Lutterworth Surprise Major

By C. W. WOOLLEY  
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## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

## Visit to Tanworth-in-Arden

A very enjoyable meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in beautiful summer weather in the pleasant village of Tanworth-in-Arden on July 2nd.

An apology was read from the Rev. D. W. Lee, Vicar of Tanworth, who regretted his inability to attend, which was due to the holding of the Sunday School festival on that date. The only room in the village was booked for the children's tea, so the members of the Guild accepted the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones to tea, and to hold the meeting at their residence. As the Master remarked, they were not sorry that the Village Hall was in use, so well were they provided for by their host and hostess.

Several members visited Henley-in-Arden to ring, at the request of the Vicar, for the village fete, and transport was provided by the Jones brothers for the four miles which separate the two villages.

At the meeting the Master referred to the death of Frederick W. Rishworth, who had been a ringer at Perry Barr and Aston Parish Church since he came to Birmingham from Yorkshire some 40 years ago. He had regularly attended the meetings of the Guild, and his loss is much regretted.

Two life members had passed away since the last meeting—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and William H. Passmore, of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The members stood in silence for a short time as a token of respect to their memory.

The tower election of Mr. Robert A. Southwood, of Plymouth, as a life member was duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Yardley Parish Church on October 1st.

The secretary informed the meeting that the date of the next Henry Johnson commemorative dinner would be February 26th, as the Connaught Room was already booked for the first Saturday in March.

The meeting closed with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jones for arranging a superb tea and for placing their home at the disposal of the members of the Guild.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

## A Summer's Day at Grundisburgh

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Grundisburgh on July 16th and was fairly well attended. Ringing commenced on the 'pretty six' (1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10) with a good course of Cambridge Minor, which was followed by methods ranging from Bob Major to London and Bristol and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

In the burning sunshine cool drinks were served under the churchyard giant beech tree and tea was later taken on the Rectory lawn.

At the business meeting Mr. Charles J. Sedgley referred to the sad news of Mr. Harold J. Poole and spoke to the members of his greatness as a ringer. All stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

The next meeting will be at Beccles on September 24th, when it is hoped many will avail themselves of the opportunity to ring on one of the finest rings in the Eastern Counties.

C. W. P.

## CHOIRBOY CRUSHED BY BELL

## Accident at Westbury-on-Trym

A boy chorister, Richard Egan (15), of 15, Elderberry Walk, Westbury-on-Trym, was crushed by a 15-cwt. bell in the tower of Holy Trinity, Westbury-on-Trym, Glos, on July 12th. This tower has a ring of six with a tenor of 23½ cwt.

The accident happened about 8 p.m. after choir practice. Egan and his companion went to the ringing room at the foot of the tower. Richard asked the tower master, Mr. Edwin George, if they could go to the top of the tower. Then Peter Adams, an 18-years-old student, came in, and at Mr. George's request, raised No. 4 bell to the ringing position, ready for the evening practice.

Mr. George asked Adams to take the boys up, assuming that they were going up to the top of the tower to see the view. At the inquest Adams told the Coroner that he misunderstood what Mr. George said and thought he was to show the boys the bells, as he had done before.

Fifty feet below Mr. George pulled off the bell and it crashed against Richard, pinning him by the chest against an iron girder.

Mr. George ran up the stairs and found Adams trying to pull the bell back from the boy.

Police and firemen were summoned and Fireman S. Morgan climbed into the bell chamber carrying a giant iron jack. Working in the confined space and semi-darkness rescuers eventually managed to prise the bell away. Oxygen breathing apparatus was called for, but the boy was dead.

A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned. Precautionary measures are to be taken as to future admissions to the tower.

## Wedding of Mr. W. L. Exton

Saturday, July 9th, was a day of great rejoicing in Newark, when that very busy gentleman, the Ringing Master of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild, Deputy Ringing Master of Newark Parish Church and 'Ringing World' correspondent, namely, Mr. W. L. Exton, found time to get married to Miss Brenda Wright.

The Parish Church ringers rang a 'wedding touch' as the happy couple came from church, and a few miles away at North Muskham a peal was in progress during the time of the wedding ceremony, rung by a representative band of the Southwell Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Exton spent their honeymoon at Chapel St. Leonard, Lincs, where, it is understood, there are no ringable bells within a radius of about ten miles!

## A Colchester Ringing Wedding

Mr. Peter G. Barnes, a member of Ardleigh tower, and Miss Rosemary W. Sollis, of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, were married on Saturday, June 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, Colchester.

The bride, who wore a dress of white figured taffeta and carried a bouquet of red roses, was given away by her uncle. She was attended by four bridesmaids.

After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon in North Devon.

On their return the following quarter peal was rung to honour the happy occasion:—Wednesday, July 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eva Appleby (chief bridesmaid) 1, Rosemary Barnes 2, B. Fairhead 3, F. Oliver 4, G. W. Barnes 5, P. G. Barnes (conductor) 6.

The many presents included a fish cutlery set from St. Leonard's choir and ringers and a bedside cabinet from Ardleigh ringers.



# PEAL RINGING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

**N**ORTHAMPTONSHIRE is one of the counties which has a much higher proportion of six- and five-bell towers than eight and upwards. Out of 198 rings, only 30 are eights and tens (there are two of the latter). It will be no surprise, therefore, to find that more six- and five-bell peals have been rung in the county than eight- and ten-bell peals. Actually, the approximate number is 1,150 as against 1,100. The latter number would be very considerably reduced if one tower is ignored—Irthlingborough, for there have been nearly three times as many peals there as at any other tower. Its total is 227 and it is the only tower which has passed the century. It was most prominent 50 years ago, for 168 peals were rung from the first in 1894 up to 1916—about eight a year average. After the war less than three a year were rung, for only 53 came from 1919 to 1939. Even so this was a higher total than at any other tower in the county. Since the last war there have only been six, which means a smaller average still.

The tower which comes next in numbers, Higham Ferrers, shows a very similar history. Out of its total of 91, 68 were rung between 1893 and 1914, there were 19 from 1919 to 1935, and there have been four since 1951. The next two towers both had six bells at the beginning of the period under consideration (1881 onwards). They are Raunds and Wicken. The first peal rung in the county in the period came from the former tower in 1883, and ten were rung on the six before the trebles were added in the 1890's. Then came 35 from 1898 to 1914, 26 between the wars and only six since, making a total of 77. Wicken was not augmented until 1922, by which time there had been 15 on the bells, commencing in 1905. The 40 peals which were rung from 1922 to 1939 made it the second most popular tower in the county during that period. It is still going strong, for 20 peals have come since 1944—easily the most of any tower since the war.

## TWO TEN-BELL TOWERS

It is convenient to take the two ten-bell towers next for their peal totals come more or less next in order. They are Kettering and Northampton, St. Giles'. The former was an eight-bell tower at first, and 43 of its 73 peals were rung there before 1914—its best period. Two more were rung in 1921 before augmentation and there followed 20 up to 1937. There have been eight since the war. St. Giles' has had a rather more consistent history than most towers, even though its peal total is not high—60. Twenty-one came from 1898 to 1913, 32 from 1919 to 1932, and seven from 1946 to 1951 (none since).

Actually a six-bell tower comes next after Kettering—Isham, with 67 peals. Here, too, ringing has been fairly consistent with a slightly better average at first than since. The first peal recorded was in 1906 and 29 were rung before the first war. Thirty-one came between the wars, and seven since 1947 have appeared in 'The Ringing World' columns.

Thrapston (8) has 61 peals, spread evenly over the past 60 years with the usual gaps for the wars. Northampton, St. Edmund's (8), shows a similar history also, but the first peal was earlier, in 1889, and there have been only four since the war. Burton Latimer (8) also has 60. As a six-bell tower, 11 peals were rung between 1903 and 1913. After the trebles were added it became one of the most popular towers in the county, and 37 peals were rung there before the last war. There have been 12 since 1947 and only one or two towers can beat this post-war figure. Two other towers have passed the 50 mark in the county and both have 55 peals. They are Finedon (8), whose best period was before the first war (32 peals then and only two since 1936), and a six-bell tower—Cranford. The average here was also better prior to 1914, for 25 of the peals came in the seven years from 1907 to 1914. There were 23 from 1919 to 1932, after which silence for 15 years, and seven peals recently.

In the 40's are Peterborough, St. Mary's (6), with 48, Rothwell (8) with 45, and Great Addington (6) with 42. All registered their first peals at the beginning of the century and have appeared at regular intervals in the peal columns since. The 14 peals at the Peterborough tower make it the second highest in the number of peals since the last war.

## TOWERS UNCONQUERED

All the eight-bell towers have had a peal or peals rung at them—Aynhoe's one and only being as long ago as 1901. The only previous peal at Rushden before the one in 1953 was in 1885, when it had six bells. Although there are 73 six-bell towers in the county only two remain virgin territory—Barnack and Cottesbrooke. The proportion of five-bell towers which have been conquered is likewise very high, only 27 out of 96 remaining. The only counties with comparable numbers of five-bell towers are Norfolk (80) and Suffolk (98). At the former, 47 are still unconquered, as mentioned in the last article, whilst in Suffolk 53 have not had a peal yet. So Northamptonshire can well be proud of this record. Before coming on to make special mention of the five-bell towers one or two more of the six-bell towers must be mentioned. Ringstead and Weekley both have had 30 peals rung at them, Cogenhoe, Islip and Rushton 26. The latter two have only been heard once or twice in the past 25 years. Glinton (21) and Mears Ashby (20) complete the six-bell towers which have reached 20 peals.

Very special mention must be made of the five-bell towers, for peal ringing on these has been higher than in any other county. I said in a previous article that few such towers in the country had reached double figures—the number is only 17 in all at the moment. Eight of these towers are in Northamptonshire—practically half, in other words. They include the only three five-bell towers which have recorded more than 20 peals. They are Warkton with 32, Barton Segrave 29 and Pytchley 22. Barton

Segrave headed the list for a long time, for 14 of the peals were rung prior to 1914 and 13 between the wars. There has only been one since. Warkton's total was five in 1914 and 25 in 1938, but the seven since the war have enabled it to take the lead. Pytchley has only had two since 1945 the bulk (17) having been rung from 1919 to 1939. The other towers with more than ten peals are Weston Favell (14), Grafton Underwood and Oringsbury (12), Easton Maudit (11) and Roade (11). The last named is doing very well since it is a new ring. Alderton, Bozeat and Stanwick each with eight, should soon join the above select company. Peal totals include all that have appeared in the ringing Press up to April 22nd inclusive.

In the middle of writing the above article, I received a letter from Mr. P. Amos in his usual fiery vein! In the part concerning my articles, he suggested I might give a wrong impression about peal ringing activities in Northants and Rutland, since some peals rung were never published because of certain differences with the local Guild. (What a pity that people can't 'agree to differ' in a friendly way.) However, even though this be so, I don't think that the overall picture will be very different. I can't think that any unpublished peals would be as much as five per cent. (i.e., 100 peals), in which case they wouldn't make much difference. I should, however, be very grateful if Mr. Amos, or others, could kindly let me know of such unpublished peals for my records. My object is to hand on to posterity as complete a record as possible of all the peals that have ever been rung.

## ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, ALDERNEY

Alderney, perhaps one of the most beautiful of the Channel Islands, has in St. Anne's Church a ring of six bells. The church, built in 1850 after the Early English style, was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, and has a large central tower, in which the bells are hung. They were originally cast by Mears in 1852.

In 1940 the Germans invaded Alderney, and the island, after complete evacuation, was turned into a concentration camp. The bells were removed, one was left in the churchyard, another in Braye Harbour and the other four were removed to France to be melted down. By some stroke of luck they were found in Cherbourg by the Allies and were returned to St. Anne's.

Two bells were cracked, but the other four were hung on a wooden frame in the churchyard and chimed for service. The Islanders, of whom there are nearly 1,300, first undertook to repair their church, but in 1953 the great day arrived when the bells were recast by John Taylor and Co., at a cost of £1,370. The bells are inscribed:—

Treble.—'The Time is Short,' in memory of B. B., H. B. and R. Bickerton.  
2nd.—'Watch and Pray always.'  
3rd.—'O Come let us Worship.'  
4th.—'Praise ye the Lord.'  
5th.—'In everything give thanks in memory of F. L. Impey.'  
Tenor.—'All things are ready.' In memory of Daisy Mignot.

A very pleasant chime of bells, tenor 12 cwt. It is a pity they cannot be rung to changes.

I should like to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. D. Pitts) for certain information contained herein. J. A. H.



# EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

**Q**UERY has been raised in the past as to the church with the lightest ring of five bells; Foots Cray, Kent with its 3½ cwt. tenor, has been claimed. Should a treble be added at some time in the future, this must have a very close rival in Wansford, near Peterborough, for the tenor of these four is but 24 inches across the lip and reported to be three cwt.

The frame at Wansford dates back many years and in 1897 wooden props were erected in each corner of this upstairs belfry from its floor up to the old oak frame (for four bells) above to support it, truly a patch-up job! In that same year (1897) enthusiasm evidently ran high to add the two other bells—the present treble and tenor which Messrs. Taylors cast. An entirely new frame would certainly have saved what must very shortly be a scheme of complete restoration if these bells are to be prevented from crashing under their own weight, light as they be, for the old frame to-day is so riddled with death watch beetle and wood worm that it can have but a very short life. The broach steeple has recently had £650 spent upon its exterior.

The two middle bells were both originally circa 1520, by Mellor, of Nottingham, but only the third is to-day untouched; the second was, in 1868, recast by Messrs. Warners, of London. Much rubbish adorned this steeple when I visited it in August, 1954, my second visit.

## UFFORD

Not far from here is Ufford, where, in 1896, Messrs. Taylors installed a new 'H' metal frame. The treble to the existing three bells (tenor 11 cwt.), being cracked, was recast, and a new treble added to make four. The present third and tenor are ascribed to John Sanders, who owned the Reading bellfoundry from 1539 to 1559. It is doubtful if they will ever (during the present incumbency) be augmented, for this living now goes with Barnack, where the present incumbent is content to let the disgraceful state of affairs remain.

Six bells are in this noted steeple, the tower of which is truly Saxon. Only five bells are, however, hung for ringing, and these in 1935 were immobilised by removal of the ropes, the pulleys and the sliders, together with the floor immediately beneath, leaving an open drop to the new concrete belfry floor below, where a chiming apparatus is installed. At the same time a new bell of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. sounding the note of a tenor to the old five (which are a minor five) was added, suspended stationary on an oak beam and triangular oak frame on its own in one corner of the tower, used only for the clock and chimes.

Some £2,000 was spent from his own purse by the then Rector (Canon Fry) upon all this work as a memorial to a relative. Fortunately the wheels of the five are still intact, and their oak frame (in good condition) was repaired in 1897 when they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, who also cast the new clock bell in 1935. From a ringer's point of view the money could have been more wisely spent, especially as the tower and spire were strength-

ened from top to bottom at the same time, and is equally as strong as is the other well-known Saxon tower, Earl's Barton, which (also in 1935) had its six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) rehung and two trebles added.

When I spoke to the Rector of Barnack once about restoring the pulleys, the slides, putting the floor back and replacing the ropes I was told that 'the population had accepted the present state, and there was no likelihood of going back to the old period, as there were no ringers.' The tenor of the old five is a pre-Reformation bell, possibly by John de Colsale, of Nottingham, circa 1410. In Barnack steeple one cannot help thinking of the words of the hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life'! Let us hope they will one day change for the better.

I must now proceed to another story of almost equal interest concerning a steeple in Peterborough, St. Mark's. Here is a church built in 1856 with a fine tower and spire capable of eight bells with a tenor of 10-15 cwt. In it is but one small bell, 19 inches diameter, cast by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, of London, 1856.

## INVESTIGATING A BEQUEST

Rumour has had it for a number of years (I had it told to me 30 years ago by the late Mr. Waldron, of Peterborough) that as far back as 1889 (or thereabouts) an old lady parishioner left a sum of money to this church on condition that it never had bells.

A short time ago I contacted the present Vicar to ascertain the truth of this story, as neither Mr. Waldron nor anyone else seemed ever to be able to name 'the old lady making this bequest.'

The reply came: 'Dear Mr. Amos, No such bequest has ever been made to St. Mark's, Peterborough. I have looked up the facts of the case for you, and it appears that many years ago a scheme was launched to have a ring of bells. But when a faculty was applied for it met with such strong opposition from residents in the neighbourhood that it had to be dropped. St. Mark's people have accepted the position and there seems little likelihood that it will ever be raised again.'

To this I replied: 'Thank you for your help and information, but I hope future generations (nor present, for that matter) at St. Mark's will not content themselves to be tied down to decisions of their forefathers, in this case wholly contrary to the words of a hymn so often sung, "Soldiers of the Cross arise, gird you with your armour bright." Compared with a ring of bells, the armour of one bell is certainly very dull'! Maybe this comment would be passed on to the Parochial Church Council—I hope it was!

## PETERBOROUGH'S BELLS

Peterborough has several churches with only one bell—All Saints', 1891; St. Paul's, 1868; and St. Barnabas', 1900. Those of the first two have towers, but the one at St. Barnabas' is hung on a wooden framework from the ground outside, and chimed from the inside—a cheap, ugly looking contraption.

St. Mary's, Peterborough, is well known to ringers. But I must refute the weight of the tenor of this Warner ring of 1887 (six bells in a saddleback tower) which has varied from time to time. Its correct weight is 8 cwt. 3 lb., not 9 cwt., 8½ cwt., and so on!

St. John's, Peterborough, is also well known, but not well known are its bells and history. There was in this stately tower before 1675, five bells only, which Tobie Norris II. recast in 1675, together with a sanctus bell. They were recast again in 1808 by William Dobson, of Downham.

Although pleasant to ring, they strike one as being thin on first hearing them. The tenor is 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp, which tells its own story, for most bells in C sharp are several cwt. heavier. The seventh cracked in the late 1920's and in 1930 had to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Previously they had been rehung in a new metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1910, the two trebles being recast at the same time.

## WYLDBORE'S DAY

Matthew Wyldbore, one time Member of Parliament, who died on March 15th, 1781, by his will 'bequeathed an annuity of £5 to be paid for entertainment to the ringers on condition that they ring one or more peals on the anniversary of the date of his death.' 'Wyldbore Day' was a regular feature of ringing for many years. The money is vested in the Vicar and churchwardens.

Nearby is one of the noblest of Norman Cathedrals to be seen anywhere. Prior to 1540 it was an abbey church to Lincoln Cathedral—the Peterborough Diocese then being part of the See of Lincoln. At the dissolution of the monasteries an inventory was taken on November 30th, 1539, of all the furnishings of the Abbey, which showed: 'In chapel of Low, 3 bells. In infirmary chapel one small bell. In the two steeples at the front, 10 bells.'

Those of the chapel of Low and the one of the infirmary were evidently sold soon after the dissolution, but the other 10 were allowed to remain. At the time of the Commonwealth, soldiers quartered there used to annoy the inhabitants by continually jangling upon them. They must have been very heavy, for in 1709 a new ring of 10 was cast from the metal of the four heaviest, and even these 10 (five of which still remain) have a tenor reputed to be 30 cwt., which I, personally, have reason to believe is nearer 28 cwt. It is 56½ inches diameter across the lip! The tenor at St. John's, by the way, is 55 inches diameter.

The work of casting these 10 bells was entrusted to Henry Penn, who six years earlier, in 1703, had set up business in Broad Bridge Street, Peterborough, where he cast many bells, until his tragic death falling from his horse after an Assize at Huntingdon, in 1729. This Assize concerned a claim against him by the people of St. Ives for work to their bells. He won his case, but the tragedy followed immediately after.

No trace of Penn's bell foundry to-day exists, nor does the waterway called 'bell-dyke,' which he constructed for more readily conveying his bells. He married a Miss Annie Sheppard.

In 1831 the ninth of these bells (the present fourth) was recast by William Dobson, who two years later died. Dobson is said to have bought the first five and used the metal for casting the six bells at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs. These five bore the inscriptions:—

- 1.—Cantemus Domino Canticum Novum. Henry Penn, Fvsore, 1709.
- 2.—Venite Exultemus Domino. William Precent, 1709.
- 3.—Gloria Deo In Excelsis. Richard Cumberland, Præb. Henry Pen. Fvsore, 1709.
- 4.—Voce Mea Ad Dom. John Balderson. D.D. Præb, 1709.
- 5.—Benedictum Sit Nomen Domini. John Taylor. A. M. Præb. 1709.

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# Various Notations used in setting down Touches and Peals

By D. BEACHAM

## THE LEAD HEAD

In writing out a plain course of Bob Doubles, we start from rounds and obtain the rows by applying a certain rule as far as the treble's backstroke lead. In order to obtain the treble's backstroke lead, however, we apply a different rule. We then start from this last row or 'Lead Head' in the same way that we did from rounds and prick the next lead, and so on.

Now, if we know the rules for writing out a lead of any method, then, given any lead head, we can prick all the rows in that lead; the lead head is thus representative of all the rows in the lead, and in practice it is this we use in setting down touches and peals.

Thus the plain course of Bob Doubles set down by the lead heads is:—

(1)2345 The treble is shown bracketed because in practice it is always omitted, its presence being understood.  
(1)3524  
(1)5432  
(1)4253  
(1)2345

Note: 'Lead Head' is the correct name for this row, but it is more often referred to as the 'Lead End.'

In order to produce a 120 we must employ Bobs. The bob is called when the treble is in 2nds on its way down to lead, and is 'made' at the treble's backstroke lead. This will produce a different lead head from that if no bob was called.

A 120 of Bob Doubles is produced by calling three bobs, each bob being called in the fourth lead after the previous one. The first bob, however, can be in any of the first four leads. Here is one of them:—

2 3 4 5  
3 5 2 4  
5 4 3 2  
4 2 5 3 The 'dash' shows that a bob was called to produce that lead head.  
— 2 5 4 3  
5 3 2 4 Singles are shown 54235  
3 4 5 2 (though there are no singles in Bob Doubles, of course).  
— 3 4 2 5  
4 5 3 2  
5 2 4 3  
2 3 5 4  
— 2 3 4 5

## TRANSPPOSITION

In order to write down the lead heads of any touch, all we need to know is the first lead head of the plain course and the lead heads produced by a Bob or a Single being called in the first lead, for we can then write down all other lead heads by transposition.

Look at the lead heads of the plain course of Bob Doubles:— We wrote down first 2345 of all 2345 (the lead head from which we start) and underneath it the first 3524 lead head 3524. This lead head is related to 2345 thus:—  
2345  
3524

The next lead head is 5432, and since the rows starting from 3524 and ending with 5432 were produced by the same rule which produced 3524 from 2345, then 5432 will bear the same relationship to 3524 as this latter does to 2345 thus:—

The other leads of the plain course 2345 will be similarly related, so that knowing the first lead head of the plain 5432 course, we can obtain any 'plain' lead etc. head by transposing the previous one by 3524, the plain lead transposition.

Thus the plain lead after 2534 will be 5423 and the next 4352, etc.

Note: 'plain' lead—the lead head if no call was made.

'bob' lead—the lead head produced by a bob.

As a further example, take the lead heads of the plain course of Bob Major. If we know the first lead head then we can obtain all the others using it as the transposition, thus:—

First lead head is 3527486 2345678  
Having written it down as shown, look at 3527486 and say to yourself 3527486 three, and write down (as the first figure of the row) the bell in thirds place, i.e., 5; then say five and write down the bell in 5ths, i.e., 7, and so on, and we get:— 2345678  
To obtain the third lead head we transpose 5738264 by 3527486 in the 3527486 same way, and so on. 5738264

Now for the bobs, for which we shall go back to Bob Doubles. If we call a bob at the first lead we shall get 12354, our 'bob lead' transposition is thus 2354. If, then, we write down the first three lead heads of the plain course and transpose the third one by 2354, we shall obtain the first bob lead thus:— 2345

We can then write down the next three plain leads using the transposition 3524 and then again transpose the 5432 last one by 2354 to obtain the bob lead 4253 and so on. Notice that the bob lead—4235 transposition is an easy one; it only involves reversing the last two bells in the previous lead head.

## OBSERVATION BELL.

Before giving details of the notations used for different methods and for different numbers of bells, a short explanation of the use of an 'Observation Bell' will be given.

It is often convenient for a conductor to learn the work of one bell in a long touch or peal, and since it may simplify composition as well as conducting, it is often arranged for one bell, generally the tenor in Major and the seventh in Triples, to repeat its work at regular intervals. This bell is called the Observation bell and the bobs and singles are often referred to by the position into which the observation bell falls at the lead head at which the call is made.

In Bob Minor a bell is said to be called RIGHT (or HOME in the case of the tenor) if it is a 6ths place bell, i.e., it dodges 5-6 down at the lead head at which the call is made. If it is a 5ths place bell (dodging 5-6 up) it is said to be called WRONG; and if it is called to run out (3rds place bell) it is said to be BEFORE (because it is coursing before the treble).

The positions in Bob Major are:—

- (M) MIDDLE—  
6ths place bell (5-6 down).
- (W) WRONG—  
7ths place bell (7-8 up).
- (H) HOME or RIGHT—  
8ths place bell (7-8 down).
- (B) BEFORE—  
3rds place bell (runs out).

There is also another position sometimes used known as 5ths and 4ths. This is when a bob is called when the tenor dodges 5-6 up (i.e., is a 5ths place bell), and then a bob is called at the next lead which the tenor makes (i.e., is a 4ths place bell).

The M, W and H positions in Royal will be 8ths, 9ths and 10ths place bells respectively.

The positions in Grandsire Triples are:—

- MIDDLE—5ths place bell (4-5 up).
- WRONG—6ths place bell (6-7 down).
- RIGHT or HOME—7ths place bell (6-7 up).
- BEFORE—3rds place bell.
- IN—Into the hunt (2nds place bell).
- OUT—Out of the hunt (4ths place bell).

If the call is a single, the words 'with a single' are added, e.g., 'Before with a single.'

(To be continued)

## OUTING

### REDENHALL AND DISS

Accompanied by Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, the Redenhall and Diss ringers left Diss at 7 a.m. on July 9th for a tour in Hertfordshire. The first call was Braughing (8 bells), then on to Baldock and Stevenage. Lunch was taken at Stevenage.

The afternoon's programme included St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Bengoe, then tea in Hertford. The evening call was at Much Hadham. The return journey was via Newmarket for 'supper.' Before dispersing, thanks were expressed to Mr. William Flatt, who organised the outing.

We should also like to express our thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited and the warm welcome we received.

A. G. H.

## Exploring the Unknown—Cont.

This John Taylor, by the way, was in no way connected with the present firm of Taylors of Loughborough.

Bells 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (now the present five) are inscribed:— 6, 7 and 8 the same as 1, 2 and 3; 9 (now the fourth), was, before 1831—Te Deum Laudamus. White Kennett, S.S.T.P. Decano. Henry Penn, Fvsore, 1709. Its present inscription reads: Herbert Marsh, Bishop of Peterborough. Thos. Turton, Dean of Peterboro'; Wm. Strong, Archdeacon of N'pton. There are also the names of six prebendaries inscribed together with the year 1831.

Their diameters and approximate weights are: (1) 39in., 10 cwt.; (2) 42 in., 13 cwt.; (3) 45 in., 15½ cwt.; (4) 48 in., 19 cwt.; (5) 56½ in., 28 cwt., reputed 30 cwt. in D.

Although they have been rung in years gone by, at present they are only chimed by apparatus, and the condition of the fabric, although constantly under renovation, expresses fears of them ever being rung again. I did once suggest to the late Bishop Blagden when conversing together over a cup of tea at a Diocesan Conference that they be melted down into a light ten with a tenor about 18 cwt, to which he replied, 'I wish it were possible'!



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## FORTHCOMING WEDDING

THE MARRIAGE of Miss Kathleen Higgins and Mr. Peter C. Wright will take place in Bradford Cathedral, Yorkshire, at 12 noon on August 6th, 1955. All friends will be welcome at the church. Future address: 22, Elgin Road, Wallington, Surrey. 6663

## DEATH

POOLE.—Harold J. passed away suddenly July 14th, 1955. With love and gratitude we will remember him. 6671

## PUBLICATIONS

'CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES INTO ROUNDS,' by C. Chambers. Price 9d. Obtainable from Miss E. Chambers, 2, Hall Street, Kidderminster, Worcs. 6564

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Evening practices on Tuesdays, July 19th, 26th and August 2nd, cancelled. Regular practices will be resumed on Tuesdays, from August 9th onwards. Visitors always welcome, 7.30–9. 6658

S. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD.—Change of practice night from Wednesday to Thursday. Practices will cease on Wednesday, July 27th, and resume on Thursday, September 1st, then every Thursday. 6660

MR. AND MRS. W. L. EXTON would like to thank all the ringers in the Newark District for the most acceptable wedding present, the ringing on their wedding day and also for choosing such a beautiful day. 6662

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Henstridge, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern. 6675

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sutton-on-the-Hill now cancelled.—M. Bailey. 6676

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Matching (6) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hatfield Broad Oak not available.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6649

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Swepstone, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. W. Cotton. 6644

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bells available after, including Quidenham and East Harling. Business during tea is possible. 6679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Hambleton (6), July 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6656

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 6–9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 6646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at North Ockendon, Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 6641

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—The dedication of Warborough bells will take place on July 27th at 7 p.m. by the Bishop of Reading. Two new trebles for a ring of eight.—F. Absalom. 6665

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bird's Rooms, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Cheddar. 6674

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—All (meaning you) ringing rousing received, July 30th (note), Cranfield (6). 2.45. Brief service and bumper tea at 2s. at 5 in Rectory. If any profit, to Diocesan New Churches Fund. There cannot and will not be tea for those who fail to notify by previous Tuesday—so no names, no tea. Wootton (6) 6.15 onwards. Half-hourly buses.—Peter Shipton, 16A, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 6670

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Shirland, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Mason, 1, Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olveston, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 27th, to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.—R. Collins. 6606

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 6. Cups of tea provided. Good 8 by Rudhall (ton tenor).—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6661

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bramley, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided for those bringing own food.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6666

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, July 30th. Names of those requiring tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6669

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 in S. Nicolas' Hall. Numbers for tea, by July 27th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 6653

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting will be held at Parbold Parish on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at small charge. Meeting in School. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than Wednesday, Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—W. O. Farimond, Branch Sec. 6673

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Freshford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. C. N. Vaisey, Freshford, near Bath. 6681

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

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