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A ROYAL RECOGNITION

Hundreds of ringers have rung their bells in connection with visits of royalty. Civic welcomes on such occasions would be lacking of an integral component if the traditional greetings of the bells were not forthcoming. High in the tower or steeple, hidden from sight, are the ringers, taking their part in the festivities. Bells have their individuality and no two peals are alike; it is the bells that remain in the mind of the general public; never a thought is given to the individual at the rope end producing the music. And why should it not be so? Bells are not of one generation or another; their message rings out for centuries. This distant apartness from the individual seems to have been captured by the German poet Schiller in his 'Song of the Bell':—

As hourly calmly on she swings,
Fanned by the fleeting wings of Time,
No pulse, no heart, no feeling hers,
She lends the warning voice to Fate.

To transcend from the impersonal to the human took place at Chester recently when their Majesties, the King and the Queen, visited the Cathedral. There were, of course, the welcoming touches rung on the Cathedral bells with their 35 cwt. tenor. Chester Cathedral was included in their Majesties' itinerary where they were received by the Bishop and the Dean, members of the Chapter, and the cassocked choir. With that friendliness which makes all walks in Society feel at home in their company, the King and Queen had a chat with each section. Through the friendly foresight of the Dean of Chester, arrangements were made for the bellringers of the Cathedral to stand along the Royal route from the Cathedral to the Chapter House. A greater surprise, however, was in store for the ringers when their Majesties stopped and conversed with them. Those who captured the picture were two young lady ringers of the Cathedral band—Miss Hazel Close, aged 17, and Miss Norah Bibby. Of them the Queen asked a number of questions, and their Majesties both stated that they were unaware that there were lady ringers. The King's questions to Mr. P. Swindley were those that are frequently asked: How are bells fired? Is ringing difficult to learn and is it dangerous?

This Royal recognition was not only memorable to Chester, but to the whole Exercise. There have been times in the past when ringers, through the Central Council, have expressed their loyalty to the Crown. We

recall the last occasion at the Central Council meeting, Birmingham, when 'loyal felicitations on the victorious conclusion of hostilities in Europe' were sent by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president. In the past royal visits to foundries have figured in the news, but of a number of ringers we have consulted none can remember similar circumstances where the ringers have been singled out for such recognition by Church Authorities to meet their Majesties. It is not that ringers in any sense are held in less esteem than other walks of life, but because invariably when presentations are made they are busily engaged in their particular vocation. We congratulate Chester ringers on the honour that has been conferred upon them.

The relationship between the Dean and his Chapter with the ringers is no new topic. We believe in most of our Cathedrals the relationship generally is of the happiest. The most striking example is Leicester, where Mr. Harold J. Poole has the honour of being a lay member of the Chapter, and is thus enabled to bring to the notice of his colleagues on the Chapter matters concerning the bells. The point was made at the Oxford Diocesan Guild meeting of the importance of ringers having their own representative on each Parochial Church Council. In some towers there has been a reticence on the part of ringers to come forward and accept office. The importance of the closest co-operation cannot be too strongly impressed upon each Church tower. Unfortunately in many parishes ringers are just taken for granted!

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6
ROLAND BIGGS 2	FRANK WEST 7
ARTHUR JONES 3	*ARTHUR NEWTON 8
RALPH COLES 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM 9
PERCY NEWTON 5	EDWARD CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6011 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JILL POOLE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
PETER STANFORTH 2	HERBERT W. PERKINS 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
HARRY G. WAYNE 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
SIDNEY HARRISON 5	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.
First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 8
*GEOFFREY DODDS 4	JAMES BILLOCK 9
ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5	SQUIRE CROFT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	*JOHN S. MASON 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 6
*WALTER F. JUDGE 2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
*MARIE R. CROSS 3	*LEONARD TREVOR 8
HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
JOHN S. MASON 5	*ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. P. BILLINGTON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by L. TREVOR.

Rung half-muffled for Mr. Douglas H. Argyle, the local captain, who was interred the same day.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY HOWELL ... Treble	JAMES FEARNLEY 5
ALAN A. POTTS 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 6
†BASIL JONES 3	J. ANTHONY BEAUMONT ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Cheshire.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... Treble	CECIL NICE 5
ERNEST J. KING 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	*GEOGE W. HUGHES 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since being recast and rehung in 1936.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MALCOLM H. LAWRENCE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. HUNT 5
ERNEST A. JURD 2	HAROLD A. NOBES 6
†PETER N. BOND 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... 7
JOHN S. WALTON 4	WILLIAM SCAIFE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. The first peal in the method on the bells for 25 years.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	*BRIAN D. PRICE 5
*ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	EDWARD BARKER 6
†FRED WIGMORE 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

SILDON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*SAMUEL BRYANT <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN A. BROWN 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	*DENIS A. BAYLES 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	W. NORMAN PARK 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	†KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	H. LESLIE PASK 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	HAROLD MARCON 7
†KENNETH W. MAYER 4	†JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 150th peal. † First peal in the method.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY PARKER 5
ERIC NOBLES 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
REGINALD HOUGHTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN 7
HERBERT FIELDS 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT MORLEY 5
JOHN BROWN 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*JAMES BARNES 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. GORDON CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ANTHONY M. HUMPHREY 2	*FRANK HOWE 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	FREDK. PAGE 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 4	†ALFRED HOBDEN Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
GEORGE W. JEFFS 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT... 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 7
HARRY RICHARDSON 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal on eight bells, aged 13 years.

GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... <i>Treble</i>	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 2	GEORGE L. GROVER 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	*WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 22, 1946, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... <i>Treble</i>	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wed., July 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Plain Bob, one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
†NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 2	*CYRIL WARD 5
†JACK F. HODSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Minor.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At the Church of All Saints on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Ellis (first quarter) 1, William D. Peart 2, J. Cooper 3, Ernest Parish 4, William A. Partidge 5, Albert Mills 6, Maurice G. Turner (conductor) 7, Walter Reynolds 8.



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**HORSELL, WOKING.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*A. KINGSTON Treble | D. SLEET 4
*H. KINGSTON 2 | *P. UNDERWOOD 5
*F. UNWIN 3 | *A. BOYLETT Tenor
Conducted by D. SLEET.

* First peal.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Macclesfield Branch.)**

On Sat., July 20, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Sutton,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JOHN W. L. SLACK ... Treble | *MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
*ALAN A. POTTS 2 | JOHN WORTH 5
*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3 | *JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)**

On Mon., July 22, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.
*MISS MARY PEMBERTON Treble | CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 4
*MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 2 | *MISS JOYCE HEARN ... 5
*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in six methods. First post-war peal of Minor by the St. Peter's Society.

**HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,**

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
MARY E. DAVIS Treble | ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 4
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 2 | BRUCE B. ROGERS 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS Tenor
Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

**HOVE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., July 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
ALBERT W. BOND 1-2 | R. GORDON CROSS 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4 | MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

**CAMBRIDGE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Fri., July 19, 1946, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
*E. J. LINDLEY 1-2 | R. F. B. SPEED 3-4
S. E. DARMON 5-6
Conducted by S. E. DARMON.

* First handbell peal. Rung for the Sir Isaac Newton tercentenary celebrations.

**LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., July 25, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

**In St. Margaret's Belfry,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal away from the tenors. A birthday peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
AND THEY ALL REPLIED FOR ASHBITTLE.**

One of the most pleasing features of the Taunton Deanery Branch meeting at Ashbittle on July 20th was that all towers had replied to invitations to attend, which, states the hon. secretary, simplified the arrangements. The meeting was most successful.

The Rector (the Rev. R. Bowman) extended a hearty welcome to all members and visitors, both at the service in the church and at the tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. About 50 attended and enjoyed ringing on the tower bells, and some took part in handbell ringing, which was much appreciated.

Visitors from the Devon Guild were especially welcomed, also some from the Dunster Deanery and Wrington, Somerset. Most of the local towers were represented. Norton Fitzwarren was selected for the next meeting on October 5th.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor, and rounds for the youngsters.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MEETING AT LINTON.**

A meeting of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Linton on Saturday, July 20th. Members and friends were present from Bromham (Beds), Cambridge, Epsom, Exning, Harston, Linton, Newmarket, Sawston, Fulbourn and the Cambridge University Guild.

The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Swan Perkins, was followed by an excellent meat tea at the Green Hill Cafe. Mr. R. F. Ingle of Cambridge, and Mr. J. B. Wrenbury, of Seaford, were elected members, and the belfry election on June 8th of Miss M. M. Lyon, of Leamington Spa, was ratified.

After tea the neighbouring tower of Balsham was visited. Various Doubles methods up to Stedman and Spliced were rung.

Next meeting at Sawston on August 17th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT GREAT HOLLAND.

Some 26 ringers were present at the Essex Association meeting at Great Holland on July 20th, representing the following towers: Shimpling, Clacton-on-Sea, Thorington, Great Holland, Mistley, Hatfield, Herts, Tendring, Kirby, Ardleigh, Colchester, Thorpe-le-Soken and Harwich. The peal of eight at Kirby-le-Soken was made good use of after tea, as also were the bells of Thorpe-le-Soken (6). A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Theobald).

Before the commencement of the business meeting members stood in silence in memory of Mr. F. L. Bumpstead and Mr. Timpson as an ex-hon. member. The Master had a very warm welcome to a distinguished visitor in the person of Mr. A. Lawrence, president of the Hertfordshire Association, and to a Mr. S. Davey, of Ardleigh, now demobbed from the Forces.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 12th. Members must on future occasions bring their own 'eats' with them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BORDEN.

There was a very good attendance—about 75 in all—representing most parts of the district, at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Borden on July 20th.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an address on the theme of team spirit, urging ringers to adopt this spirit not only in their ringing, but also in the workday world as we find it at the present time. Mr. Ted Allen (Frindsbury) played the organ.

Following tea routine matters were dealt with at the business meeting, including the election of three new members of the Frindsbury band, fixing Rochester for the place of the annual district meeting to be held in October and combined major practices on the last Saturdays of August and September at St. Margaret's, Rochester, and St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, respectively.

On returning to the tower ringing went on practically continuously until 8 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT HAMBLEDON.

A meeting was held at Hambledon on July 27th, attended by 46 ringers and friends from Alverstoke, Alton, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Hambledon, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Soberton, Titchfield, North Stoneham, and visitors from Chichester, Cheltenham and Shrewton, Wilts. Bells were available from 2.30 until 4.30, when ringers attended the service, conducted by the Rev. C. Wilson.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall. At the business meeting the Rev. C. Wilson presided, and a telegram was read from the Vicar of Hambledon wishing the meeting success. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Soberton on October 26th. Four new members were elected, two from Droxford and two from Hambledon.

Methods: Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lawrence 1, C. W. Philpotts 2, Miss E. Landon 3, W. Thompsonett 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

BATH.—At the Church of St. Michael, on June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Prescott 1, T. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, J. M. Stallard 4, G. Hawkins 5, W. Hurford 6, S. Shellock (conductor) 7, T. Hayward 8.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, T. King 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, S. Shellock 4, T. Hayward 5, G. Hawkins 6, R. Fry, jun. (conductor, first quarter of Triples) 7, K. Medway 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—At SS. Peter and Paul's on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Eldridge (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss B. Cowlin (first quarter) 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 4, F. Smeaton 5, J. A. W. Downing (conductor) 6, D. Birkinshaw 7, S. Bailey 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Saturday, July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Cyril Hewson 1, Frank Taylor (conductor) 2, Edgar Squibb 3, Richard Ward 4, Percival Long 5, Arthur Drake 6, William Upton 7, Harry Flower 8. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Humphrey 1, G. Kyte 2, G. James 3, A. Purdom 4, J. Lyddiard 5, I. Emery 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, E. Bishop (first quarter) 8. Wedding anniversary for ringer of treble.

GOSBERTON, LINCS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Plain Bob on July 21st: H. E. Brooks, sen. (first quarter) 1, W. Worthington (first quarter) 2, N. Hutcheson (first quarter) 3, Fred Payne 4, Frank Payne 5, H. Bennett (conductor) 6, Rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of treble ringer.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 7th, at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. S. Childs 1, F. Corke 2, A. Twin 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, G. Mitchell 5, F. Blondell 6, P. Jones 7, J. W. Crabb 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, E. Easton 10.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On July 14th, on the occasion of the Lord Bishop's visit, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, H. W. Barrett 3, S. Goodswen 4, S. Copling 5, S. Fenn 6, G. Walpole 7, E. R. Goate (conductor) 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton 1, G. Dawson 2, E. W. Furbank 3, E. J. Butler 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. Willmington 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, W. R. Killingback 8.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY.—New South Wales Association.—On July 29th, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), tenor 10 cwt.: Lyndon Kent 1, G. Williamson 2, W. Harry Short (first quarter inside) 3, William M. Rowe (conductor) 4, Bruce Dunbar (first quarter) 5, T. Howell 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the 850th patronal festival of St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Cross 1, Mrs. G. A. Naylor 2, F. G. Southgate 3, E. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal (conductor) 5, G. A. Naylor 6, W. J. Walker 7, W. Hollands 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, L. W. Fisher 2, G. W. Massey 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, J. Parish 5, F. L. Harris 6, John Perkins 7, M. Ginn 8.—On July 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. Manser (first quarter of Major) 5, B. D. Price 6, F. L. Harris 7, M. Ginn 8.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's Church on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Potter 1, L. Page 2, F. E. Manns (conductor) 3, S. Macey 4, R. Turner 5, F. Yule 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On July 14th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. F. Dixon (first quarter in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, J. W. Chapman 5, C. Potheary 6, H. G. Andrews 7, S. Howard 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,344 Ashted Surprise Major: Marie R. Cross 1, Margaret C. Cossar 2, A. R. Pink 3, N. I. Allnatt 4, W. C. Porter 5, H. P. Burton 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffin 2, B. Latham 3, F. Garland 4, G. Latham (conductor) 5, R. J. Thain 6.

WESTMINSTER.—On July 14th at St. Margaret's Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Nudds 1, Michael V. Chilcott 2, W. H. Hewett 3, John E. Chilcott 4, R. W. Stannard 5, Major D. Satow (first quarter-peal) 6, E. A. Reeves 7, C. J. Matthews 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, L. H. Bowler 3, M. Hodgson (conductor) 4, H. Kilby 5, J. H. Botham 6.—Also on July 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. F. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, E. Lankester 3, Pat Barton 4, M. Hodgson 5, H. Kilby 6, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 7, A. Cutler 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. E. Brooks, sen., of Gosberton, celebrated his 71st birthday
by ringing his first quarter. Happy birthday from us all!

Five firsts of Cambridge Minor at Macclesfield is the message of
Mr. John Worth.

Six firsts of Yorkshire Royal at Banbury and four firsts in six
Minor methods at Hitcham.—Good old Oxford.

Welcome to the ranks of conductors—Mr. E. E. Speake, of Blaken-
hall, Wolverhampton.

To be featured in our next issue is the analysis of peals rung during
1945. They totalled 1,304, of which 1,126 were on tower bells and 178
on handbells.

Our old friend Mr. Ernest Morris contributes to this issue another
instalment of 'Bells—uses and abuses,' which deals mainly with
Tudor days.

A half-page has been allocated this week to ringers' outings. This
by no means exhausts the sundry adventures in strange towers. The
serial will be continued.

Ringers will extend their congratulations to the Rev. J. P. Pelloe
upon his appointment as Vicar of Wisbech. A safe ringer and an
excellent striker, his anathema is the slovenly ringer.

More greetings from the New South Wales Association and another
quarter-peal from Parramatta, Sydney. Our congratulations to all
concerned.

The model branch—Taunton Deanery of the Bath and Wells Associa-
tion. Every tower replied to the secretary's invitation to a meeting
at Ashbrittle.

Congratulations to Mr. D. Sleet, of Ottershaw, who shepherded five
ringers through their first peal of Grandsire Doubles at Horsell,
Woking.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's Church, Leicester, called
by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, was Mr. F. W. Parker's short course
composition No. 15 and is believed to have been rung for the first time.

The peal of Superlative at Harmston, Lincolnshire, on July 20th,
was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Raymond F. Smith, a mem-
ber of the Lincoln Cathedral company, and Miss Doreen M. Barr.
Two members of the company, Messrs. J. L. Millhouse and H. Marcon,
have now 'circled' Harmston tower.

Purely by coincidence the peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth last
Saturday was rung within two days of the tenth anniversary of the
only other peal of Bob Royal on the bells. It was the same composi-
tion as the previous peal, had the same conductor (Mr. T. H.
Taffender) and was rung for the same association. Mrs. Olive L.
Rogers rang in both peals.

TAILPIECE.—Just an August holiday task for detective readers.
Who hid the Cardinal's ring behind the belfry door and when he
repented what was his ultimate reward?

THEIR MAJESTIES MEET CHESTER RINGERS

KING'S INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

The visit of the King and Queen to Chester was a memorable occasion to members of the Cathedral band of ringers. Their Majesties visited the Cathedral, where the Queen commented on the 'warmness' of the stone-work of the buildings, and was impressed by the peace and quiet of St. Erasmus Chapel.

On the way to the Chapter House their Majesties conversed with a group of ringers who had been ringing welcoming touches. Among them were Miss Hazel Close, of Saltney, and Miss Norah Bibby, of Frodsham. Both the King and Queen confessed that they were unaware that there were lady bellringers. The Queen asked Miss Close a number of questions and evinced a keen interest in their ringing activities.

Miss Close, who is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. A. B. Close, manager of the Park Cinema, Saltney, comes from a family of ringers. Both are bellringers at the Cathedral, and Hazel has been ringing since she was 14. Recently she rang in a peal.

In honour of the visit a peal was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, on July 17th, details of which appear in this issue.

RINGERS' APPRECIATION.

In a letter to the Editor, Mr. P. Swindley writes: 'On Wednesday last, the King and Queen visited Chester, and through the great kindness of the Dean of Chester, the Cathedral ringers were presented to their Majesties. This, after ringing, came as a great surprise and honour to us as we had no idea that this was to take place. As you know, ringers as a rule are left completely out of the picture, but this time we had the honour not only of talking to their Majesties, but also of seeing the little private ceremony that took place in the Cathedral Chapter House. The King and Queen were very interested in the ringing and asked a number of questions. The firing of the bells seemed to please the King most. He wanted to know how we did this, was ringing difficult to learn and was it dangerous. It was very nice and should do ringers and ringing a lot of good. Is this the first time a band of ringers have been presented to their Majesties?'

LINCOLN RINGERS GO TO JAIL

MEMBERS OF CATHEDRAL AND ST. GILES' BANDS.

On Wednesday, July 24th, 1946, as the evening mists were thinking of creeping up from the marshes, Messrs. J. A. Freeman, Croft, Chambers, Marcon, Mayer, Millhouse and Walden were escorted through the forbidding entrance of Lincoln Jail.

Having been introduced to the Governor, they were ushered into the Prison Chapel, where Mr. Freeman opened his case for the defence of Change Ringing before an audience of some 200 residents.

He created a favourable impression by calling upon his partners in crime for a demonstration course of Grandsire Caters, which, when concluded, brought forth tumultuous applause!

Mr. Freeman then gave a talk on the mysteries and intricacies of the art of change ringing, and this was concluded by 352 Bob Major by J. L. Millhouse (conductor) 1-2, K. S. B. Ctoft 3-4, H. Marcon 5-6, K. W. Mayer 7-8, to the obvious delight of the audience.

At question time, the cast iron defence of the ringers was tested, somewhat to their surprise, over the weight of a famous bell, but the Governor, summing up, in a vote of thanks to Mr. Freeman and his colleagues, acquitted the party en bloc. This acquittal brought with it their immediate release, and so, after about an hour in custody, they were again on the right side of the gates, cigarettes alight, and well satisfied that their adventure had been a success.

Owing to the dearth of competent resident ringers, the report that Lincoln Prison is to have a campanile was categorically refuted at the Cathedral practice the following evening!

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE. ON THE MOOR.

A PEAL OF INSIDE SURPRISE MAJOR, in 3 HOURS.

R. UNNINE <i>Treble</i>	C. ORTOUT 5
*MISS T. AKE 2	IMA. LIFEER 6
MISS F. ORTUNE 3	O. L. D'LAG 7
I. M. SNAFFLED 4	A. R. D. LABOUR <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MISS F. ORTUNE.

* First offence. Rung to celebrate the return from civilian life of R. Unnine.

LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT LEEDS.

The first post-war meeting of the Northern District, Ladies' Guild, took place at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on July 20th. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before a short service, which was conducted by Canon C. C. Marshall.

Ringers and their friends were then entertained to tea by Miss L. K. Bowling. Votes of thanks were given to Canon C. C. Marshall, Miss Bowling and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

At the business meeting the statement of accounts showed a balance of £2 2s. 10d. It was the custom to send surplus money to the general fund, but it was decided to keep this sum in hand until subscriptions become regular again. Four new members were elected.

The next meeting is to be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet in September and the annual meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, in June.

THE REV. J. P. PELLOE

APPOINTED VICAR OF WISBECH.

The Rev. J. P. Pelloe, M.A., domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Ely, has been appointed Vicar of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, in succession to Canon H. K. Stallard, M.A. He expects to take up his new appointment towards the end of October.

Mr. Pelloe, who is the son of the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, retired, of Bournemouth, and formerly of Hershham and Chiddingfold in the Guildford Diocese, was educated at Charterhouse and Queen's College, Oxford, taking his B.A. degree in 1935 and his M.A. in 1942.

He was in business for 10 years before being ordained in Durham Cathedral in 1936. After three years, 1936-1939, as assistant curate at St. Columbia's, Sunderland, he held a similar office at St. Culbert's, Kensington, from 1939-1942, since when he has been domestic chaplain to the Bishop.

Last year Mr. Pelloe married Mrs. Kathleen Jeffery, widow of the late Mr. Richard Jeffery, of Fordham, who has two children of the first marriage.

Mr. Pelloe is an accomplished ringer and has taken part in a variety of peals up to Spliced Surprise. His early ringing was in the Guildford district and one of his first handbell lessons was at the point of Mr. A. H. Pulling's umbrella. The effectiveness of this implement as an aid to instruction has subsequently become very evident! Mr. Pelloe has called a few peals, among them Holt's Original.

His duties since his ordination have not left much time for ringing, but he has made good use of his limited opportunities and has rung peals in each of the districts in which he has worked. Organised ringing in the Ely Diocese has not been on a very firm basis of recent years and Mr. Pelloe has given enthusiastic support to the efforts which are being made to resuscitate the Diocesan Association.

Wisbech Parish Church has a good peal of ten bells with a 21½ cwt. tenor. They have been restored in recent years by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The local band will find their new Vicar a most useful addition to their strength.

OBITUARY

MR. D. H. ARGYLE.

We regret to record the sudden death on July 11th of Mr. Douglas Harold Argyle, captain of Nuneaton Parish Church belfry, at the early age of 49.

He was a well-known parish church worker, being a member of the Church Council and a sidesman as well as a bellringer. He was also a staunch supporter of the Coventry Diocesan Guild meetings and was their Central Council representative from 1936-1939.

An accomplished ringer and conductor, Mr. Argyle had rung peals in a variety of methods. He rang his hundredth peal three weeks prior to his death, Cambridge Major on June 20th. He began ringing at the age of 10 and rang his first peal at the age of 14 and his first as conductor at 15 with peals of Double Norwich and Superlative before his 16th birthday.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 15th, a service in church being conducted by the Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. F. S. Herbert, a vice-president of the Guild). The bearers were four fellow ringers, Messrs. A. H. Beamish, J. E. Moreton and L. Trevor (Chilvers Cotou) and G. Stoneley (Nuneaton). Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, from the St. Nicholas' band of bellringers, Nuneaton, and from the ringers of All Saints' Church, Chilvers Cotou.

A peal of Bob Major was rung with half-muffled clappers on the bells of the Parish Church following the interment by fellow Guild members.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD.

A member of a noted ringing family, which did much pioneer work in introducing change ringing into Devonshire, died on July 22nd in the person of Mr. Edwin Shepherd. He was confined to his bed for three days and he passed away at the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Born on July 11th, 1862, he and his three brothers, Ferris, Frank and Alfred, did a vast amount of work for change ringing in Devonshire. Edwin survived his brother Ferris, who died at the age of 64. Thus ends the last link with a generation whose work will ever be remembered in the Guild's history.

Edwin Shepherd joined the Devon Guild in June, 1897, at the age of 17, and had been a member of the College Youths for 66 years.

MR. ARTHUR G. TAYLOR.

The death occurred on Thursday, July 18th, of Mr. Arthur G. Taylor, of Bedworth, Warwickshire, in his 69th year. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Parish Church for nearly 50 years. Although not a change ringer, he was an excellent tenor man and had been a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild since its foundation.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 22nd. In the evening, as a tribute of respect and esteem, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church with the bells half-muffled by the following members of the Guild: G. Gardner 1, O. J. Hunt 2, J. H. W. White 3, H. G. Summers 4, F. W. Perrens 5, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 6, C. A. Aylett 7, R. Lydster 8.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

WEDDING RINGING

Sir,—Referring to the leading article in your issue of July 19th, after having had forty years' experience of Walthamstow ringing, I am in a position to state that neither the bells of St. Saviour's nor St. Mary's have been rung for the number of weddings you state during any afternoon. Seldom have either peal been rung for more than one wedding.

I shall be glad if you will publish this letter, to avoid disappointment to any ringers who may be anticipating joining our band, with a view to participating in the wealth they may think we are accumulating.

The bells of St. Mary's have recently been condemned as unsafe, so all ringing has been suspended until further notice. It is hoped that repairs will be put in hand during the next few months.—Yours truly, for the St. Mary Society of Change Ringers,

Walthamstow, E.17.

H. RUMENS, Deputy Master.

P.S.—It is some months now since either peal was rung for a wedding.—H.R.

P.P.S.—The bells of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, were rung for four weddings during a Saturday afternoon. This might possibly be a record.—H.R.

UNCONDUCTED STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out that the first peal of 'Unconducted Stedman' was rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on November 20th, 1886, by the St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, branch of the Midland Counties Association.

Charles Hy. Hattersley	... Treble
John Carter	... 2nd
Henry Bastable	... 3rd
Joseph Griffin	... 4th
Samuel Reeves	... 5th
William Wakley	... 6th
John Jagger	... 7th
Alfred Thomas	... Tenor

In the presence of the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, and Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, the latter marking off each course as it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

Paignton, Devon.

W. C. WAKLEY.

SUNDAY RINGERS

Sir,—Re a correspondent reminding us that it is 25 years since a peal was rung by a local company at Sible Hedingham, perhaps the correspondent had not seen the Essex Association annual report, 1931. A peal of Kent Treble Bob (5,088 changes) was rung by eight local Sunday service ringers all residing within a quarter-mile of the church.—Yours truly,

Sible Hedingham, Essex.

A. CATTERWELL.

WHITHER SHALL WE WANDER? SOME OF THE OUTINGS

NORTH STAFFS MEMBERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

Organised by members of Bucknall tower of the North Staffordshire Association with members from Stoke and Porton, an interesting and enjoyable outing was spent by 40 ringers and friends on July 13th. A private coach took the main party, which was preceded by the Rev. G. E. Bottomley, who acted as pilot in his car via Derby to Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough.

Here Mr. J. P. Fidler and the works manager each took a party on an instructive tour through the works, where several halts were made to describe the casting and all the work to the final tuning and hanging of the bells, after which a ring on the foundry peal of ten and a halt for lunch was made.

Then on to a fine ring of eight at Quorn while the non-ringers had an hour's break, mostly spent in consuming ice-cream. A visit to the six-bell tower of Old Woodhouse, where one of the ringers celebrated visiting his fiftieth tower by breaking a rope. However, thanks to Mr. Fidler, this was soon repaired and a touch of 'Bucknall,' almost perfectly struck, followed, the bells being dropped in peal. Outside a quartet were trying hard to ring Grandsire Triples on handbells though overpowered by the noise of the tower bells.

Back in the coach and on to Woodhouse Faves for tea, after which ringing in methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise was indulged in. Here 79-year-old Mr. J. E. Wheeldon and his brother, Mr. W. Wheeldon, successfully climbed the vertical iron ladder, which younger ringers avowed was a 'bit difficult.' These two incidentally were members of the band who rang the first silent Surprise peal in seven Minor methods.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fidler, who arranged the tower and refreshment facilities, and to Messrs. C. Rowen and R. Preston, who organised the trip, and then back to North Staffs with happy memories of a campanological red letter day.

EX-SERVICE GUILD WOULD MAKE CLIQUES

Dear Sir,—I feel that I am intruding in making comment on the idea of the formation of an Ex-Service Men's Guild, as apart from the Home Guard. I could not claim to be eligible for membership if such a Guild was formed.

I would, however, like to point out that the only and presumably prime condition of membership of the proposed Guild is in no way connected with the art of bellringing.

No doubt bellringers with another common interest, or who are members of some other body, derive great pleasure in meeting together for an occasional peal or outing, but to go beyond this, and form societies or guilds of an exclusive nature, with membership of the Central Council, would eventually reduce that body to a farce if carried too far.

The formation of non-territorial societies or guilds, with conditions of membership in no way connected with ringing, can only tend to split the Exercise into cliques, which are undesirable, and are quite contrary to the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood which generally exists among ringers.

J. E. BAILEY.

20, Swaisland Road, Dartford.

CHANGE RINGERS' MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Miss Josephine Demming in a recent letter asks how to obtain 'some change ringers' music, scales or changes.' If you purchase any or all of the Jasper Snowden series of books on change ringing advertised in 'The Ringing World' you will find all the changes you will require. Moreover, if they are properly perused they will give you a clear conception of that which you are seeking.

Music publishers will certainly know nothing of change ringing, as it does not conform to the usual notation of music or of tonic sol-fa at all.

The performance of change ringing is unsuitable in any other way than on peals of six, eight, ten or twelve bells, and so, therefore, if you have a carillon of 25 bells, your equipment is unsuitable for change ringing.

Again I would recommend, read 'Ropesight' and get a grasp on what you are doing.

JAMES E. BURLLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

OUR REAL DESIGNATION

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the question of a title for a group of bellringers leads me to ask what is our real designation?

According to the caption on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' we are Church Bellringers, whilst at the head of the Editorial Notes on page 334 (July 19th issue) we are described as Church Bell Ringers. There is also the alternative title of Churchbell Ringers to be considered. Some of us might even go so far as to call ourselves Church Churchbellringers!—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

60, Bearford Drive, Glasgow, S.W.2.

ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL

The above Guild and friends held their annual outing (the first since 1939) on July 20th, comprising a half-day motor-coach trip to Westbury (Wilts), Shepton Mallet and Wrington (Somerset). The coach was ready to start at 1.30 p.m., but owing to a delay (caused by the clerics, who accompanied us), we were on our way at 1.45 p.m. Not too bad, eh!

After a very pleasant drive via Bath, Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, Westbury was reached at 3 p.m., where the local ringers were awaiting us. Ringing (on the glorious eight) was the order of the Guild for one hour, whilst the non-ringers set off to seek tea and ice-cream, much to the envy of the ringers, who had to go dry until reaching Shepton Mallet. There we were met by Miss Norman (a member of the local band), and further ringing was indulged in, after which the much wanted tea (kindly arranged by Miss Norman) was enjoyed.

At 6.50 p.m. we said good-bye to Shepton Mallet, en route for Wrington (via the well-known Cheddar Valley and Wells), where we arrived according to plan at 8 p.m., to be welcomed by Major J. H. B. Hesse, who, we are pleased to say, is recovering from his illness. We proceeded to the tower (a really fine example of Somerset's Perpendicular style, containing a most lovely peal of ten), where Mr. Herbert Knight had everything ready, and further touches were enjoyed until 9 p.m., when the party retired to the well-known Golden Lion to enjoy a really fine supper. We were delighted to have as our guests at supper Major Hesse and Mr. and Mrs. Knight. After the usual speech-making, a move was made on the last stage of our journey (home) at 10.15 p.m., which was reached and everybody safely housed by 11 p.m. We would like to thank the incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation, which was greatly appreciated.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

BELLS—USES AND ABUSES

ST. JAMES' DAY RINGING REJOICINGS AT ACCESSION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH
ALL NIGHT RINGING

BY ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 251.)

Entries are frequently found in churchwardens' accounts from 1588 to 1624 for ringing on St. James' Day, but these peals had no reference to the Saint. For some years they were rung as part of the rejoicings and in thankfulness for the destruction of the Spanish Armada. Afterwards they were rung in honour of King James, who was crowned that day. At Bishop's Stortford is shown:—'1588.

Pd for ringing upon S. James daye in rejoysing of Victory . . . xvs.

Pd for ringing upon the connacion daye in rejoysing of the Queen's prosperous Raigne in meate and drinck . . . xjs. viijd.

Pd. for Ringing the tewsdaye after and for jli candell in rejoysing of our delyverance from the Spaynyardes . . . viij xd.'

At Rotherham and elsewhere:—

'1611 Item for ringing on St. James' day 0. 5s. 4d.'

The accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne on November 17th, 1558, was hailed with almost thankfulness, and the joy of the people found expression, as usual, in many peals on church bells. Chester has two significant entries:—

'1558-9 Paid to the Bellman for proclayming the obsequies of Queen Mary 12th Decr. . . . ijd.

Paid at the Proclamation of our Lady the Queen Elizabeth in gratulation on the happy augury of her prosperous reign, and for potations thereupon . . . xijs. ijd.'

Many parishes have entries similar to the following from St. Martin, Leicester:—

'1558-9 Pd for ale to the Ryngers when the queenes grace was p'claymd . . . viijd.'

On the anniversary of the accession the bells were constantly rung. In 1573-4 at Ludlow the churchwardens charged:—

'Item paid (Thomas Higges) for ringinge the XVIIJth daie of November, being the firste daye of the queenes Majesties raigne . . . vjd.'

The 17th November being St. Hugh's Day, that day, in accordance with ancient custom, was frequently quoted as a date, instead of the day of the month. Thus the churchwardens of Bishop Stortford, Herts., charge:—

'1575 Pd for bred, drinke, and cheese for Ringing of St. Hewes daye in rejoysing of the queenes prosperous Range . . . ijs. viijd.'

This ringing was increased for years subsequently:—

'1579 Pd to the Ringers the same daye beinge St. Hewes day xjs. whereof we gathered xjs. iijd. and so we laied out more than we gathered . . . iijs. ixd.'

The ringing apparently kept pace with the Queen's popularity, so the churchwardens at Market Deeping charge:—

'1588 Pd for bread and drinke of St. Hughes daye and the two dayes followynge . . . xvjd.'

There are many entries relating to this day in the books of the churchwardens at Leverton, Lincs. In later years

the ringers were regaled with 'bread, drinck and cheeze' and for the 'drinck' a strike of 'Mawlt' was brewed. Thus the charge for 1602 was:—

'It' pd for a strick mawlt for the Ringers against St. Hughe day . . . ijs. iiijd.

It' pd for thre pecke of wheat and one of rye then and grindinge them . . . ijs. viijd.

It' for thre stone of Beif and white bread that day expended . . . vjs.

It' pd for greise and candle then . . . vijd.'

The ringing went on at night as well as day, as is shown by the purchase of candles. Thus also at St. John Baptist, Stamford, they expended:—

'1595-6 Itm gyven to ye Ringers on Sanct hewyghes day . . . xiijd.

Itm for candle on St. hewyhe night . . . ijd.

The four parishes of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in common with others, commemorated Queen Elizabeth's accession yearly on November 17th. In 1593 we read in the municipal accounts of half a crown being 'paide to the Clarke of Sainte Nicholas Church for ringing their bells for ioie of our Majesties reign.' All Hallows paid 1s. 8d.; St. John's and St. Andrew's each 1s. 4d. This day seems to have been first publicly celebrated about the year 1570, and became known as the Queen's Day. It is so called in the parish book of All Saints, Stamford:—

'1591 Ap. 5. It is accorded that hereafter for the ringers on the Queene's daye the allowance shall be but vs.'

And the churchwardens at Market Deeping charge:—

'1592. Itm for nine men to ringe on ye Queene's daye ivs. vjd.

1593. Itm for bread and ale griese and candle on ye Queene's daye ijs. viijd.'

The celebration of the day was long kept in many places by lighting of bonfires as well as ringing of bells. The ringers at Bowder Magna, Leicester, still receive one shilling annually left them by Richard Kestin, under his will, August 7th, 1674: 'for their pains in ringing on the 17th of November for ever, in thankful remembrance of restoring the Gospels and removing Popish Idolatory, and bringing in Queen Elizabeth.' The 17th November is—or was until recently—kept as a holiday at the Exchequer and at Westminster and Merchant Taylors' Schools.

The martyrdom of King Charles the First was, until recent years, commemorated at Newcastle-on-Tyne by ringing a muffled peal on the anniversary of his execution (30th January, 1648-9). Brand, in 'Popular Antiquities,' suggests that this unusual custom may be accounted for by the singular loyalty of the King's town of Newcastle. An extract from the churchwardens' accounts at Colne for 1710 states:—'Paid for ringing on ye martyrdom of King Charles 1s.'

There was formerly much ringing on the Vigil of All Saints, the bells being kept going all through the night. Entries are frequently found in church accounts for repairs to the bells and their fittings preparatory to so

much use. In Nichols' churchwardens' accounts (p. 154) parish of Heybridge, near Maldon, Essex, 1517, are the following items:—

Imprimis, payed for frankyncense agense Hallowmasse . . . 1d.

Item. payed to Andrew Elyott of Maldon for newe mending of the third bell Knappell agenste Hallowmass . . . 1s. 8d.

Item payed to John Gidney of Maldon for a new bell rope agenste Hallowmasse . . . 8d.

At Leverton, Lincs., we see:—

'1524 Itm payd to Wylla' Josson Carpenter for helpyng of ye bellfray agayns halomese . . . vd.

1526 Pd. to Rodlay ye Wryght for me'dyng of ye bells agayns halomes . . . iiijd.'

At Bishop Stortford a similar payment, thus:—

'1546 Itm to Roger Trenham for makying of a bell wheele agenst All haluntyde . . . iiijjs.

(To be continued)

SUFFOLK GUILD

UNDERGRADUATES AT NEWMARKET.

A meeting of the Mildenhall and District branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on July 13th. Members from the surrounding district, together with a company of undergraduates from Cambridge University, joined the local bands and rang touches of various methods in the towers of All Saints' and St. Mary's Churches.

The Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby conducted a short service at All Saints' Church. At a meeting which followed it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Brandon in September.

GRUNDISBURGH RESTORATION SCHEME.

A general meeting was held at Grundisburgh on July 6th, when the bells were rung from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At the business meeting the general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) spoke on the proposed restoration of the tower and bells and said £1,000 was required from this not too well off parish, which was also in the middle of raising £500 for the Bishop's Million Shillings Fund and £500 for a new church heating apparatus. He appealed to ringers to support the Grundisburgh effort and asked for £25 from the Guild funds towards this purpose.

The proposal was discussed, and it was decided that a Bell Restoration Fund be opened with the £40 War Bonds held to the Guild's credit. This proposal would again be placed before a general meeting later in the year, probably at Stowmarket, when members would have the opportunity of voting for or against the scheme.

In thanking members for their support, Mr. Pipe said they must bear in mind that they, the ringers themselves, would benefit chiefly if Grundisburgh bells were recast, retuned or rebung or made into a ten bell peal. The parish was central and easy to get to, and could be a real ringers' Paradise. He assured the meeting that only a first-class job would be considered, and looked to the day when Grundisburgh would have one of the most musical peals in the county.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An evening meeting of the South and West District was held at Heston on Thursday, July 18th, and though the very wet weather restricted the attendance somewhat it was a quite a success.

About 20 members and friends attended from Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Hainpslead, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hounslow, Isleworth, Putney, Twickenham and Willesden. Some good ringing was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, also Oxford Bob Triples and a non-conducted touch of Stedman Triples. There were also plenty of rounds for learners.

On the proposition of Mr. H. C. Chandler, seconded by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Miss Nora Curtis, of Heston, was elected a ringing member. The best thanks of the association were accorded to Mr. H. C. Chandler and the local company for the arrangements made, and to the Vicar, the Rev. G. Craggs, who greeted members as the meeting closed.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clark 1, F. Benfield 2, J. Dunkley 3, H. Parker 4, G. Parker 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

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KENT ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—Cowden, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Service 4.30. No tea available. — T. Saunders, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper, 3 p.m., Aug. 3rd. Unable to provide tea.—G. T. Jennings, Crawley.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea at the Duke's Head 5 p.m. —A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Whiston (8), on Monday, Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d.) must notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands Broom, Rotherham.—H. Chaddock, Sec.

SALISBURY and WINCHESTER GUILDS.—East Tytherley, Hants, August Bank Holiday. Bells (8) from 11 a.m. Lockerley (6) after 2 p.m. Bring food and sugar. Cups of tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. — W. Theobald, G. Pullinger.

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry, Rugby and Nuneaton Districts. — Joint district monthly meeting, Monks Kirby, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. This meeting is in conjunction with the Ringers' Day at Monks Kirby. Will Coventry Guild members for tea please notify me by Aug. 3rd certain? — Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec., 32, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ELY ASSN.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Hamerton Vicarage 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Horbury, near Wakefield, Aug. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Aug. 7th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Frome Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Shepton Mallet bells (8) 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Northill and Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Old Warden at 6 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Bottesford (8), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business, Rutland Cafe, 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, by Aug. 7th.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Cups of tea only.—H. Denman.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Summer meeting, Hoar Cross, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 4.45 p.m. Take own food. Bus leaves Burton (New Street) 1.5 p.m. and Lichfield 2.5 p.m. Names for a special bus from Burton at 3 p.m. to be sent at once to J. H. Brittan, 81, Blackpool Street, Burton-on-Trent, or to the undersigned, J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST DERBY and NOTTS AND DERBY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS (Derby District). — Joint meeting. Crich, Aug. 10th. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Blackburn Branch. — Clitheroe, Aug. 10th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting, Rochdale Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Nominations for branch president to secretary.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Turners Hill (8), Aug. 10th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Waltham, St. Lawrence, on Saturday, Aug. 10th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

MONKS KIRBY.—Ringers' Social, Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea only provided. Bring own food.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. —A. B. Peck.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 5, tea following. Names by Aug. 7th to Mr. W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, Herts. — W. C. Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting, Twineham (5) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. G. Packham, 2, Council Cottages, Twineham, by 7th inst.—E. L. Harris, Hon. Div. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD** (Basingstoke Branch), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). —A joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5.15. All who require tea notify C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot, by Tuesday, 13th.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District. — Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. No. 342 bus from Potters Bar Garage.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk Branch.—Ringing meeting at Lowestoft (8) on Saturday, Aug. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangement for tea. — J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The usual monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will not be held during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Preliminary Notice.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Details later. Please send names for tea as early as possible to Mr. O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket, in order to facilitate catering arrangements. —Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

Only four branch members, representing Shroton and Stoke Wake, and a visitor from Lytchett Matravers attended a five-bell practice meeting held at Pimperne on July 27th. Ringing eventually commenced at 3.40, followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, and tea at the Anvil Tea Rooms. The bells were rung again after tea till 6.20, when the party adjourned to Spetisbury, where ringing continued till 8.30. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT MORPETH.

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District in recent years was held at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on July 20th, when over 30 ringers attended from Fenham, Newcastle Cathedral, Benwell, Whitley Bay, Cramlington, Whickham, Benfieldside, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street and the local tower. The gathering was graced by the presence of the president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland.

Although the bells of this secular tower have little to recommend them and some trouble was caused by the tenor rope casting the wheel (until Mr. James Gofton made himself its master), several fair touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung. An interesting feature was the ringing of the curfew at 8 p.m., when a pause in the meeting was made to allow this historical event to have its traditional place.

A business meeting was held following the tea, with Mr. K. Arthur, vice-president, in the chair. A welcome was extended to the president, who, in reply, thanked the Mayor and Town Council for the use of the bells, but expressed his opinion that the ancient borough of Morpeth deserved a finer peal and recommended that a bell founder be brought in to give advice. Mr. Michael Anderson thanked Miss Armstrong and the local members for all the arrangements that had been made.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in conjunction with the Western District at Hexham Abbey on August 17th. One new member, Mr. J. E. Plane, late of Northampton, was elected. An apology for absence was received from Mr. W. E. Robinson, the district secretary, who was prevented from attending through pressure of work.

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