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EXTENSION PROBLEM

WHILE the Methods Committee were not in a position to give their final views to the Eastbourne Council meeting on the extension of even-bell methods to higher even numbers they presented a series of recommended rules as an appendix to their report.

Their approach to the subject is interesting. As a basis they submitted the following note: 'We believe that the objective in extension should be to produce a method acceptable to the practical ringer (not so much the mathematician) as the obvious extended form of the parent. This can only be achieved by preserving in the extension all the distinctive features of the parent (e.g. place-making, work with the treble at front and back, etc.), and also the correct sequence of lead ends (if this is possible). No new blocks of places should be introduced except such as are additional reproductions of the parent. Of course, additional dodging and/or hunting are unavoidable as compensation for the longer path of the treble. We are of opinion that it is impossible to frame a set of rules which will satisfactorily control the whole subject, and that mathematics alone cannot accomplish this.'

The Methods Committee put forward a special plan that those who propose to ring an alleged extension shall commit the figures to them for approval and for their guidance submit the following recommendations:—

(1) Lead-end places.

(a) When the parent is a second place method, the extension shall be likewise.

(b) When the place of the parent is in the ultimate position the place of the extension shall also be in the ultimate position.

(2) Half-lead places.

The half-lead places in an extension may be either the same number of places from the front or from the back as in the parent.

(3) Place-making.

No sequence of places made by the same bell in any one dodging position shall be introduced into an extension unless such places conform to a 'pattern' already exist-

ing in the parent except where such places are an 'enlargement' of a sequence made by the pivot bell in a 'slow-work.'

(4) Contiguous places.

(a) No contiguous places in the parent shall be omitted from an extension.

(b) No contiguous places which have no counterpart in the parent shall be included in an extension.

(5) Sequence of lead-ends.

There has, in the past, been much argument on this subject, usually, we fear, with the object of 'proving' that someone's particular extension was correct, but very little attention has been given to the views of the ordinary ringer. We believe he will judge an extension by a comparison of the 'work' contained therein with that of the parent, and by the order in which such 'work' is performed. This latter is governed by the sequence of lead-ends, which, in turn, is governed by the bell making the half-lead pivot place. We believe that some rules are necessary governing this important point, but we have been unable to reconcile theory and practice up to the present and so are not yet in a position to recommend anything to the Council on this subject. As far as we are aware, this matter, when solved (if that is possible) will complete our investigation, as we believe all important points will then have been covered.'

The reconciling of theory and practice as the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead so aptly terms the problem is unquestionably the thorny point. Not one of the theorists who, by means of documents and arguments, have endeavoured to prove that theirs is the correct approach to the problem will climb down gracefully from their own particular pedestal. Perhaps the most useful contribution at this stage to the help of the Methods Committee would be the opinion of the 'ordinary' ringer—in other words, one who has not advanced his own particular theory. The committee are to be commended for trying to keep to a middle course, but we feel certain that before they complete their task they will be expected by the 'ordinary' reader to refute one or other of the 'experts' on the extension theories. The final report should be ready for the Chester Council meeting; it would, however, be an advantage to all concerned if, before the meeting, the conclusions of the committee could be published in the 'Ringing World' to enable the theorists to ensure that their point of view is properly presented.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	7
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	8
TREVOR REYNOLDS ...	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	9
GEORGE A. PACKER ...	†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE... ..	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	JOHN BRAMLEY ...	11
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ...	GEORGE L. RODEN ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 25th peal for the Society. † First peal of Cinques.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Davies' Variation.	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	ARTHUR PEAKE ...	7
MARGARET RIGBY ...	*ALBERT LAWTON ... <i>Tenor</i>	
G. ARNOLD MOORE ...		

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal for forty-three years.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Washbrook's Variation.	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... ..	6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	ARTHUR PEAKE ...	7
†JUNE M. HENSHAW ...	†OWEN WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>	
G. ARNOLD MOORE ...		

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to N. R. Holland.

ALMONDBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ...	5
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	IVOR H. TRUEMAN ...	6
SIDNEY G. RICHES ...	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ...	7
JACK R. WORRALL ...	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Washbrook's Variation.	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN WHEADON ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	6
*Mrs. F. I. HAIRS ...	HARRY PARKES ...	7
FRANK E. WALKER ...	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>	
FREDK. J. CULLUM ...		

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 300th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wheadon, son of the treble ringer and a former member of the local band.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD JENKINS ...	5
ERNEST B. BETTS ...	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	6
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ...	FRED HODGSON ...	7
ALFRED SMITH ...	FRED DUNKERLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 8184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... <i>Treble</i>	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY ...	5
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH... ..	EDWARD JENKINS ...	6
*WILLIAM WARD ...	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ...	7
*MOLLY AMBLER ...	*ALFRED SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Rutland. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 10 lb.

*JOHN A. HILTON ... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN H. BAXTER ...	5
†EILEEN S. WYLES ...	ALAN BUTLER ...	6
THOMAS H. HOLMES ...	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	7
PETER NEWING ...	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST C. STAFF ...	5
CYRIL J. BARBER ...	WILLIAM J. FIATT ...	6
ERNEST A. HEAD ...	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ...	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	ERNEST WHITING ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

*ROY BROOM ... <i>Treble</i>	DAVID SMITH ...	5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	*CHARLES CLEGG ...	6
ROGER LEIGH ...	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	7
DEREK OGDEN ...	JACK CLEGG ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the birthday of Queen Mary. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.



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STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.	
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Treble	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ...	5	
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE ...	6	
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	ARTHUR PEAKE ...	7	
RONALD BARLOW ... 4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JUNE GRIFFITHS ... Treble	JOHN THOMPSON ...	5	
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	6	
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 3	HUBERT ASHLEY ...	7	
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor		

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Griffiths.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*GORDON F. CLARKE ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	5	
FRED ORRISS ... 2	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ...	6	
JAMES BUTLER ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	7	
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4	RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. E. E. Davey has now circled this tower for the third time. Birthday peal for F. Orriss.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 8292 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ...	5	
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	6	
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7	
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH SAXTON ... Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
First peal in the method by all, for the Association and on the bells.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP Treble	*DONALD E. TOWERS ...	5	
ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 2	†JOHN T. ROBERTS ...	6	
THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 3	*JACK R. TOWERS ...	7	
PHILIP J. COWARD ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor		

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. For the wedding of S. Scott (a member of this tower) and Joan Evelyn Neville, who were married the same day.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... Treble	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ...	5	
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	JOHN T. LOCKE ...	6	
REGINALD BEALE ... 3	JACK W. DREW ...	7	
FREDERICK WELCH ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... Tenor		

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
First peal of Major as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*HAROLD F. BROWN ... Treble	†GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5	
†GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ...	6	
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	JACK I. MILLHOUSE ...	7	
†ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER 4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... Tenor		

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Association.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	5	
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP ...	6	
RALPH BIRD ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ...	7	
PETER D. HUCKSTEEP ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor		

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Birthday compliment to P. B. Read and S. G. Waters.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.			
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... Treble	JOHN LUCK ...	5	
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	ALBERT G. RICHARDS ...	6	
HOWARD HOWELL ... 3	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	7	
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 4	ALAN ELESMORE ... Tenor		

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.			
*E. ANN ROSE ... Treble	†JUNE M. HENSHAW ...	4	
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 2	†RONALD BARLOW ...	5	
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.			
CYRIL COUSINS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	4	
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5	
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.			
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	4	
BRIAN S. COPE ... 2	JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	5	
BRIAN AUSTIN ... 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor		

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
A compliment to Queen Mary on her 83rd birthday.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... Treble DOUGLAS M. HALL ... 4
MARJORIE PERKINS ... 2 STANLEY DANCE ... 5
*FRANK MITCHELL ... 3 EDWIN ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*JOHN JONES ... Treble †JOHN OLIVER ... 4
†JAMES CORBETT ... 2 JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
†MOLLY FLYNN ... 3 †JAMES COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. To celebrate the Vicar's 20 years' service at the above church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
*DENNIS GLEED ... Treble GEORGE N. ORMON ... 4
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 2 ARTHUR G. BUTTON ... 5
ROY DUESBURY ... 3 ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF WOODCOCK'S VICTORY TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.
RONALD BARLOW ... Treble ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3 *FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* 75th peal and 50th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Court and two each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Treble FRED INGALL ... 4
*RONALD APPLEWHITE ... 2 LOUIS WILLDERS ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3 MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal 'inside.'

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
*EDMUND C. ATVEO ... Treble *SIDNEY WHITE ... 4
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 2 RONALD WHITE ... 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3 WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 2,520 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
*GRAHAM MARSH ... Treble GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 ERIC NIXON ... 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 3 RONALD BARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal (aged 15). † First peal of Doubles.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.
HARRY COMMINS ... Treble FRANK BLANCHFLOWER ... 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 2 FRANK J. MORRIS ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3 WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

50th peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... Treble RODERICK W. CROUCHER ... 4
BERNARD SADLER ... 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 DONALD COOMBS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A welcome to the new Rector of Leigh, Rev. John Leslie Head.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Pitman's and Morris' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
ROY HOLPIN (15) ... Treble HORACE V. ROBINSON ... 4
MARY DREW ... 2 LESLIE BARRY ... 5
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3 *RONALD BEALE (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. A compliment to the Rev. A. D. H. Allen on completing 21 years as Vicar.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... Treble THOMAS COOKE ... 4
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 2 W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' In celebration of the Patronal Festival and as a welcome home to the conductor after a sojourn of three years in South America.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
SYDNEY CARNALL ... Treble *CHARLES COOK ... 4
WILLIAM BRETT ... 2 JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3 HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's in twelve methods as follows: (1) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford T.B., (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) College Single, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*DENNIS BURNETT ... Treble SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 4
†JACK BENISTON ... 2 C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3 ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. † First peal in 12 methods. First peal on bells since augmentation to six.

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SUCKLING Treble	BRUCE MCKIE 4
*ERIC EDMONDSON 2	SIDNEY F. CARTER 5
DONALD C. PRICE 3	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Stedman, 1,200 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4
*MARGARET RIGBY 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* 25th peal. First peal in four methods 'in hand' by all.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3-4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON 1-2	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4	†RONALD BARLOW 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 2 Hours,

AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.

BARRY COPE 1-2	GORDON C. BRIGGS 3-4
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

First peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT VITORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob.

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ERNEST W. PYE 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

In honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. J. Barker, a local ringer.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Thurs., June 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN THE CONSISTORY COURT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF SPICED PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Being 1,024 each of Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, 768 each of Wellington and Gainsborough, and 512 Little Bob; 383 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

*G. A. SMITH (Newnham) 1-2	†GEOFFREY DODDS (Emm.) 5-6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3-4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Spiced Major. First peal in six methods by all the band, for the Guild and as conductor.

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DEDICATION OF BELLS, CAVERSFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE

THE little Church of St. Laurence, Caversfield, is set in one of the most delightful spots in rural Oxfordshire; surrounded by the trees, lakes and lawns of Caversfield House. The church stands on an historic site, for within a square formed by an ancient rampart lie buried a Roman general, or chieftain, and most of his followers, who were slain here in the third century. Bloomfield, the historian, believed it to be the last resting place of Carasius, who seized the government of Britain at this time, and who was defeated by his chief of staff, Allectus.

When our Saxon forefathers colonised this part of Oxfordshire a few centuries later they utilised the ancient site, and, on becoming Christians, built there a small church within the ancient ramparts. In the tenth or early part of the eleventh century a tower of stone was added to what was probably a wooden church, and the lower portion of this tower remains to-day—one of the few examples of Saxon architecture in Oxfordshire. Two of the original windows have withstood the ravages of time for almost one thousand years.

The Normans left their mark on the church by reconstructing the tiny nave, and some of their work, including a fine doorway, remains. But it was in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries that the greatest benefactions were made, chiefly by Roger Gargate, the Lord of the Manor, and his son Hugh. Roger rebuilt the nave and chancel, and the richness of detail in the stone masonry of this work, particularly that of the nave arcades, is equal to some of the finest work found in our cathedrals.

Early in the thirteenth century Hugh Gargate and his wife Sibilla continued the good work, and among their bequests were the bells,

one of which has survived until to-day, and is now the oldest *dateable* inscribed bell in England. A translation of its inscription reads: 'In honour of God and St. Laurence. Hugh Gargate and Sibilla his wife had these bells erected.' Hugh was living in 1216; he is mentioned in the 'Close Rolls' for that year; but in 1219 his wife is described in a deed as 'Sybil de Caversfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

One of the bells, given by Hugh and Sibilla, was recast by the Ruffords, of Toddington, about the year 1300; a rubbing of its inscription is now preserved in the library of the Society of Antiquaries, in London. Rufford's bell lasted down to 1876, when it cracked and was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who two years previously had added a tenor to form a ring of three. Soon afterwards the surviving Gargate bell became cracked; it had been quarter-turned in 1874, but too late to save it. The bell should have been turned at least two centuries earlier.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, attracted by the interest attached to the old bell, commenced to ring at Caversfield in the year 1921; he was then 16 years of age and there were no other ringers. So he acquired the art of ringing a pair of bells, one in each hand, including raising and falling them 'in peal.' There were then, of course, only two sound bells in the tower. Later Messrs. J. and L. Evans and C. H. Kinch learnt to ring here, and the Vicar and churchwardens were persuaded to have the cracked thirteenth century bell taken down and preserved in the church and a new treble erected in its place. This was done in 1927 and the little band were soon ringing Stedman Sixes for service on the three bells—they rang 720 changes of Stedman Sixes in honour of the

Stedman Tercentenary—and it needs great skill and perfect bell control to strike Stedman perfectly on three bells.

From 1927 onwards the Caversfield bells were regularly rung for Sunday services—three services a month—and were chiefly used as a training ground for the teaching of raising and falling and the basic principles of Stedman to ringers from neighbouring towers. Now a generous donor has presented the church with two additional bells, which were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. G. B. Allen, Lord Bishop of Dorchester, on May 16th.

The tiny church was filled to capacity for the ceremony, and all available space taken up by chairs to make additional accommodation. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Roberts, priest-in-charge, and the Launton Church choir occupied the chancel. The clergy and choir, having robed in Caversfield House, walked in procession through the beautiful grounds to the church, and after the responses and prayers and the hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and ringers, together with Miss M. Phillips, the donor of the bells, proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of the church; and standing by Hugh Gargate's bell, Miss Phillips presented the ropes of the two new bells to the Bishop, requesting him to dedicate them to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of her mother and brother. After the dedicatory prayers the two new bells were rung up by Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. C. H. Kinch, the secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch.

After the bells had been committed to the custody of the priest-in-charge, an excellent course of Stedman Doubles was rung by F.

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F. SHARPE, PRICIT.

One-third scale details of the inscriptions on the early thirteenth-century bell at Caversfield. The first two lines constitute the upper inscription which was formed on the clay model of the bell prior to casting in the orthodox manner. The three lower lines read from right to left, starting at the bottom, and this inscription, which occupies a band just above the sound bow, was formed by scratching the letters into the cope after removal of the model. All letters are formed backwards as a result of not having been reversed in the cope.

CAVERSFIELD BELLS—cont.

Sharpe 1, C. H. Kinch 2, F. J. Smith 3, H. Gregory 4, and Richard White, the bellhanger, tenor. The procession returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple.'

The Bishop of Dorchester took for the theme of his sermon the continuity of life and worship, represented by three kinds of witness—silent, spoken and inarticulate. The silent witness was the church building, of which Caversfield possessed one of the gems of the county; for a thousand years the church here had stood sentinel to our God, it was a precious possession. The spoken witness was the priest and people. Without a break God had been worshipped and adored there for all those centuries. The inarticulate witnesses were the bells; they were effective; they reached where the human voice could never get. The Caversfield bells had sent out their message for more than 700 years; now they had been enriched by a very generous gift of two more bells.

Following the hymn, 'For all the saints,' and the Blessing, the first touch was rung, as the procession returned to Caversfield House, by the following officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild: The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master), Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss M. R. Cross (librarian), Mr. E. Pearson (secretary, Banbury Branch), and Mr. C. H. Kinch (secretary, Biester Branch).

The bells were then available for visiting ringers, some fifty or so of whom had managed to secure a seat in the tiny church, while others, less fortunate, had remained in the churchyard, and many saw Hugh Gargate's bell for the first time. The new bells were much admired for their sweetness of tone and proved very easy to handle. They were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and hung by Messrs. Richard White and Son. The tenor is 29½ inches diameter, in D flat, and weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. F. S.

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH

The hallowing of St. George Colegate bells a fortnight previously was followed on May 20th with a service less unusual but no less triumphant, when, having been hung in the tower, they were reopened by the Archdeacon of Norwich. The service was only made possible on this date by the very rapid and efficient work of the bellhangers who had been working up to 9 or 10 o'clock on several evenings previously.

Ascensiontide with its message leading men's thoughts upward was a most appropriate time for the service, which commenced with a grand Ascension hymn. Then a bidding prayer committing to God the bells and their work, and praying for craftsmen, ringers and hearers.

The president of the Norwich Association read the lesson, which was followed by the anthem, 'O praise God in His holiness.' Then the solemn procession to the ringing chamber, where Mr. A. A. Hughes handed a rope to the Archdeacon, who handed it to the Vicar and said the words of dedication.

Then 60 Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Association Ringing Master, the four Branch Ringing Masters and the Vicar. The procession returned to the chancel whilst a ringers' hymn by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the West Norfolk Branch, was sung. After prayers for the bells, ringers, craftsmen, the sick and the departed, the choir sang the carol, 'Ding dong! merrily on high.' The Archdeacon's sermon was followed by the hymn, 'Raised aloft within the steeple.'

After the Blessing, an extent of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the four branch secretaries, also G. W. Fletcher, as branch chairman of the East Norfolk, and W. C. Duffield, as a Central Council representative, and thereafter the bells were kept going until well into the evening, with a variety of methods. All

were delighted with the 'go' of the bells, with the tone which represents a perfect splice between mediæval and modern bells, and the absence of deafening clatter in the neighbourhood. A good tea and the showing of a cine film of handbell ringing in the churchyard rounded things off.

The Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk, who is keenly interested in ringing, sent a most gracious message regretting his inability to attend, and saying, 'I am sorry as there is nothing that pleases me more than to hear of bells being rehung and reopened for use.'

A. G. G. T.

ST. NICHOLAS', ARUNDEL

On Wednesday, May 31st, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Arundel, Sussex, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Lewes.

The service was attended by Her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. A. G. Whittaker) and Corporation.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who undertook the work of rehanging the bells, were represented by Mr. Michael Howard (managing director) and Mr. Newsome.

During the service the newly-formed local band, assisted by Mr. S. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Sussex County Association, and Mr. Leonard Stilwell, rang the dedication rounds.

After the service Mr. R. P. Wood, Master of the Western Division, conducted the ringing in a variety of methods.

On the following Saturday the tower was open to visitors during the afternoon and evening, when ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the voluntary help of ladies of the congregation, when about 36 ringers were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. King, and Mrs. King.

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A crack has been discovered in Painswick Church a few feet from the top of the spire. A gift day is being held next Saturday to raise the £250 necessary to put the repair in hand this month. The Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Jackson), of the Vicarage, Painswick, Glos, appeals to all who have had the privilege of ringing in this famous church to send their contributions to him marked 'Church Spire Fund.'

The consummation of a great achievement will be the rededication of Ash, Surrey, bells on June 28th. Ash and Farnham district ringers are past masters at money raising.

Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-on-Soar, Leics, has a campanological society that scored its first quarter on May 20th. The members are now looking forward to their first peal.

Miss Susan Dilnot, of Whitstable, aged 10 months, was made an honorary member of the Kent County Association at the meeting at Hernhill on June 3rd. Is she the youngest honorary member of any association?

'We are still fighting hard for our last £500,' writes Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham fame. Another bell Sunday with a parade of fire engines and decorated vehicles is being arranged for June 25th.

A correspondent points out that the three available towers at Eastbourne are not all Warners. The eight at St. Mary's are Mears, cast in 1818 with the metal of the old six and augmented into eight. The fifth and seventh were recast again in 1928 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Owing to two bells crossing over in the last part unnoticed, a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major at Bampton, Wilts (tenor 25 cwt.), was lost. The band, however, was rather pleased,' writes Mr. Peter Anger, of Shrivenham, 'with having rung 3 hours 15 minutes of beautiful striking on such good toned bells.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

During the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne the bells of All Saints' Church were broadcast. A short touch of Stedman Triples was followed by three leads of Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were F. E. Haynes 1, F. W. Perrens 2, H. J. Poole 3, J. Freeman 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, F. I. Hairs 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, J. T. Dyke 8.

Clapham Park, London, after six years of disappointments, has now a band of keen youngsters whose first quarter peal is recorded this week. They are also all full church members.

During a peal of Minor in seven methods at Great Addington, Northants, on May 26th, an electricity breakdown in the area occurred. The band continued ringing mainly by ear until the current was restored in the fifth 720.

The information of the peal of Doubles rung at Norton on May 20th being the first on the bells for 26 years is not correct. Mr. P. Amos informs us that the last peal was rung on Dec. 30th, 1926, in which he took part.

Mr. F. G. Huckstepp, of Ashford, Kent, has now conducted a different Surprise Major method from each inside bell, viz., 2 Bristol, 3 Rutland, 4 Ashted, 5 New Cambridge, 6 Cranbourne, 7 Pudsey, 8 Cambridge. He has also completed the circle with Holt's Original from the treble onwards.

Mr. Frank Sinkins, who rang in the opening rounds when Slough bells were augmented into eight in 1886, rang on a similar occasion when the ten were dedicated. At the age of 85 he is still very fit and rings regularly every Sunday and practice night. Garden lovers will know the famous Mrs. Sinkins pink. This flower was named after his mother and was raised by his father when he was Master of Slough Workhouse.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE—cont.

The Decisions: An Interim Report Mr. Kippin and the Challenge to Freedom Mr. Roberts and Inartistic Performances Methods Committee and Doubles Problems Methods Committee and 'Patch-Up' Restorations

DECISIONS

The following is the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Decisions:—

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS.

The following Decisions and Recommendations of the Council have been issued from time to time, for the guidance of the Exercise, and with a view to bringing about uniformity of practice.

PRACTICAL RINGING.

CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS.

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(1) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(2) That no call be made, or, having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

(3) That no other person than those ringing in the peal shall take any part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(4) That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

(5) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal, compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii) That the conductor of the proposed peal shall take steps to ensure, before the attempt, that the composition is true, and submit the figures to at least two competent persons for proof.

The figures, which shall be strictly adhered to, shall be lodged with the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the peal is to be rung, and in the event of accomplishment this officer shall immediately forward the figures to 'The Ringing World' for publication.

(iv) That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

(v) That each bell or bells shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.

(vi) That any objection which may be taken to a peal be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition. (v) and (vi) to be applicable to all peals.)

(vii) In the case of handbell peals, arrangements must be made so that the ringing can be heard by interested parties.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes, with or without one covering bell, rung in:—

(a) True and complete six-scores without in-

terval between any two six-scores, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(b) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(c) Twelve six-scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.

(d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) or any two of them.

PEALS OF MINOR.

Peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without a covering bell, the bells striking round once at the end of each 720 and immediately going into the next. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, or by one touch of less than 720.

The Bankes-James arrangement for Cambridge Minor, and the Law-James arrangement for London Minor are permitted whilst being outside the normal scope of the definition above, and should only be used when sufficient true 720's are not available to make up a peal unless 5-6 are reversed. The conditions governing these arrangements are that each change should be rung seven times only in each 5,040, and pro rata for longer peals.

PEALS OF TRIPLES.

Peals of Triples shall comprise not less than 5,040 true changes rung with one covering bell and without interval.

PEALS OF CATERS AND CINQUES.

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval and with one covering bell.

PEALS OF MAJOR, ROYAL AND MAXIMUS

Peals of Major, Royal or Maximus shall comprise not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Handbell peals rung 'single handed' shall not be recognised.

CALLS.

On all numbers of bells more than seven, no special calls may be introduced, the regular bob or single of the method being sufficient on all occasions and for all purposes whatsoever.

It is not permissible for any pair or pairs of bells to be still, or for any other special arrangement to be made, on going off into changes, or in returning to rounds.

THE DISCUSSION.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that members be asked to consider the decisions as recommended, and send their criticisms to the committee as soon as possible, so that the final conclusion can be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. C. H. Kippin expressed the hope that nothing would be done to challenge the freedom of the Press when members talked about freak performances. Who was going to decide what was a freak performance? It was only a few weeks ago that the Editor was standing up for the amount of latitude allowed him in 'The Ringing World' and now they were suggesting that these freak performances would not be published. He did not know how the Editor was going to justify his article. There was another point: the sub-committee had mentioned London Surprise Royal; they seemed to have forgotten Superlative Surprise Royal. Whether it was prejudice against one he did not know.

The President: If you read the report you

will see that no decision has been made in regard to London Surprise Royal.

Mr. Kippin: I am sorry I missed that point. The original peal was called London Surprise Royal and that was ruled out by the Council. Later on another band at Brighton rang it and called it a version of London Surprise Royal. That was 24 years ago.

The President: This report refers to the fact that there is a decision on London Surprise Royal and it is quite clear if you read it.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood: I would like to move that you formally adopt our interim report on the Decisions. I am sorry if somebody's toes have been trodden on over these freak performances. We know very well there are freak performances and we should like to see an end of them and that is why the Council decided to overhaul its Decisions and not be overridden by people who desire undue publicity. I hope you will send along your recommendations: they will be sympathetically considered.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. C. K. Lewis wanted the last paragraph of decision 6 to be deleted. 'I have little sympathy with freak performances,' he said, 'but I think sometimes out of freak performances you get advancement. Spliced Surprise met with strong opposition when it was first mooted, but it is accepted by the Exercise to-day.'

Mr. T. R. Butler agreed with Mr. Lewis, and asked who was qualified to determine what was and was not a freak performance. Another point was that ringing Minor with a cover was a freak, and Triples without a cover was also a freak. The reasons given were that they were unmusical. As to the musical properties, he said a few years ago he made a test with a schoolgirl of eight and a chief constable, and they both regarded Minor with a cover as more musical.

Mr. P. J. Johnson reminded the Council that there were existing Decisions on the two points raised by Mr. Butler. The aim of the new Decisions was to codify the present position.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis: There seems to be a side-track to attack the freedom of the Press. I quite agree that 'The Ringing World' is our official organ, but let it have some freedom. I don't think you are going to get any reputable journalist to put in what is dictated to him.

The President: If you send in your suggestions as recommended the committee will get on with its work.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: Mr. Smallwood has already circularised the associations through 'The Ringing World,' and he has had only one reply. Why bring this red herring to the meeting?

Mr. Kippin: This is the place.

Mr. Johnson: Not necessarily. Are you treating this committee with courtesy? We sent out asking for suggestions and we get two replies.

Mr. Butler: May I assure you that no discourtesy is intended.

Mr. C. W. Roberts explained that as a co-opted member of the committee they had mainly taken up the Decisions of the previous Council and had adhered to them in spirit. Everyone knew that a peal of Triples without a cover was an inartistic thing, and Minor with a cover was exactly the same. There were certain things in their art which were not necessary to put into rules; they were simply not done.

In regard to the question on the alternative form of bob, Mr. Roberts said there were certain things done to-day that would have been severely criticised by the Council in years gone by. The sole aims of the Decisions were to prevent inartistic performances which were arranged for the sole purpose of getting round the Decisions of the Council, which were worded rather loosely. To attempt this was a retrograde step.

The report was then adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Methods Committee was as follows:—

The Methods Committee has considered various items during the year. The Surprise Methods book was received from Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the only surviving member of the last committee, and, although a work of very great merit as is to be expected since it came primarily from the pen of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, the present committee recommends that its publication be left for the present owing to the cost of printing and the lessened need for it through Mr. Corrigan's book. Some of the committee, however, consider it desirable that there should be ultimately an 'official' publication on Surprise Methods by the Council.

The Plain Major book has been completely revised and its MSS. is almost ready for the press. The old edition has been out of print for many years and we hope this new one will meet with the approval of the Exercise as a whole.

We have gone a long way towards completing our report on the extension of methods, but this very difficult subject, which the Council asked us to investigate, needs final decision on a few important points.

Finally we have made some preliminary observations towards producing a book of Doubles Methods. Before we can go further we should like the Council's approval of the following departures from its decision to apply to Doubles Methods only:—

(a) The working bells need *not* be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than *four* consecutive blows in any one place, usually in 5th place when the treble leads in a 2nds place method, or at the lead in the reverse of such a method, or, if found to be necessary, at other times also.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in moving the adoption of the report, said, 'The manuscript of Surprise Methods Book was considered by the Standing Committee last night, and the committee was instructed to go into the matter more fully, and perhaps publish Mr. Trollope's work, particularly in relation to the history of Surprise ringing, which was of value to the Exercise. The manuscript was of very great merit. The committee had presented an interim report on the Extension question. When the final report comes before them they hoped it would be met with approval. They were trying to avoid any great controversial matters, quite cleverly perhaps, but the decision would rest with the Council.' Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded and the report was adopted.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee stated that during 1949, 2,524 peals were rung on tower bells and 382 on handbells, making a total of 2,906. The Leicester Diocesan Guild headed the list with 267, with Kent County next having a total of 168. The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild accounted for practically a quarter of the handbell peals with 95, mainly due to the efforts of the Bournemouth band.

Not included in the list were the following peals:—

A peal of Doubles for the Irish Association which was recorded twice, only counted once; a peal of Doubles rung for the Yorkshire Association, which was not counted owing to the treble leading continuously.

The committee had included in its total the following two peals, but wanted information as to how they should be recorded:

A peal of Minor rung at Frant on August 9th, 1949, for the Sussex Association, which recorded a 720 each of eight methods, but only gave 5,040 changes. 'Was the last 720 (Reverse and Plain Bob) spliced?' A peal of Cambridge Major at St. Michael's, Southampton, on June 3rd, 1949, which had 6th place bobs. 'Should this be a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods, as the bob is normally the Primrose Surprise Bob?'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that in regard to the peal of Doubles at Bridlington, it had not been included in the report of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. C. H. Kippin asked whether a 6th place bob in a peal would be recognised as Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore said the unit was the same, and only one peal. He suggested it should be recognised as Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said he had also given the matter consideration, and he had come to the conclusion that it was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead also announced that the Methods Committee was quite unanimous on this point.

The Council agreed to regard this as a peal of Cambridge Surprise, and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman presented a verbal report and stated that during the year the members of the committee received 61 requests for advice (of these 32 came from Mr. Sharpe) covering questions of general overhaul, ringing, hanging of bells, and damage to towers. There were nine cases of modification of sound. The need for overhaul in some cases was due to the lack of attention by the steeplekeepers. During the year Mr. F. Sharpe wrote a short note on the care of bells, which had been circulated to the diocesan authorities with a request that it should be published in the Diocesan Magazine. In some cases this had been done. They had received a letter from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Churches, and pointed out that Mr. Hughes and himself were going to talk to the Society's next meeting, and would be very glad if other members of the Council were present.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in seconding, said that he had nothing to add. It was a great pleasure to go and visit these churches, and also to endeavour to persuade the diocesan committees to do the jobs properly instead of 'patch up' work. In the past year they had been able to advise thorough restoration in place of 'patch up.' They had been able to save one or two old mediæval bells and get them replaced by new ones. In one tower he visited the key had been lost 32 years ago and they had to break open the tower door to get in. The tower was in a frightful condition. Many members of the Council had no idea of the frightful conditions under which some bells were rung.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said that at the York conference he referred to a Norwich firm's publicity in regard to electronic bells. The firm have now prepared a lovely brochure setting out the electric bells they had in all parts of this country, and also in Glasgow and New Zealand. The brochure pointed out the great advantage of the bells being played by one performer. They could also arrange in towers where there were ringers for each man to ring his own bell (laughter). There was no mention in the brochure as to cost. He knew that an electric organ costs from £400 to £3,000, and in the brochure it stated that if D.C. was required another £50 was necessary.

Mr. A. A. Hughes pointed out that the firm exhibited at the British Industries Fair at Wembley.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

A comprehensive report on this subject was submitted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in which he stated that bells and bellringing had

figured very prominently in the Press during the past 12 months, and it appeared quite evident that the journalists of to-day take far more trouble to ensure accuracy in this connection than was formerly the case.

On the question of broadcasting the report stated:—

Our report on broadcasting is marked by two outstanding features. One is that television is now giving added publicity to the art of ringing. The other is that a defect, to which our report has repeatedly called attention, has this year been remedied. Easter Day, 1950, was worthily celebrated with a broadcast of bells from all parts of the British Isles, ending by a felicitous inspiration with the bells of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which thus corresponded to the bells of Bethlehem at Christmas.

The televised broadcast from St. Paul's Cathedral was in truth a memorable event. Mr. Herbert Langdon presented the ringers to Richard Dimbleby on the Cathedral steps, the ringers in the belfry and the bells revolving above were clearly seen and heard, with Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Dimbleby 'starring' together in the descriptive comment. Another notable example of television was that of the dedication of Burnham bells in January, when bellfounder, Bishop, ringers and bells were all seen performing their respective parts. Publicity of this kind may well prove of great value both in encouraging general interest and in attracting recruits to the belfry.

Both tower and handbells have found a place in many of the radio programmes. An outstanding instance was the broadcast headed 'From Tower and Steeple,' which was given in the West Home Service on August 4th and subsequently repeated. A broadcast of ringing from Hunton in January was in every way admirable. In a broadcast from Aldbourne, the Wiltshire home of the Wells foundry of a bygone age, ringers with handbells took a part. Many of the broadcast services have been preceded by ringing. In this connection a marked tendency still persists to curtail even the brief 1½ minutes allowed for the bells. Two conspicuous instances occurred at St. Martin's, Birmingham, when a 'ration' of some 30 seconds allowed only six or eight changes of Stedman Caters to be heard before coming into rounds, and at Oxford, where after about a dozen well-struck changes, the fine bells of the University Church were shouted down by a lusty voice. This is a point that calls for careful watching and tactful admonition. In other respects the B.B.C. have given good cause for satisfaction.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said they had criticised the B.B.C. in one or two previous reports for not broadcasting bells on the great festivals of the Church, but this year they had done so. The influence of television into the broadcasting activities, he felt, would lead to greater interest on the part of the public in ringing. Mr. F. Smallwood seconded and the report was adopted.

PEAL BOARDS.

A verbal report was presented by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said he hoped to have the records which were in Mr. Wilson's possession in a week or two. He would go through them, publish a final reminder in 'The Ringing World' and then the work of the committee could be closed.

BIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who stated that they now had a list of 100 past members of the Council, whose records had been completed to the Council's requirements as laid down in 1935 when the committee was established. The committee had considered the preservation of these records in a worthy and accessible form, and suggested an album containing, on loose leaves, the leading particulars of the member's career, with a photograph, and, secondly, a filing system which would preserve the personal letters and

papers. The report asked members of the Council to fill in the Biography Questionnaire form. Mr. Hazelden moved the adoption of the report. Mr. W. H. Viggers, in seconding, said the album they had in view would cost £15. It would be in leather and suitably bound, and he would like someone to present it to the Council.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The profit and loss account of 'The Ringing World' showed a net profit during the year of £29 14s. 7d. The income was as follows: Rolls House Publishing Company, £1,208 15s. 11d.; postal subscribers, £1,107 15s. 2d.; advertisements, £186 6s.; notices, £358 6s. 4d.; 'History of College Youths,' £14 15s.; making a total of £1,275 18s. 5d.

The balance sheet showed a balance carried forward of £1,372 18s. In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. G. W. Fletcher said his forecast last year that they would just about make ends meet had been justified. It was too early to foresee what the result would be of the increased selling price that came into force on January 1st. At the present time they were printing 5,010 copies per week. The accounts had been audited by a chartered accountant.

The income tax position was under consideration, and he hoped that by the same time next year he would be in a position to say how much tax, if any, they had to pay.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.
Mr. C. H. Kippin asked how many years back did the income tax question go.

Mr. Fletcher replied that it was from the date of the purchase of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Kippin: If the Council had to make an unpleasant decision, it could be a financial responsibility.

(To be continued.)

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held a joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Association at Market Drayton on May 27th, which was a great success.

A wedding delayed matters somewhat, but once started this modern ring of Taylor's was heard to the best advantage in standard methods, Cambridge, Superlative and London, which were rung before tea.

A party of 40 enjoyed 'a knife and fork' tea, and received a warm welcome from the Vicar, who said that his own band was one of which he could be proud, they had ushered in the millennium celebrations of the church on Ascension morning at 6.45, and he understood that some peals for the occasion were in the offing.

Visitors from far and wide appeared after tea, and the Ringing Master for the Shropshire Association, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, surprised us all by asking for Bristol and Yorkshire, which went well.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
JOINT MEETING WITH SOUTHWELL
GUILD.**

The joint meeting of these two Guilds attracted over 50 ringers to the beautiful ring of eight at Bottesford. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Tetley, of Croxton Kerrial, in the absence of the Rector.

Following tea, Mr. F. J. Williams, chairman of the Melton District, gave a welcome to the visitors from Notts, Lincoln and Newark. Mr. Pailing, chairman of the Notts Guild, replied, and mentioned how much they had enjoyed the meeting amid such glorious surroundings.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Skinner 1, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 2, Miss B. E. Roberts 3, Miss M. Richards 4, C. A. Barron 5, T. Townsend 6, R. G. Townsend 7, H. Bishop 8, E. J. Berry 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORTHWICH.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, presented at its annual festival at Northwich on Saturday, June 3rd, recorded continued progress in all branches, but reminded its members that there are still towers at which there is no Sunday service ringing and suggested that in 1950 a determined effort be made to re-establish service ringing in all towers. Coupled with this aim is one to bring into union with the Guild all the towers in which the Guild has at present no member.

One hundred and forty-three peals were rung in a variety of methods, and it is pleasing to record the progress being made by bands in different parts of the county and to note that the band which rang the silent peal of London Surprise Major was drawn from no fewer than four branches. But it is not only in the higher flights of method ringing that progress is being made, for an examination of the peal statistics reveals that ten members rang their first peal and that there were seven new conductors.

Finance is still a problem, but the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund has already proved its worth by relieving the General Fund of calls upon it for grants in respect of restorations. The annual dinner was revived in October and proved so popular that it is to be continued this year on October 14th in Chester.

Mr. J. W. Clarke was re-elected Master and the Rev. J. Kingdon hon. secretary and treasurer. As Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton had intimated their desire to relinquish the offices of report secretary and peal recorder, their decision was received with regret and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. S. Jones was re-elected hon. auditor, and Messrs. J. Worth and D. Smith elected Central Council representatives for the triennial period commencing 1951.

The meeting was preceded by a service in church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Maitland Wood, at which the chairman and clerk to the Northwich Urban District Council were present. In his address the Vicar pointed out that Northwich was in the middle of the county and was a very old town. The tower and church were the centre of a siege in Oliver Cromwell's time, as witness the bullet marks on the walls. One of the outside supports of the tower is now inside the church because the north wall was removed outwards several feet to accommodate the magnificent ceiling which, it is said, came from Norton Priory at the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

Of course, continued the Vicar, there were people in Northwich who did not like bells, and he had received a complaint that the bells disturbed the Sunday morning rest of a certain

person. That was the purpose of bells; to awaken people to a sense of their responsibilities. The idea he had tried to express in the service, the lesson and hymns was 'Tell it out to the world.' What a challenge the bells were to people! Whether they listened should not concern the ringers; that should be left to God. But . . . those who issued challenges must be prepared to take them up and it is no use ringing out the challenge if they did not believe in it. The form of service arranged by the Vicar, which began with a course of Plain Bob Major and concluded with a course of Grandsire Triples, was very favourably commented on by those present, as was also the excellent singing of the choirboys.

Tea in the Church Institute followed the service and afterwards the chairman of the Northwich Urban District Council on behalf of the citizens of Northwich welcomed the Guild to the town and its environs remarking that he had been greatly interested in all he had seen and heard that afternoon and that certain of his misconceptions regarding ringing had been very effectively cleared up. The meeting, through the Master, thanked him for his warm welcome and interest, the Vicar for the preparation of the service and his excellent address, the curate, the organist and choirboys, the local ringers and their helpers for all their efforts to ensure the comfort of the visitors and the success of the meeting.

The next annual festival of the Guild is to be held at St. George's, Church, Stockport, on May 19th, 1951, when it is hoped the preacher will be the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick, Vicar of St. George's, 'the parson who calls,' and we look forward to being able to record still further progress by the Chester Guild.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at Escrick on May 20th. Members were present from Selby Abbey, Carlton, Snaith, Goole, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Hemingbrough, York and Thorne. The eight bells were rung during the afternoon to standard methods, also rounds for learners.

A shortened form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Cups of tea were kindly provided by the local company in the schoolroom and the business meeting followed, Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby Abbey) occupying the chair. The secretary gave final details regarding arrangements for the annual outing to be held on Whit Monday. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and to the local company for arrangements, it being unfortunate that the wife of Mr. Robbins was ill. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

5,184 TRINITY COURT BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

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Eleven times repeated, substituting bob for the single O in the first course in all but the 7th part. The singles O in the 5th and 6th courses may be substituted by bobs in all parts: these were introduced to produce 5678s and 6578s following the fifth course-end. This composition is suitable for any 'J' group method. Contains at course-ends the 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths with the second and third never dodging in 7-8 with the tenor.

Rung at Hethersett, April 11th, 1950.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boreham (first quarter) 1, H. Herbert 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird (cond.) 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, A. Haynes 7, F. Bower 8.

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OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The death of Mr. Wm. Henry Barber at Tamworth General Hospital on May 30th has robbed the ringing Exercise of one of its best known personalities. He was 73 years of age.

Born at Clent, Worcestershire, in 1876, he was afforded his introduction to ringing as a boy, and soon became very skilled. He travelled extensively in early manhood, and for a time was resident in Edinburgh, Dublin and Bangor. Settling in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1905, there he remained until a year ago, when he moved to Sutton Coldfield to spend his retirement.

Throughout his career his performances as a conductor stamped him as being in the top flight, and he has won for himself a niche in ringing memories by his conducting of the most difficult compositions in his favourite method, Stedman. John Carter's odd-bob one-part, which he was the first to call both on tower



THE LATE MR. W. H. BARBER

bells and handbells, and H. Law James' seven-part, were both in his peal book, and he accomplished the singularly difficult feat of ringing the fifth bell whilst blindfold and conducting the former composition at Gateshead in 1908.

He rang in the first peal on handbells in Ireland, the 8,888 Stedman Caters on handbells at Aston in 1898, and the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901.

He was first to conduct peals of Canterbury Pleasure Royal, Forward Maximus, Little Bob Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Granta Maximus, Spliced Caters (Stedman and Erin), Real Double Superlative Surprise Major, Erin Caters, Erin Triples and all short-course Stedman Cinques.

Bill Barber took part in the Coronation peal in 1936 at St. Paul's Cathedral, and in all he had rung over 600 peals, a great number of which he conducted. He conducted a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters in a coal mine, and all arrangements had been made for a similar performance in a dirigible airship when an accident rendered the aircraft unavailable for flying service. He was fond of remarking that it was a good thing the balloon blew up when it did, and not during the ringing, which might have thrown the bells into confusion.

A member of the Central Council since 1924, he was not prominent in debate, but held forthright views, which he was capable of expressing with great deliberation. His 'Ringing World' comment during the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor dispute, '... scrap the lot,' will be remembered by many.

He was a member of the party which travelled to Arklow at the instance of Harvey Reeves, Editor of 'The Bell News,' to obtain

an assurance that J. W. Washbrook really did ring two tower bells to a peal, and the feat was repeated for their benefit.

In stature he was of slight build, but he had a fine style of ringing, and his performances on heavy and ill-going bells were masterpieces of accomplishment. Equally at ease as a conductor on tower bells and handbells, he had great ability as a teacher both of change ringing and tune playing, and there are many who will mourn the passing of the man who was their introduction to the world of pleasure to be found in ringing.

Most of all will he be missed from the social gathering which is so much a part of ringing. William Barber was an amusing companion with a seemingly inexhaustible fund of ringing anecdote, and we to whom he had endeared himself are the richer for having had his generous friendship.

His funeral was at Sutton Coldfield on June 3rd. W. J. D.

MR. GEORGE CONDICK.

The death of Mr George Condick, aged 89 years, occurred on May 27th. He was one of the founder members of St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, besides being a member of several associations.

He rang about 200 peals, one of which he was very proud of, Double Norwich Caters. His list of peals includes Stedman and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, Minor to Maximus in the plain method, also Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and London. He was always to be found on the heavy end and was a very safe ringer.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary-de-Crypt with the bells muffled by S. Romans 1, T. Newman (cond.) 2, W. Richards 3, H. Austin 4, G. Case 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry 7, C. Larnar 8. L. B.

MR. W. H. WALDRON.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. W. H. Waldron, of Peterborough, which occurred very suddenly on June 5th. He had been in failing health for the last few months, but was ringing as usual the previous Sunday and the news of his death was a shock to his many ringing friends.

Mr. Waldron was born at Uffington, Lincs, where he learned to ring. On removing to Peterborough he joined St. Mary's band and became a proficient Minor ringer. He was a member of the band which rang the peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Lincoln Guild and had taken part in several peals of Major, Triples and Minor in all numbers of methods.

When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was formed he was elected secretary of the Peterborough Branch and was in office at the time of his death. Last year he was presented with a barometer by the members of the branch in recognition of his services for the good of ringing. He was enthusiastic in all he did and was regular and punctual both on practice nights and Sundays. A fitting farewell to him is: 'He served his generation.'

The funeral took place at St. John's and was attended by several ringers from neighbouring villages. The bells were rung half-muffled after the service and again in the evening, when other ringers, who were unable to attend the funeral, were there to pay their last tribute.

MR. FRANK PALMER.

The ringers of Ashby Folville, Leicestershire, have lost their captain by the death of Frank Palmer. For many years he was a member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers.

The funeral was at Ashby Folville on May 27th. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering, by W. L. Goodacre 1, C. E. Cooper 2, M. Riley 3, H. Wedge 4, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 5, H. Walker 6, A. Baker 7, D. Palethorpe 8.

Letters to the Editor

THE HANDSTROKE LEAD

Dear Sir,—May I add to my remarks on page 268 of 'The Ringing World' so as to make clearer what I mean?

If twelve bells were being rung properly in rounds and with the correct length of pause at the handstroke, and the front six were set up, the remaining six bells would be adjusted to the gap and the 7th bell would fall into the place previously occupied by the 2nd, and the handstroke gap would be equal to the space between two bells, plus *precisely the same constant as when twelve bells were ringing*. Further, the bells would rise to exactly the same heights at hand and back.

Many visitors ring at Queen Camel, and much criticism in the village is directed against the apparent lack of a bold open lead. Actually, the open lead is there all right, but the constant is so small in comparison with the necessarily wide spacing that it is not nearly so obvious as it would be if the bells were one quarter their weight. I believe that it would be impossible for the back end men to get the backstrokes of their up dodges in the proper places if so wide a lead as twice the ordinary spacing were used.

On eight bells, the handstroke lead approaches the double space. On ten and twelve it should be a little more, and on six and five it is usually totally necessary to make it less. At least, that is my opinion.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

THANKS TO SHAPWICK

Dear Sir,—As May 29th was the first anniversary of the dedication of our bells, I would like to take this opportunity of showing our appreciation to the ringers of our neighbouring church (Shapwick) for their most generous help.

When our bells were dedicated we had only six ringers, who had not rung for more than ten years and could only ring call changes. We now have 14 ringers, including seven who had never handled a bell nine months ago. Of these 14, ten (which includes one lady) can ring Grandsire Doubles. Since last November we have rung one peal and four quarter peals. Had it not been for the co-operation of our ringer friends from Shapwick we would still be ringing call changes. As captain of our ringers I would like to say on their behalf, 'Thank you, Shapwick.'—Yours sincerely,

W. H. CAVILL.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, ELY.

After ringing Thaxted bells to Plain Bob, Cambridge and Superlative, St. Mary's, Ely, ringers on their outing on Whit Monday watched the Morris dancers, a Bank Holiday custom at Thaxted.

Ringing at Felstead preceded lunch with the Essex Association at Chelmsford, and some of the visitors helped with Stedman Caters at the Cathedral afterwards. Writtle and Great Waltham and Dunmow (for ringing and tea) were also visited. The best struck touch of the day was Stedman Triples at Dunmow. Cambridge friends are thanked for helping to make up numbers.

MARKET HARBOROUGH DISTRICT.

This year's outing was in the Matlock District on June 3rd. The route chosen started with a visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry and a ring on the foundry bells, and then via Darley Dale and Matlock. Home was reached at 11 p.m., everyone being satisfied with good bells, lovely weather and good company.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT OTTERY ST. MARY
The 75th annual general meeting of the Guild was held in glorious weather at Ottery St. Mary on Whit Monday. Ringing on the newly cast ring of eight began at 11 a.m. and continued during the day. Good use was also made of the rings at Sidbury, Sidmouth, Honiton and Axminster by bands from various parts of the diocese.

The glorious old church, with its monuments to members of the Coleridge family, made an impressive setting for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. C. Jackson, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rev. W. H. Smale, a vice-president of the Guild, gave a most helpful and interesting address, and Mr. David Conway, a young member of the Silverton band, played the organ in a very able manner.

Luncheon was followed by the business meeting, at which the president was supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale), Mr. T. Laver and Mr. A. W. Searle. The annual report showed that despite the raising of the subscription, membership had increased from 589 to 603, excluding non-resident members, that 29 peals had been rung during the year, and that receipts on general account had exceeded expenditure by over £4.

The President, in reviewing the past year, said that the increase in numbers was very gratifying, but pointed out that this meant that a great deal of hard work would devolve on members in training the newly-joined associate bands. He emphasised the importance of regular Sunday service ringing and that the ideal to be aimed at above all else was that of good striking. He announced that the General Committee had, with very great regret, accepted the resignation of the general secretary, who for ten years had untiringly and devotedly given of his best for the Guild. Mr. Smale was later accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services and elected a vice-president of the Guild, the hope being expressed that he would soon fully recover from his recent indisposition.

Elections for officers resulted as follows: President, Preb. E. V. Cox; hon. general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; hon. general treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. L. Bennett, F. W. Biffin, T. G. Myers and J. E. Lilley.

The meeting confirmed the recommendation of the General Committee that the next annual meeting should take place at Newton Abbot on Easter Monday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.

On Whit Monday, the Warsop ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends from Bolsover, Warsop and Gamston, held a very enjoyable tour of churches in North Lincolnshire. The towers visited were Saxilby (6), Stow (6), Willingham (6), Lea (6), Gainsborough (8), Epworth (8) and Haxey (6). An excellent tea was served at the Red Lion Hotel, Epworth.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, L.S. Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Oswald, Barham, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise Minor, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's, Gainsborough Little Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. The fine toned heavy six at Haxey proved to be a handful, but after one or two failures were rung to some well-struck touches.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

On May 10th, the Biddenden bellringers and their friends enjoyed a day's outing. Towers visited were Salehuast, Heathfield, Mayfield and Burwash. Ringing ranged from rounds to touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Thanks are due to the local ringers who kindly arranged for the use of the bells and to those who welcomed us at the towers. H. D. D.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On
May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire
Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, Miss
H. E. Broomhead 2, K. Ketteringham (cond.)
3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D. Chandler 5, W. Hall
6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. W.
Chevins, verger at Alford Church for 33 years,
and Mrs. Chevins.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,320 Plain
Bob Minor: Miss B. Thompson (first quarter)
1, A. Williams 2, Miss B. Frost 3, R. Godfrey
4, D. Beveridge 5, A. Hall (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May
20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1,
B. G. Burton 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird 4,
W. Wheeler 5, W. H. Aley 6, S. Clarke (cond.)
7, W. Bird 8. A birthday compliment to the
ringers of 4 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May
22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Braine 1, A.
Tyers 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Lubbock 4, T. Tyers
(first as cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First quarter 1,
2, 3 and 4.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On May 24th,
1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob):
B. R. Cummings (first quarter) 1, D. L. Hooper
2, L. L. Willis 3, K. T. Taylor 4, J. W. Hovey
(cond.) 5.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' on May
20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1,
S. Grant (cond.) 2, J. Potter 3, G. Bevan 4,
F. Hale 5, W. Mortimer 6. In honour of the
Wiltshire Regiment receiving the freedom of
the borough.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On May 21st, 1,260
Stedman Triples: F. A. Staveley (first as cond.)
1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Dalingwater 3, L. G.
Webb 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E.
Critchley 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th,
1,500 Doubles (480 each of Stedman, Grandsire
and Plain Bob, 120's being rung alternately,
and 60 Grandsire): F. E. Darby (cond.) 1,
G. D. Burroughs 2, A. J. Oliver 3, J. Hill 4,
P. N. Bond 5. Longest length in more than
one method by 2 and 4.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At the Church St.
Mary Magdalene, 1,264 Little Bob Major:
W. A. Theobald 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, Miss J.
Freer 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, A. F. Lancaster
5, A. E. Hoare 6, H. Kirby 7, R. H. Begrie
(cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 5, 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 25th,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Proctor (first
quarter) 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3,
A. Worboys 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6,
F. V. Gant 7, W. J. Carter 8. With the compliments
of the band to F. J. Freestone, tower-
keeper, on the occasion of his 78th birthday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 21st, 1,260
Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, I. Biggs 2, A. E.
Cox 3, J. Kape 4, W. Lee 5, P. Newton 6, D.
Boreham (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On May 21st,
1,257 Stedman Caters: E. T. Beauchamp 1,
T. H. Tafender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3,
Miss P. Kitchen 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, H. G.
Andrews 6, Dr. D. G. H. Hollis 7, A. B. Wiffen
8, J. Bullock 9, W. Bailey 10.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.—On May 21st,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cassel (cond.) 1,
Miss M. James 2, H. Selwood 3, Miss S. Thomas
4, B. James 5, G. Morse 6, J. Coppage 7, T.
Thomas 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the
Cathedral Church of St. Columb on May 19th,
1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Joan McKinley
1, Miss J. Hughes 2, J. J. Fielding 3, Fred E.
Dukes (first of Bob Doubles) 4, J. Campbell 5.
For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Campbell.

MFLKSHAM, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: C. G. Gibbons 1, S. R.
Cockell 2, Miss R. Gibbons 3, A. Angel 4, H.
Proust 5, W. C. West (cond.) 6, C. F. Andrews
7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. A birthday compliment
to H. Prout.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
— On May 22nd, 1,260
Doubles (2 extents each of
Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk and Ken-
nington and 60 of Grandsire): J. Yeates 1, M.
Shearn 2, E. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4,
B. Shearn 5, M. Horseman (first quarter) 6.
Half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. W.
Russell-Davey, wife of the Rector.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260
Stedman Triples: J. Hope (cond.) 1, C. West-
macott 2, W. Clayton 3, J. C. Acock 4, E. H.
Jefferies 5, A. W. Barrett 6, W. A. Godwin 7,
C. Pitts 8. First of Stedman Triples for 4,
5 and 8.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.
— On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss
Vilma Boxley (first quarter) 1, B. Skidmore
(cond.) 2, R. Moors 3, J. Southall 4, R. Chance
5, A. C. Boxley 6, R. Lees 7, A. Roden 8.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: J. Chambers 1, T. Johnson
2, B. S. Payne (first as cond.) 3, F. K. Thomp-
son 4, R. Soars 5, Mary Payne (first quarter) 6.

SHOREHAM, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles: G. Miles
(first quarter) 1, S. Whiteway 2, R. Pankhurst
3, S. King 4, A. Wenban (cond.) 5, G. Acott 6.
In memoriam Lord Midway of Flete.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On May
21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Mitchell 1,
Mrs. D. Wray 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. Wray (first
quarter) 4, J. W. Haw 5, J. H. Musson 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathed-
ral Church on May 21st, 1,056 Cambridge
Surprise Maximus: H. Belcher 1, J. E. Chilcott
2, Joyce A. England 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4,
M. V. Chilcott 5, T. G. Fox 6, D. Parsons 7,
A. B. Peck 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, J. Phillips 10,
R. F. Deal 11, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 12.
Longest length of Cambridge Maximus for 6
and 9.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On May
21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Mitson 1, R.
Radley 2, C. Brown 3, A. Peacock 4, A. Orbell
5, A. A. Fitch (cond.) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 14th, 1,278
Grandsire Caters: Miss Doris Shepherd (first
on 10) 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, B.
Latham 4, Miss Betty Smith (first on 10) 5, R.
Thain 6, T. Price 7, T. Witts (cond.) 8, W.
Dean 9, R. Sharpe 10. A birthday compliment
to Mr. Rupert Sharpe.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on
May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hulme
(first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.)
2, R. Davidge (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. J.
Skinner 4, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 5, W. W. T.
Daniell 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,320
Grandsire Doubles, with 7-5-8 covering: R.
Hutchins 1, R. W. Rex 2, R. C. Christopher 3,
H. Maisey 4, V. P. H. Preston 5, G. K. Dodd
(cond.) 6, R. W. Muttram 7, R. Dennis 8.
First quarter rung on the ground floor and
first by 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On May
21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. K. C. Wilkings
1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3,
Miss I. B. Cording (first 'inside') 4, J. A.
Hales 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7,
C. F. Neal 8.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th,
1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ellis 1, W. Kerrison
2, J. Gibson 3, R. Darch 4, J. W. Blythe
(cond.) 5, R. Payne 6. A compliment to the
Rev. J. Hardingham, who is retiring after 24
years as Vicar.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 21st,
1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain
Bob): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Bar-
bara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, W. A.
Hughes 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First extent of
St. Clement's for all extent 2 and 6.

WICKHAMBREAU, KENT.—On May 20th,
1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Miss
J. N. Roberts 1, D. J. Wilsden 2, J. Walter 3,
P. Newing 4, S. Walter 5, P. J. Small (cond.)
6. All are past or present pupils of Simon
Langton Grammar Schools, Canterbury.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL.

On May 20th, the Walsall ringers held their annual outing, Shropshire being the venue. The main contingent, augmented by friends from Willenhall and West Bromwich, left Walsall by motor-coach at 1.45 p.m. for Wolverhampton, where the remainder of the party came aboard.

After leaving Wolverhampton, the road to Bridgenorth was taken and then on via Craven Arms to Church Stretton, the first stop. Here we were met by Mr. Hughes, and after raising the bells in peal, the good eight were soon in touches of Stedman, Kent, Grandsire and Bob Major. Ringing over, a move was made to the Carding Mill Valley Hotel for an excellent tea.

Boarding the coach, the climb to the top of Wenlock Edge was enjoyed and a short halt there for all to enjoy the view and then on to Much Wenlock, where the locals had the bells readiness, Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Bob Major were again rung on the good going eight, also a touch of Erin Triples (the first on the bells). All too soon farewell was said to Mr. Fox and the locals, and on past Buildwas Abbey to Coalbrookdale, the home of that Shropshire worthy, the late William Saunders.

Here the ten bells of Holy Trinity Church were set going to Stedman Caters, Kent and Bob Royal, and Erin Caters (again the first on the bells). Incidentally here the Vicar conducted the ladies of the party round the church whilst ringing was in progress.

After farewells had been said the coach, with a somewhat tired but happy party, returned via Shifnal and Wolverhampton, reaching Walsall at 10.45 p.m. J. S. E.

LADIES' GUILD (CENTRAL DISTRICT).

A few members of the Ladies' Guild, from places as far apart as St. Albans and Frindsbury, with a sprinkling of the 'sterner sex,' with hopeless ambitions! spent a really grand day on May 20th.

Leaving London Bridge by coach, we started on a tour of the most beautiful and picturesque part of Kent, the first call being at Wrotham, where the lovely ring of eight was soon going to the tune, of G, S, D, N. and C.

In spite of a little rain, they set off again for Aylesford—a very beautiful old church and another ring of eight. Various methods were rung and with a look round the pretty village. The 'inner man' was beginning to call, so we made our way to Maidstone and Herbert's Cafe, where lunch was waiting.

A lovely drive through some of the 'Weald' brought us to Leeds, where the famous James Barham used to ring. On this ring of ten the ladies were quite at home ringing Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, with, of course, the gentlemen on the heavy end!

Our next call was at Marden, another lovely eight, and as our time was getting short, we had to have to quick run to Tonbridge, where a very substantial tea was waiting.

With two more towers to visit, Chiddingstone and Sevenoaks, both good eights, the thanks and appreciation of the party were expressed by Miss Doris Colgate to Miss Lidbetter for organising such a full, happy and successful day.

WHISTON, YORKS.

Together with a few friends from Sheffield, Whiston ringers visited Bridlington on their annual outing on May 27th. Ringing at Beverley Minster, Bridlington Priory and Thorne Parish Church was much enjoyed, and methods ranged from Cambridge Minor to Bob Royal.

At Beverley, both ringers and non-ringers found much to interest them, not least of all a conversation in the local bar, overheard by two of the ringing party, on the merits of bells. Happily, most of the speakers seemed greatly in favour and enthusiastic in their appreciation of the sound of church bells. N. C.

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON SPA DISTRICT.

Making a 7.30 a.m. start on Whit Monday from Leamington Spa, the Warwick and Leamington district ringers, joined by ringing friends from Stratford-on-Avon, Long Itchington and Ladbroke, travelled by bus via Kenilworth, Lichfield and Burton-on-Trent to Derby.

Here they were met by Mr. H. Taylor at the Cathedral, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. From Derby on to Duffield, where they were checked as the local steeplekeeper failed to turn up to let the party into the tower. After waiting for nearly an hour after the appointed time they proceeded to Matlock, where a good lunch was served. The local organiser (Miss J. Dunn) phoned Duffield immediately and made arrangements for a call in the evening.

After lunch there followed the climb over the 'Bank' and down 'Slack' to Ashover, where this lovely eight was soon going to Bob Major. Messrs. Tom Dent and Eddie Hopkinson, two of the local ringers, met the party. From Ashover to Darley Dale, where some good Grandsire and Bob Major was rung, and a welcome from Messrs. G. Paulson, H. Taylor, H. Gregory and M. Hotchin. Norman was very content and keen to show the visitors the items of interest around the church—not forgetting the 2,000 years old yew tree.

At Matlock tea was served with ringing afterwards at the Parish Church. This visit was cut short owing to the arrangements with Duffield. Unfortunately, Duffield was reached a few minutes late owing to traffic jams, and again access to the church was not possible as there was nobody to meet the party. This was a great disappointment to the tourists, as arrangements were made as far back as Christmas and there was a check up only a week before the visit. R. J. E.

BETCHWORTH, SUREY.

The weather at the beginning of May 20th did not look very promising for the second annual outing of the Betchworth ringers. However, the party of 19, including the Rev. Sanders (Buckland) and the Rev. K. G. Hoare, Vicar of Betchworth, left the church at 8.30 a.m., and by the time we had arrived at Warfield, Berks, at 10 a.m., the weather looked promising enough to remain pleasant for the rest of the day. The local captain, Mr. L. D. Millard, had everything ready and we enjoyed touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on an excellent eight (tenor 13½ cwt.).

We continued through Reading to Streatley (6, tenor 11 cwt.), and the writer was very pleased to see Capt. A. R. Poyntz, who met us at the church. We rang Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge on these lively bells, which are now seldom rung. An excellent lunch was served at the Bull Hotel, and after a ride over the rolling Berkshire downs, we reached Blewbury (8, tenor 19½ cwt.). Messrs. C. Corderoy, C. Gregory and F. James met us and joined us in touches on the fine old eight.

A short ride brought us to Aston Tirrold (6, tenor 12½ cwt.), and the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Cross, and our Vicar, the Rev. K. G. Hoare, recognised each other as fellow Wykehamists, although they had not met since school days. Another short run and we arrived at Cholsey (8, tenor 10½ cwt.) to meet Mr. L. G. Garlick. The bells hang in a fine, sturdy central tower.

After a good tea at the Lamb Inn, Wallingford, we enjoyed a very pretty ride over the Chilterns and beside the Thames to Marlow (8, 15 cwt.), the writer's 1,250th tower. Messrs. R. W. Atkins, L. J. Young and Miss E. Gibson met us and rang the usual three methods with us. The well-kept belfry is a credit to the local company. Our last tower was Clewer (6, tenor 14½ cwt.), and we rang Grandsire and Oxford Treble Bob on a good ring of bells.

A. P. C.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Aston-on-Trent owing to condition of ropes cancelled. Other tower being arranged. Details next week.—J. F. Wilkinson. 7189

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Hook Norton (8), Saturday, June 17th, 3.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 7101

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7132

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Chadlesley Corbett, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7121

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, June 17th. Usual arrangements. No name no tea. Buses from Museum, Dorchester, 2.30 and 3.30. Return 7 and 10.20 p.m.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7129

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Denholme, Bradford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7126

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.50. Tea and business to follow. Cheshunt bells available in evening. No. 242 bus passes both churches.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7143

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Hagenback's Cafe, 3s. per head. Business meeting in Royal Hotel 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 7161

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Oatlands Park, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3, followed by service. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. All ringers welcome. 7164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7151

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7185

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, June 17th, St. Mary's, Holloway, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Borough. Business meeting 6 p.m. in vestry. Ringing at St. George-in-the-Borough 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 7187

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Carlton, near Snaith, June 17th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7182

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 24th. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3.30 p.m. Cathedral service 3.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 20th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 7110

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ichester Deanery.—Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 24th. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham. 7149

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7153

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Leadenham (6) on June 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7159

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Elsham, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 20th to Rev. D. M. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 7137

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, June 24th, at Somerleyton (6). Service 3. Tea 5.30, Duke's Head. Names or numbers for tea to E. W. Brown, Margrets Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 7136

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 24th, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 7203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice, Weare (6), Saturday, June 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 7201

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Central Cafe 5. Names by June 20th to Mr. Hollis, The Park, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 7191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Patronal festival, Epping, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 5 to 6.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying Mr. V. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. Everybody welcome. 7167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, June 24th, Olveston (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 19th.—Noel Denson. 7174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 7181

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Berkswell, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th certain to Frank E. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 7183

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—At the request of the local ringers a meeting will be held at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. 7190

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7175

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Ippolyt's. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 7193

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Frodsham, June 24th. Advise Mr. J. E. Bibby if requiring tea before 22nd.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 7196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Moulton (8), June 24th. Tea if ordered by June 20th. *This is definite.*—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7197

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Calling all members. Joint meeting, Saturday, June 24th, St. Peter's, Staines, 3; Egham 3. Tea at Egham. Wrayisbury 6.30. Names for tea by June 19th to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. 7192

SAPFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch (3s.) at 1 p.m., tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. for those notifying me by 22nd.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 7172

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—June meeting will be at Idle on Saturday, June 24th. Members take own food. Cups of tea provided. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schools following tea.—H. Loffhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 7199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Waldron (8), Saturday, June 24th. Tower open 2.30.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7177

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Lanchester, All Saints', Saturday, June 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st to C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7205

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston, June 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Scott Arms 5.15. Ringing at Swanage in the evening. Names for tea to I. Davis, Branch Sec., 169, Wimborne Road, Poole, by June 20th. 7178

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Backwell, June 25th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those who notify, by June 22nd, Mr. H. Knight, Woolmers, Clevee, near Bristol. 7186

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate Ash bells during evensong on Wednesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six has been completely recast and rebung in a steel frame. Ringing for all after service. The first meeting after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7169

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Frequent bus service from Grays or Southend to Corringham corner, thence 7 minutes' walk. Names for tea to A. Ocken-don, Bay Cottage, Fobbing, Stanford-le-Hope. 7168

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Eastry (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Northbourne (6) available after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than June 29th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7166

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. Lines, not later than Monday, June 26th.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Half-annual meeting at Bingham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by June 29th latest to Mr. Wm. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham, Notts. 7184

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business 5, ringing following. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7188

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Alison Hall at 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. each, for all who notify Mr. C. H. Hunter, 3, King's Close, Hedon, before June 28th. Business meeting afterwards for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7200

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 7198

NOTICES—continued.

BRASTED, KENT.—A garden fete in aid of St. Martin's Church Restoration Fund will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Moorcocks, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Bells (6) will be available for any ringers who care to come. 7195

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (n.v.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The date of the general quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton has been altered from July 15th to July 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7194

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6. 7202

QUARTER PEALS

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Jordan (first quarter) 1, K. Hohl (first on eight) 2, R. D. Divall 3, B. V. Collison 4, W. Dobbie 5, C. A. Bassett 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, G. W. Slack 2, Sonia Coles 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. B. Maynard 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, C. Finch (cond.) 7, L. J. Beal (first quarter) 8. An 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

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