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THE EXERCISE AND ITS PAPER

THIS is not an attempt to spread alarm and despondency, but the older members of the Exercise will remember the fate of every ringing paper up to the advent of 'The Ringing World,' 'Campanology,' 'Bell-ringer' and 'Bell News' all came to an untimely end because of lack of support. Is it possible that 'The Ringing World' may join that unhappy procession? The answer to that question lies in the hands of the Exercise itself. Whilst it is true that there are, in our ranks, many generous and enthusiastic members, there is, on the other hand, a large body of apathetic ringers who are not very much concerned whether or not we have a paper. It was once stated by Sir Arthur Heywood that there are 40,000 ringers in this country. Whether that is a correct figure we are not prepared to argue, but if it is correct, only about one in eight is a reader of this paper. If that does not spell apathy, what does?

The committee responsible for running 'The Ringing World' are very much concerned about the financial position. No, this is not going to be an appeal for donations (although until the new subscribers are forthcoming they are essential). We want something much more solid and lasting. We want the enthusiastic support and backing of every reader of this paper in getting more postal subscribers, and we want a greater realisation by the Exercise of its responsibilities in the ownership of the paper. The committee launched an appeal two years ago for another 1,000 postal subscribers—the result, less than 300. They felt, and still are convinced, that a little effort all round would have produced the desired result. That effort was not made and, in the meantime, prices have continued to soar.

Many hold the view that the answer to the problem is to raise the price of the paper to 6d. or more. If the committee thought that were the answer, they would have done it long ago—but is it the answer? The first effect of an increase would be a substantial drop in the circulation, for there are many who would cease to subscribe as a protest. The result would be a position of 'as you were,' but we should have many less readers. A further increase

in the price would inevitably follow, until at last we can envisage a very select few reading a 1s. 6d. weekly paper.

The Exercise has been assured over and over again that the solution to the financial difficulties can be found in an increased number of postal subscribers. Is it too much to ask for an all out effort to be made to achieve this? It will be no use looking to the Central Council to subsidise the paper—it has financial difficulties of its own. We can have a bigger and better paper when once we have convinced every reader that it is his duty to go all out to get at least one new subscriber. We would urge every secretary and officials of all ringing societies constantly to bring this matter up for discussion at their meetings, and 'The Ringing World' Committee are drafting a letter to every secretary of bodies affiliated to the Central Council making very reasonable requests that can easily be satisfied.

One final word—the committee would appreciate a little more co-operation from capable members in the matter of literary efforts. There are many amongst us who have the capability, but not the will to write interesting articles. Please submit your efforts to the Editor, who will be more than pleased to receive them—and even 'sole and heel' them if necessary.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of March 27th, 1914

SOUTH AFRICAN ITEMS GRAHAMSTOWN CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED

News which will doubtless be read with interest in this country reached us by the last South African mail. It records some handbell performances in a land where change ringing is practically unknown. Between November 8th and 16th last year, four 720's of Bob Minor, with different callings, were rung on handbells at St. Alban's Vicarage, Ferrieras, Johannesburg, the residence of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, by

Rev. Canon C. E. Earle Bulwer ..	1-2
Rev. G. H. Ridout (conductor) ..	3-4
Colin W. Kearns	5-6

These 720's were rung during a visit of Canon Bulwer to Johannesburg, and were his first since leaving England in 1897.

At the Deanery at Grahamstown on February 17th last, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung:—

Ven. J. R. Vincent (Dean) ..	1-2
Rev. G. H. Ridout	3-4
Percy Holt	5-6

An attempt is being made to put the bells—a heavy ring of eight by Warner—into ringing order. The Dean of Grahamstown is an old ringer with nearly a score of peals to his credit, mostly with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he retains life membership. Perhaps that number will grow during his visit to the old country this year.

TEN BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
 Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 6
*JOHN N. DISERENS 2	*DAVID BEACHAM 7
†AUDREY B. DISERENS .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 8
†NOEL J. DISERENS 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 9
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 5	†FRANK W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
 * First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
 THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
 Tenor 22 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL Treble	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 6
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	HAROLD V. FROST 8
*D. KAY ADKINS 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 9
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 5	FREDERICK J. SPICER .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
 * First peal in the method and first peal of Caters. First peal in the method as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
 On Sun., March 14, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 18½ cwt.

Cam Variation.	JOE E. G. ROAST 6
BERNARD SADLER Treble	FRANK C. MAY 7
DONALD COOMBS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 8
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 3	GERALD FROST 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	PETER J. EVES Tenor
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5	

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 * First peal of Royal.
 Rung in memory of John J. Tinsley, who died on Saturday, February 27th, 1954, and Harold Kebby, who died on March 11th, 1943.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5
ROBERT H. BEGRIE 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
 First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., Feb. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16½ cwt.

Middleton's.	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
HARRY SPRINGATE Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	ROBERT COLLINS 7
ERNEST J. LADD 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor
PETER F. BORER 4	

Composed by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
 The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
 THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Thurs., March 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

GRAHAM PRATT Treble	PHILLIP MEHEW 5
MAURICE COLLINS 2	DERICK P. JONES 6
WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 3	JOHN CHURCH 7
HAROLD HEATHFIELD .. 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
 THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. Treble	COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 5
*MARY FULLER 2	†STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 6
†JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER 3	RALPH BIRD 7
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 4	§FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
 * First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal on a working bell.
 ‡ First peal. § 250th peal. The conductor's 100th tower for a peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ROY PANKHURST Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH 5
*JOHN L. MORRIS 2	PETER N. BOND 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	REGINALD L. SILLS 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by J. PAGET. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
 * 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Wed., March 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	JOHN A. ACRES Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SELLING, KENT.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Wed., March 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASTLEY .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS .. 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 2	GEORGE GARDNER .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	*PERCY STONE .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Mrs. Gardner, mother of the ringer of the 6th, on her 86th birthday. Also birthday compliments to Margaret, daughter of C. S. Aylett, on her 21st, and to the ringer of the 4th.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., March 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES .. 5
*ROGER BALDWIN .. 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 4	BRIAN J. LUFF .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*FRANK LINFOOT .. Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY .. 5
W. GEORGE TURNER .. 2	ALBERT W. BOND .. 6
ARNOLD ROTHERY .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. 7
SYDNEY H. BARRON .. 4	†HARRY RENSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. Field Lister, M.A., inducted Vicar of Brighouse February 25th.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*BRENDA M. BALLS .. Treble	†ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD .. 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
†FRANK G. OLIVER .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George M. Rashbrook, the oldest member of the local company.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	†PERCY WHITAKER .. 5
*ANN LAYCOCK .. 2	†ALFRED ASHTON .. 6
†MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3	†ALLAN WEAR .. 7
†WILLIAM DIXON .. 4	*RAY M. V. MANNING .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. S. Kendall, organist of Otley Parish Church for 40 years. The ringer of the 6th has now rung from Doubles to Cinques.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 6
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The ringer of the 4th has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Norma Lund and Mr. Basil Jones.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM A. FARMER .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal of Surprise Major rung in Shrewsbury.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*VICTOR CONNELL .. Treble	TOM BIRD .. 5
CECIL BARKER .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS .. 6
*JACK BRETT .. 3	*TERRY EARLE .. 7
*ALAN R. SYDER .. 4	*ARTHUR RUFFLE .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
*ALEC F. CHANDLER .. Treble	LESLIE V. WOODWARD .. 5
WILLIAM F. SEAGER .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY .. 4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted to GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells after recasting and rehangng.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 6
†MRS. DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 3	HERBERT G. GODDARD .. 7
HARRY TURNER .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	PETER F. BORER .. 5
ROBERT G. RAYFIELD .. 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 6
FRANK E. WALKER .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	TREVOR H. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Robert G. Rayfield has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN MANNTreble	RONALD J. SHARP 4
*DESMOND BRAZIER 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5
CHARLES H. HARDING 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in more than one method.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MICHAEL J. DYERTreble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
*NORMAN MALLET 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
JOHN R. G. SPICER 3	STANLEY GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* 50th peal.

A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of eight years as Rector; also to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Whitehead, both ringers of this tower, on the birth of a daughter.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores, ten callings, six 240's Morris' and five 240's Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE BARRYTreble	*CHARLES PHILLIPS 4
FREDERICK BLOWEN 2	RICHARD CHEW 5
ALEC GIBSON 3	*GEORGE BROWN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..Treble	*ROLAND C. MORLEY 4
MICHAEL N. BLAND 2	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal for the Association.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 51, 36, 49, 37, 50, 28, 29. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES NAPHTHINETreble	REGINALD J. DARCH 4
MARGOT R. THOMPSON 2	JACK E. THURLOW 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Goodwin, of Wenhaston, and Mr. W. Smith, of Aldeburgh.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (i) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and College Exercise Treble Bob, (ii) Thelwall and Childwall, (iii) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (iv) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (v) Oxford Treble Bob, (vi) Kent Treble Bob, (vii) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

*P. ANNE ROYSTONTreble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. CAME 3	PETER J. EVES Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. First peal in twelve methods for all the band.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 six-scores, ten callings, and five 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOAN BUSSEYTreble	†DONALD FRIDAY 4
*MARGARET SMITH 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
†EDGAR CHAMBERLAYNE .. 3	HUBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*V. FRANK HANDFORD ..Treble	WILFRED RILEY 4
MARION BRADLEY 2	FRANK BRADLEY 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG 3	ALBERT WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal. All Sunday service ringers at above church.

Rung as a farewell to ringer of treble, who was joining H.M. Forces.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROY FLETCHERTreble	†LEWIS HEMSTOCK 4
†DENNIS SMEDLEY 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 5
*LESLIE BARLOW 3	LESLIE W. BACON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. BACON.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. S. Jephson.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. W. A. GODWIN ..Treble	BRIAN R. MYLES 4
JOYCE MORSE 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 5
RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3	HUGH FALKNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

First peal of Stedman by all.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK HARRINGTON ..Treble	GEORGE SCHLEUTER 4
PETER WOOD 2	H. WALTER SMITH 5
ALFRED LITTLE 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAUNDERS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Elliott, one of the local ringers.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALAN J. TUTTLE (14) ..Treble	MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 4
PHILIP MEHEW 2	†C. MICHAEL R. ORME .. 5
ANGELA WILLES 3	†DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt at a peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PAULINE M. SAXTON Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH 3
JOHN A. H. BETTS 2	*JOHN T. FINEY 4
PETER N. BOND Tenor	

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal of Grandsire and first peal of Doubles.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD ROSE Treble	*ARTHUR BALLAAM 4
WILLIAM STANNARD 2	LEONARD SHARPE 5
*JAMES STANNARD 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in three methods.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS SIMPSON (12) .. Treble	†WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER.. 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3	W. NEVILLE BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE BARRY Treble	GEOFFREY NORMAN 4
PETER CLARKSON 2	MICHAEL GILBERT 5
ALFRED LYNALL 3	CHARLES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles Taylor, who has been a ringer at the above church for 53 years.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	ALBERT E. WHITING 4
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER W. MILLER 5
DIANA M. MATTHEW .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jayne Matthew, of Bedfield, sister of the 3rd ringer, to Mr. M. Ashwell, of Earl Soham.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 15, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*BRIAN R. COLEMAN .. Treble	ALAN G. FEVER 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	DAVID BRAND 5
E. GEORGE CATTON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.



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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., March 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING ROOM OF ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

RUTH M. K. HOW .. 1-2 | PETER BORDER 5-6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3-4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At 42, CHILCOMPTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, four of St. Simon, eight of Old, four of Bob Doubles, six of April Day and ten of Grandsire, with 33 different callings.

RONALD G. BECK .. 1-2 | DAVID HOARE 3-4

*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 5-6

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal in six methods of Doubles on handbells by all and also for the Association.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

On Fri., March 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At RATTRAY ROAD, MONTMORENCY,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

*JOAN GRAY .. 1-2 | †THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 5-6

PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 3-4 | †JOHN J. CUMMINS .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

Rung to commemorate the visit to Australia of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At NEWNHAM COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

*J. M. C. CLARK-MAXWELL | J. M. ABERCROMBIE
(Selwyn) 1-2 | (Newnham) 3-4
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn) 5-6
Conducted by R. J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 14, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | ROY C. HURST .. 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: MRS. W. G. YOUNG.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., March 18, 1954, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Colledge and St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER .. 1-2 | ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3-4
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5-6
Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

The first handbell peal in four methods by all and for the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Clarke 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. Powell (cond.) 3, T. J. Gundy 4, S. Bowyer 5, R. A. Colcombe 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Gough 1, Pamela Law (first in the method 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: F. W. Petrens (cond.) 1, P. K. Williamson 2, H. G. Summers 3, P. Stone 4, J. W. T. Taylor 5, D. A. Carpenter 6, G. Gardner 7, W. A. Stote 8. First quarter for 6 and 7. Rung by Sunday service band.

BOW, E.—On Mar. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. P. Mead 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, C. W. Otley 4, G. Bryant 5, C. A. Hughes 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Bullock 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Holloway 1, Audrey D. Castell 2, R. Willis 3, S. J. Turley 4, A. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. C. Castell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Very Rev. Dr. W. R. Inge, late Dean of St. Paul's, interred at Brightwell this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 29th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: R. Cook 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, F. Hansford 4, Miss E. Roberts 5, D. Smith 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, R. Hooper 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, F. C. Moxford 10. Rung as a farewell to R. Cook, who is going abroad.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,344 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Miss Swan 1, A. J. Glass 2, C. A. Burgess 3, E. Colley 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Brown 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, A. Peters 3, E. Wickham 4, E. Hudson 5, H. Fountain 6, F. Paramore 7, J. Small 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Fisher.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. Davies 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, D. Lawson 3, W. Gilks 4, W. Corderoy 5, D. Bosley 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Chilton. Also on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Samler (first quarter) 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, D. Lawson 3, P. G. Davies (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. Gilks 5, D. Bosley 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DERRY.—On Mar. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hobbs 1, H. Fletcher 2, J. Bailey 3, A. Mould 4, W. Lancaster 5, J. Mould 6, B. Barker 7, W. Steen (first quarter as cond.) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Pearson 1, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 2, H. Falkner 3, Miss J. Morse 4, W. A. Godwin 5, B. Myles 6, R. E. Wenban (cond.) 7, R. Pearson 8. First on eight for 1 and 3.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 14th, at All Saints' Church, 1,275 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Miss E. M. Bibby 2, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 3, J. Phillips 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Waters 6, J. Stephenson 7, S. Dearden 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): B. R. Coleman (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. G. Catton 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. W. Steward 4, J. W. Blythe 5, A. G. Fever (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tuttle 1, Miss J. Dear 2, Miss D. Hare 3, M. Orme 4, G. Dear 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Day 1, A. Sercombe 2, Miss S. Barker 3, Miss E. Bracey 4, E. Curson 5, C. Moore (cond.) 6, R. Lofty 7. Rung for the christening of Philip George Day, brother of the treble ringer.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss A. Willes 1, M. Orme 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd (first of Superlative) 4, E. Winters 5, C. V. Hare 6, D. Jones 7, P. Mehew (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles (being five 240s plus one 109): F. W. Weller 1, Miss A. Wilson (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, Miss S. A. Richardson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Wilson.

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Taylor 1, N. Fudge 2, Miss R. Foreman 3, M. King (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Fudge (cond.) 5, E. Southgate 6, H. Barnard 7, P. Sockett 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. F. G. Springford to the benefice.

LONG SUTTON, HANTS.—On Mar. 5th, at the Lord Wandsworth College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. MacD. Warner 1-2, A. R. Williams (first quarter) 3-4, C. P. W. Taylor (cond.) 5-6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Mar. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds (first 'inside') 4, F. G. Gadsden 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, L. Everest (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bishop 1, J. Lane 2, J. Clements (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, F. G. Clements 5, J. Colley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Davies, a regular ringer at this church for more than 30 years.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Acott 1, H. Woolley 2, S. King 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, E. Acott 6. Rung as a birthday compliment by the Sunday band to Mrs. G. Acott, wife of the local secretary and sister-in-law to the tenor ringer.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Gough 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, M. T. Bartlett 3, Barbara Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. Tuffrey 5, A. Morris 6, T. Gwilt 7, Barbara Bayliss 8. Rung for the visit to Shirley of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, A. Walker 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, A. Jones 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10. Rung to celebrate the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Solihull, and at the time when H.R.H. Princess Margaret left the borough.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 9th, at 42, Magdalen Road, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Levett 1-2, A. A. Price 3-4, S. G. Smith (longest length in hand) 5-6, Mr. Levitt 7-8.

STOKE-GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, E. Shouler 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Mawby 5, V. Adams (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Ladd (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. D. Divall 2, F. Vaughan 3, A. F. Wellington (first in method) 4, B. V. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, J. A. Hilton 7, K. S. Hohl 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. K. C. Wilkings.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Old 1, G. Rouse 2, P. Amos 3, M. Tomalin 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5. For the wedding of the organist, Miss Elizabeth Miles, to Mr. Roy Garner, Rung after a psal attempt failed through the interruption of the acting vergor.

**A TOUCH OF KENT AFTER
32 YEARS**

On Sunday, March 14th, six Suffolk ringers, most of whose names are often seen in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' visited Eye, Suffolk, to ring a quarter of Cambridge Major for evensong at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul (tenor 21 cwt. in E flat). After a wonderful start the effort came to grief at half-way. Just bad luck!

However, after the service, seven of the visitors, with Fred Brunning (tower captain), rang a touch of Kent. Fred was on the sixth and all went very well. This was the first time he had even attempted Kent since 1922. After that he 'retired' to the tenor for Grandsire, and this was also tapped out in fine style.

The visitors were Muriel Pipe, Leslie Foster, William J. Button, Robert E. Lester, Alan G. Fever, John S. Wybrew, F. Sterry and Harry D. Lister.

Eye is getting a few more visiting ringers just now and it is hoped that this will continue.
C. R.

EWELL RINGERS' WEDDING

About 70 people witnessed the marriage at Ewell Parish Church, Surrey, of Miss Babara Valerie Pottinger to Mr. Geoffrey Wreford Roebuck on February 27th.

Babara commenced to ring in 1945 and has rung one peal, at the end of which she expressed a firm determination not to ring in another! Besides her regular service ringing and attendance at practice, she is prominent in the Girl Guide movement.

The local band rang before the wedding but the peal of Bob Major attempted afterwards unfortunately came to grief towards the end. The honeymoon was spent at Shanklin, I.W.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN
GUILD**

Enthusiasm in the Rutland Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Rutland Branch held at Glaston on March 13th attracted some 40 or 50 ringers. Records show that as far as this band is concerned it was the biggest meeting ever held at a village church.

The ringers paid tribute to the Vicar of Glaston (the Rev. A. Turner) for his interest in the branch and they regretted that he was leaving this district in a fortnight's time.

During the meeting touches of the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob.

It is very gratifying to note that the membership of the Branch has increased since the annual meeting and that there is a bigger interest.

Cawston Little Bob Major

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	By NOLAN GOLDEN			
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13254768				24635
13527486				64532
Bob	—			36524
13254768				53264
				65234
				36254
12357468				42365
Single				
13254768				
13257486				

Eleven times repeated, substituting single for bob halfway and end. The 120 course - ends, tenors together.

Rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, Jan. 27, 1954.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
Formation of New Branch**

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on February 27th, the chair being taken by Canon Gilbert, Rector of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, in the absence of the president, Miss Symons, who was away from Cornwall.

The officers were all re-elected, Mr. H. J. Clark, Assistant Ringing Master, being added to the number of vice-presidents.

Twenty-seven peals had been rung for the Guild during 1953, six of these being between May 30th and June 6th for the Coronation, including one of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles, Mr. D. Burnett and Miss M. Lidgley were elected to serve on the Central Council for the next three years.

The towers around Stratton in North Cornwall were forming a new Branch to include the towers of Stratton and Marhamchurch, at present in the Launceston Branch. This means that five new towers are joining the Diocesan Guild, viz. Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstow, Kilkhampton and Week St. Mary. The meeting approved of the Branch being formed, provided they did not encroach further into the Launceston Branch.

It was announced that the Diocesan Festival would be held at St. Columb on Saturday, July 17th.

After tea, provided by ladies of the Cathedral, there was ringing at the Cathedral and Kenwyn.
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LATE NEWS

The new Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) has announced that the diocesan plan to demolish the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has been deferred 'at any rate for some years.'

A small party of College Youths met on March 15th at the Charing Cross Hotel to wish 'bon voyage' to Mr. P. W. Cave, of Liverpool, who was flying to Australia the next day. Mr. Cave was going on a business trip which would last about two months. He was instructed to convey the greetings of the Ancient Society to their brother ringers 'down under.' During his visit Mr. Cave is hoping to see something of the activities of our Australian friends and to find time to have a little ringing with them.

For 53 years a ringer at Witcombe, Gloucestershire, Mr. Charles Taylor rang a peal in celebration of his 80th birthday. Congratulations to another ever-young veteran.

Following a meeting at Walgrave, Northants, recently, ringing was also indulged in at the neighbouring village of Old. Among the visitors was Roger Old, who happens to be very young! Someone has since suggested to Roger that he rings a peal of Old Doubles at Old. But, says Roger, 'I prefer to stay young'!

Mr. Harold Pitstow, of Banstead, attended an investiture held by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, at Buckingham Palace on March 16th, to receive the M.B.E. awarded to him in the Coronation Honours List. Mr. Pitstow has been associated with the ringing at Westminster Abbey for nearly 40 years and was conductor of the band that rang for the Coronation.

Two friends of Prittlewell ringers were commemorated by an in memoriam peal on March 14th. They were John J. Tinsley, who died on February 27th in his 96th year and who, during the past 12 months, visited the belfry several times, and Harold Kebby, verger of Prittlewell Parish Church for 39 years, who died in March, 1943, when the bells were silent. In his younger days Mr. Kebby did some ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The other members of the band wish to congratulate Mr. George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester, on the way he rang the third at St. Peter's to a peal of Double Norwich two days before his 80th birthday on March 15th. George, who started ringing in 1890, is the oldest member of the St. Peter's company and still rings regularly every Sunday and for any special occasions. Due to business reasons his peal total of 60 in as many years is quite modest and this was his first for about 15 years. His list includes several of Superlative Surprise Major and also handbell peals of Bob Major and Royal under the conductorship of the late William Keeble.

Mr. G. H. Spice, secretary of the Kent County Association, is in Ward 33, University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.1. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, a district secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has just undergone a severe operation in St. Martin's Hospital, Bath. We hope to hear better news shortly.

Those who are superstitious over 13 should note that on March 13th, at Great Barrington, Gloucestershire, Mr. Ralph E. W. Wenban was successful in his 13th attempt for a peal of Stedman. It was also the 13th peal for the conductor (Mr. W. A. Godwin).

In order that the Vicar of Brighthouse, Yorks, could hear a peal on his own bells, an attempt for February 27th was postponed until March 13th and was successful. He was delighted that Grandsire had been chosen at the last minute as it was the only method he knew. The band desire to congratulate F. Renshaw on ringing his first peal. He was pressed into service through the band meeting short.

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BELL ROPES

MUFFLES

Etc.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, 1954

A Review of Ringing Opportunities

WHEN at Bournemouth in 1953 it was decided that in 1954 the Central Council would visit Newcastle-upon-Tyne, what was the reaction of the average delegate? Probably comparatively few of the delegates had actually been to Newcastle, and of those who had been, there would not be many who could claim to know Newcastle-upon-Tyne and its surroundings. In order to dispel possible forebodings and in preparation for Whitsun, 1954, these few notes may be of interest.

Let it be said straightaway that Newcastle is not to be compared with Bournemouth, the 1953 meeting place. Newcastle and Tyneside are predominantly industrial areas but of these industries they need not be ashamed. Ship-building alone has given the Tyne a reputation that is world-wide. The coal mining upon which the heavy industries are founded, and which is the source of much of London's electric power, has spoilt the face of parts of the countryside of the counties of Durham and Northumberland, but much remains unspoiled by the coal industry and unspoiled, too, by the tourist industry! In Northumberland especially much fine country is to be found within quite easy reach of the city of Newcastle. The delegate who makes the effort to travel to Newcastle at Whitsun should certainly make a little extra effort and explore some of the surrounding country.

One of the great attractions of the beauty spots in this surrounding country, which arise mainly from the Pennine Chain and other lesser hill ranges, is the solitude of some of the wild moorland with the silence broken only by the distant bleating of sheep; a refreshing change from the din and bustle of most modern life. Naturally in these areas bells do not abound and it is not possible to arrange a tour which will include the beauty spots and an abundance of ringing but the host Association has endeavoured to provide a reasonable combination of both in tours that are offered for Whit Sunday and Whit Monday. The outlines of these plans will be circulated to delegates and if sufficient support is forthcoming the detailed arrangements will be completed.

THE RINGS AVAILABLE

In Newcastle itself the delegate will not find himself short of bells and a programme which will provide plenty of opportunity for ringing them is being worked out by Mr. K. Arthur. Peal ringers will have to venture a little further afield but their needs will be attended to by Mr. W. N. Park.

Newcastle Cathedral boasts the most northerly twelve in the country and they are a good twelve, providing a good example of successful augmentation by two stages from eight. In the ringing chamber they can be heard as a twelve and, like many another older ring, they require that the striking to be acceptable must be of a higher order than often is the case with the most modern rings. The semitones and other odd bells bring the total number of bells in the tower to 17.

There is no ten within the city boundary, but just a bus ride across the Town Moor, which, incidentally, in June is the site of the largest fair in the country, is Gosforth. There, at All Saints', the original eight by Taylors were augmented to ten by the same firm many years ago.

In the eights there are rings from each of the main founders, with each founder providing a very good example of a particular class. St. Stephen's has the oldest bells of this trio, but they were the last to receive attention from a bellhanger, the work of re-hanging being completed not long before the outbreak of war in 1939. These could not be overlooked in the

search for the finest eight in the country. It is a great pity that local conditions restrict their ringing. At St. John's conditions are much more favourable and it is not surprising that this tower heads the list for peals by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association with nearly 200 recorded therein. The old eight were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1926, but with a tenor of only 11 cwt, they cannot be compared with St. Stephen's at 27½ cwt. The most modern ring is to be found at Fenham. The church came of age only in 1952, so that modern bells are found there in a modern setting. Seventeen bells from the Whitechapel foundry hang in the tower and while all are available at the keyboard, only eight are hung for ringing, the tenor weighing 14 cwt.

W. H. BARBER'S FEAT

There is another eight at St. George's, Jesmond, and another eight just across the river, at Gateshead. These bells themselves call for no special mention, but Gateshead deserves special notice for its association with the

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first peal of Erin Triples, composed by J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and conducted by W. H. Barber. Here, too, W. H. Barber performed that amazing feat of conducting Carter's odd bob Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell—and blindfold!

A six at St. James', Benwell, completes the list of ringable bells in the city and just over its borders, for unfortunately the eights at All Saints' (tenor 19 cwt.) and St. Matthew's (tenor 31½ cwt.) and the six at St. Andrew's (tenor 19 cwt.) are unringable. All Saints' provided the first peal of London for the Association back in 1903, but only just as the rival band at St. John's rang one that same day, and 50 years ago peals of London were by no means commonplace!

This short article does not claim to be anything like a comprehensive account of the bells of Newcastle-upon-Tyne nor their contribution to ringing history nor a guide to the would-be tourist in the area, but just a general introduction which it is hoped will stimulate interest and encourage the Council delegates to travel north at Whitsun to find out more for themselves. It is said that as one travels north the climate becomes colder but the warmth and friendliness of the people increase. That is probably true of the general public but ringers have their own brand of friendship and this flourishes throughout the country irrespective of climate or geographical location. For example, writing this just after returning from the Johnson Dinner, it would be sheer presumption to suggest that northerly Newcastle could outdo the more southerly Birmingham in its welcome. We will do our best to provide a typical ringers' welcome to the Central Council in repaying the honour that it has conferred on us by entering in its diary Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1954. D. B.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

A Generous Gift

At the last business meeting of the Society, held at the Ship, Talbot Court, City, the treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, presented to the members a magnificent set of 12 handbells, size 17 in A.

The Master, Mr. J. E. Chilcott, in thanking Mr. Hughes for this truly generous gift, said that he could be assured that good use would be made of the set and that handbell practices would begin as soon as possible in an effort to revive the lapsed activities of the Society in this branch of the art.

Other members having expressed their appreciation of this beautiful gift, Mr. Hughes said that it was the fulfilment of a promise he made some years ago when the Society lost several sets of handbells on the night the 'Coffee Pot' was destroyed. The only set left in the possession of the Society was one which was presented to them by Lady Heywood. This set happened to be in another part of the city on the fatal night and was not destroyed. It is now in St. Paul's Cathedral ringing room.

Several members then tried out the new bells and all agreed that they were perfect. Now that the Society has a set of bells which is easily available, and also a room at the Ship which can be used, it is hoped that handbell ringing will be revived in real earnest. J. E. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. H. Trueman

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Highworth on March 13th was honoured by the presence of two general secretaries—Mr. Frank Skidmore, of the Gloucester and Bristol, and Mr. Roger Fry, of the Bath and Wells. Other visitors attended from Bishop's Cannings, Brenchley, Bristol, Chippenham, Devizes, Painswick and Twerton.

The usual ringing was followed by the Association form of service conducted by the Rev. J. Brace. At the business meeting it was proposed that meetings for the next quarter be held at Blunsdon, Malmesbury and Bishopstone.

Mr. W. H. Trueman recently resigned the position of Branch chairman after holding the office for 20 years. As a token of appreciation he was presented with a fountain pen and pencil and a quantity of headed notepaper. The presentation was made by the new chairman (Mr. W. Sidwell), who thanked Mr. Trueman for his services to the Branch.

Attention was called to the request that church bells be rung on the Queen's return on May 15th.

A good number of beginners were present and consequently there was a demand for the more simple methods, but time was found for other methods up to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. W. B. K.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the engagement of Mr. Maurice Twelvetrees and Miss Elisabeth (Betty) Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Mason, of Lewisham, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Erith on March 19th. It was also a 62nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. G. Mason and to Mr. F. Cullum, who was unable to take part owing to pressure of business.

On March 13th an attempt was made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Town Hall Ballarat, Australia, where the two heaviest bells are notoriously bad going. (See 'The Great Adventure.') After two hours the ringer of the seventh (Mr. T. W. Goodyer) was unable to continue and the attempt had to be abandoned.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE

Oxford Society's Annual Lunch and Reunion

The annual lunch of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was held on Saturday, February 6th.

During the morning ringing took place at St. Mary Magdalen's (6), St. Ebbe's (8) and St. Mary-the-Virgin's (6), followed by a service in St. Mary-the-Virgin's, at which the address was given by the Rev. J. C. Stephenson, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's.

About 60 guests, visitors and members were present at the lunch, which was held in the George Restaurant.

After the president (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. William Jackson rose to propose the toast of 'The Clergy.' He said that though it had been impressed upon him how privileged he was to be able to propose this toast—a duty which he was assured was the ultimate aim of every member of the Society—there was a strange reluctance to relieve him of the task. Nevertheless he was proud and honoured to propose the health of the clergy, upon whom ringers depended so much.

Dr. R. S. Lee (Vicar of St. Mary's), in reply, said that as a boy in the Australian bush, he often heard the Angelus from a nearby convent, and from that day he had greatly appreciated the bells. He said that the sound of the bells floating over the ancient roofs in Oxford was one of the most beautiful things in the city.

Mr. Peter Border, in proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' welcomed all the guests and visitors, who included Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the Masters of the Cambridge University Guild, University of Bristol Society and Gloucester and Bristol Association, as well as the Master and other prominent members of the Oxford Society.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe replied for the guests. He began by giving some interesting facts about the early history of the Society, the first record of ringing by members being in 1561. He also told of some amusing incidents in his search for information on the bells of Oxfordshire. In one tower he was trapped by his coat for over five hours, while at another a man sent for the police when he asked to examine the bells. Oxfordshire was particularly rich in bells, including among them the oldest inscribed bell at Caversfield. He thought that research into the early history of ringing by the University and City would be rewarding and offered his assistance to anyone undertaking it.

Mr. Eric Roberts, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Oxford University Society.' He told of his journey to Oxford in an old London taxi in which his Guild used to go peal-ringing.

The Master (Mr. Donald Niblett), in reply, reported on a successful year's ringing, but regretted the loss of most of the Society's ringers at the end of the academic year. He acknowledged the efforts of Robin Turner and Miss Kathleen Higgins, who had preceded him as Master, and paid special tribute to Peter Border, whom he recalled attempting to raise a band inside the Examination Schools for a 'Schools peal' of Yorkshire Major. He mentioned a very enjoyable coach tour in the Gloucester district, organised by John Smart, who is also arranging a week's tour in the same district at Easter. Fourteen peals were rung by the Society during the year—three on tower bell and eleven 'in hand.'

After lunch, ringing continued at Merton (8), New College (10), St. Giles' (8), Magdalen (10), Christ Church (12) and All Saints' (8). Methods rung included Stedman Cinques. Cambridge Royal and Spiced Surprise Major.

London Society's Dinner Attracts 'Provincial' Guests

The University of London Society held its annual dinner on March 6th at the Old Bell Tavern, Fleet Street, E.C.

The afternoon's ringing commenced on the pre-Reformation ring of five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. The second tower was St. James', Clerkenwell, a fine-sounding ring of eight, which is very popular amongst members of the University Society. The ringing ended at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. Here the ringing chamber was a source of amusement for some, and drew caustic comment from others. It was here that Geoffrey Carter made a never-to-be-forgotten bob with his reflection in the clock-case.

At the service, held in the church, the Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. G. E. Raindorp) gave a stimulating address in which he pointed out that intolerant criticism by parishioners of practices must be ignored, as it was the duty of all taking part in, and contributing to the worship of God to give of their best, which, in the case of ringers, necessarily entailed constant practice and the encouragement of learners.

After a very satisfying dinner, the president (Mr. Denis N. Layton) proposed the toast of 'The Church and Queen.'

Mr. Geoffrey Carter, in proposing the health of 'The Guests,' welcomed visitors from the 'provincial universities' of Cambridge and Manchester and the tower-keepers of Hampstead, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Clerkenwell, without whose help and co-operation the Society's ringing activities could not flourish.

Mr. Eric Roberts, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, in replying of behalf of the guests, refused to comment on the appellation 'provincial universities' but observed that many years ago Fabian Stedman left Cambridge to visit London with the aim of spreading the noble art in the Metropolis. He left this statement as food for thought amongst London University ringers. He ended by congratulating the Society on its progress despite the obvious difficulties arising from membership of a Society covering the whole of such a scattered organisation as London University.

The president rose to propose the health of 'The Society' and said that it gave him great pleasure to do as he was himself responsible to a considerable extent for its foundation, and that it was a pleasure to see several founder members present at the dinner. He then traced the Society's history up to the present day and observed that it had found a happy home at Hampstead and Lambeth. He also announced the engagement of Miss Mary Martin, well known as a previous secretary of the Society. He finished by thanking the secretary, Mr. J. R. Leeming, on behalf of all present, for the excellent arrangements made for the day's ringing and the subsequent dinner.

Mr. Kay Adkins, the Master, in replying, said that he regretted being unable to report any peals since he took office at Christmas, but one of the main difficulties confronting the Society was the lack of towers available for peal-ringing in London, which made peal attempts extremely difficult to organise. There were, however, many other signs of the Society's activities, in particular the tours and the weekly practices, which continued uninterruptedly.

After the last speech the customary discussion of the year's tours took place, the members deciding in favour of holding the Whitsun tour in Surrey and the summer tour in Cumberland, if these could be arranged.

The evening's festivities ended with handbell ringing ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Maximus, until the late hour brought an end to the gathering.

THE RINGER'S GUIDE

A second edition is now being prepared and I would be glad to have any corrections and additions as soon as possible.

All errors and omissions already advised have been checked and corrected where necessary.

I would like to be advised of any change of practice night from that shown in the first edition, or to include this information where it has not previously been given, but it is hoped that where practice night is stated this may be deemed to be regular and not fitful or liable to alteration in the near future.

Instances have occurred where the weights of the tenor bells published were found to differ from the weights given on the bell-founders' framed inscription lists frequently supplied when bell restorations are undertaken, and it would be helpful if any such discrepancies could be reported to me for investigation and altering where necessary.

All corrections should be sent to me at the following address as quickly as possible, please.

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue,
Leeds 8.

[Advt.]

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Testing the Augmented Eight at Norton-in-the-Moors

The monthly meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on March 13th at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Norton-in-the-Moors. This church, built on a hill overlooking the Norton side of the Potteries, is comparatively new, being an 18th century building erected on the same site of the first church, which was built about 1100. Many interesting features have been written about the church and parish. The bells have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylors, Ltd., Loughborough. The meeting was attended by ringers from Bucknall, Cheadle, Brown Edge, Hanley, Kinsley, Leek, Newcastle, Stafford, Stoke, Uttoxeter, Wolstanton, Chester (St. Mary-within-the-Walls).

Tea was served in the Church Hall, the Rector (the Rev. R. B. McKenzie) presiding, supported by the chairman (Mr. R. S. Anderson). After the Rector had welcomed the ringers the chairman stated that since the last meeting there had been a loss of two members—Mr. W. A. Fichford, of Wolstanton, and Mr. W. Fradley, of Bucknall. Both these members had given yeoman service to the Association. The members stood in tribute to their memory.

A committee meeting was held during the evening under the chairmanship of the vice-chairman (Mr. A. W. Hall, of Cheadle), and it was agreed that the sum of £7 7s. should be given to the Bell Restoration Fund of St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs. The question of ringing members of the Association becoming subscribers to 'The Ringing World' was discussed and it was decided to stress the necessity of each member having a copy of the paper. This matter will be brought before the members at the next monthly meeting.

Ringings in the usual methods was continued until a late hour.

D. R. W.

Mr. A. York-Bramble, who is enjoying winter sports at Grindelwald, writes that the first thing he heard on changing trains at Interlaken was the sound of church bells! 'Not in changes, of course, but at about $\frac{1}{2}$ raised and not in sequence, but rather irregular 2, 3, 5, 8, 6. The effect, very nostalgic, was nevertheless pleasant, the sound echoing in the clear, still mountain air, and the sun streaming warmly from a sky of cloudless blue!'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DESTRUCTION OF SWANSCOMBE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—As some of the older ringers may recall, in 1902, during a thunderstorm, Swanscombe tower was struck by lightning, which set fire to the tower and church and caused serious damage. The bells all fell down and were broken and partly melted. The then band of ringers salvaged what they could of the old bells and metal. In due course the church was repaired and the bells rehung and made into a ring of eight, and were dedicated and opened on March 6th, 1904.

The peal on March 13th was arranged and rung as near to the 50th anniversary as was possible. Mr. Thomas Easterby, an old Swanscombe ringer, who participated in the peal, learned to ring on its new bells and thereby celebrated his 50th year as a ringer; it was also his first peal for 19 years. Mr. Easterby, who was only a lad at the time of the fire, stood outside the church and heard the bells crash.

The writer can recall three other old Swanscombe ringers who remember this disaster—Mr. F. Ring, the present leader; Mr. A. Thompson, an old churchwarden; and Mr. F. Hayes. There may be others, but being a comparatively young man, I cannot recall them.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. BUTCHER.

Northfleet.

GRAMMAR AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—The Grammar and Technical Schools Association, as such, came into being in January of this year. When first started, at the end of last year, it was decided to call it just 'The Grammar Schools Association' because all of its members were either pupils or masters of Grammar Schools. This title was soon dropped because a number of persons belonging to Technical Colleges joined the Association.

Any school attenders (pupils or masters) are welcome to join the Association and any ringers are welcome at the meetings.—Yours faithfully,

D. H. WALKLATE.

Derby.

THE COCKEYS

Dear Sir,—Miss Overend errs, I think, in locating the first of this trio at Frome; Lewis' identity was in doubt for a long time as his castings generally had initials (L bell C), but his surname was recovered from the former tenor at Frampton, Dorset. It is well established, however, by entries in the churchwardens' accounts at Yatton and records at the British Museum, that his foundry was at Bristol. His bells are in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, but Somerset has only three, viz.: Farleigh Hungerford, 1681; Hinton Charterhouse, 1687; and Clevedon, 1695. The Clevedon bell does not form part of the present ring but is on show in the church porch.

William Cockey subsequently set up a foundry at Frome, his earliest bell apparently being at Leigh Delamere, 1706. Edward came much later, 1823-1840.

As to the tradition quoted by your correspondent, in 1872 there were three of William's bells at Frome, the treble 1724, the 2nd 1740, and the 6th 1746, but neither appears to have had the inscription mentioned. A close study of some 25 of these 'King's England' books gives me little confidence in their historical reliability, interesting and well illustrated though they are.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

P.S.—So 'The Ringing World' may have its fate lifted. A pity! I've grown fond of that skyline over the years.—E. G. C.

TITLE COVER DESIGN

Dear Sir,—I was not a little perturbed to read in your issue of March 12th that the Editorial Committee had under consideration the alteration of the front page design of 'The Ringing World.'

I hasten to write to implore that no hasty decision be made on this matter, and, indeed, to urge that if the change would involve the destruction of the present heading then the temptation be firmly resisted.

The present well-balanced design with its intriguing background of the famous skyline is one of the tangible memorials we have to the peculiar genius of John Goldsmith and his magnificent work for the Exercise, and I feel, as many must doubtless feel, that only the gravest considerations, backed by the full weight of the Central Council, should be allowed to imperil its existence.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

A BREAK WITH TRADITION

Dear Sir,—I see that the Editorial Committee invite designs for a front page title.

I think it is a pity that any alteration is contemplated and would respectfully urge the committee not to alter the present design.

I have been reading 'The Ringing World' for over 20 years and the design has not changed—except for additional wording. It has, therefore, been the same since the founder's days. It would, in my opinion, be a poor tribute to J. S. Goldsmith to break the tradition. Further, every reader recognises 'The Ringing World' at a glance by its present very fine title, which I do not think could be bettered.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda.

FIVE-BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—If Mr. A. Hilton has been initiated into the art of change ringing to believe 'that in an odd-bell method a peal rung without the tenor covering, even if the tower contains an odd number of bells, is invalid,' may I sharply tell him he is wrong, and also to warn him (or any others who think likewise) of the dangers of such initiation.

Peal ringing begins on five, not on six! This has been the accepted rule for very many years and must continue to be so if we are to avoid (1) a loss of interest, (2) hundreds of five-bell towers throughout the country with no ringers, and (3) 'homes' for the advocates of synthetic bells to fertilise their propaganda. In the Peterborough Diocese alone, out of 215 towers no less than 108 have five bells. This idea of looking upon six as the minimum is all wrong.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

5,088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. W. ROBERTS

23456 M B W H

35264	X			
35642	X			
35426	X			
52364	X			
52643	X			
24536	X			
24365	X			
32465				
43265				
62534				
23645	X			

Twice repeated.

This composition is now presumed to have been rung for the first time on Saturday, March 6th, 1954, at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

Conducted by Percy Green.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District at Godalming

The Ladies' Guild (Southern District) meeting, held at Godalming, Surrey, on March 13th, was remarkable for the fact that it was the first ringers' meeting to be held at this ancient and picturesque town for many a long year and the first ever of a Branch of the Ladies' Guild.

In spite of the bitter weather a good number of members and friends collected at the church and kept the bells going happily—if not perfectly—until well on into the evening. In the afternoon a service was held during which Miss Y. Eloie, a well-known member of the Southern District, read the lesson.

The Vicar of Godalming (the Rev. A. C. G. Oldham), interpolating into the Guild's form of service a short address, gave all a hearty welcome and said that he hoped that meeting would prove the first of many. He mentioned that never, during all the time he had been at Godalming, had he missed hearing his bells rung for Sunday services and that he regarded as an extremely good record. He was proud of his ringers and grateful to them and he would like to think that such regularity, entailing as it did a considerable amount of effort and sacrifice, would be an example to all present.

After tea, the District business meeting was held in the ringing room with Miss Colgate (the Guild's general secretary) in the chair, while the gentlemen chafed impatiently in the background. There was very little business to discuss but five new members were elected and the subsequent sale of badges was fast and furious.

When operations were resumed Miss Colgate, at the special request of the District secretary, took charge of both the ringing and the gentlemen with her usual urbane efficiency and demonstrated that there is nothing to match good humour coupled with sound knowledge to keep a meeting in order. Later, when left to cope alone with the gabble of conversation which is usual between touches, the District secretary tried to attract attention by banging on the table with the nearest object at hand. As that happened to be Miss Eloie's umbrella perhaps the idea was not a good one—at any rate the weapon was swiftly and purposefully moved out of harm's way.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all helpers, especially to the gentlemen, with a particular expression of gratitude to Mr. V. H. Smith, the captain of the Godalming tower.

W. A. O.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Frome on March 13th, when a large gathering of 60 members and friends made very good use of the ring of eight.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. Knight; hon. secretary, Miss M. Taylor.

Seven new members were elected. The June meeting will be held at Tiverton and, as usual, a coach will be run from the Bristol-Bath district. M. J. T.

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ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

XI. DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Table A.—5,024 changes by Mr C. W. Roberts.

Course 23456	Ends				Coursing Orders from 53246			
	1	4	5	6	1	4	5	6
53624	—	—	—	—	25346	25634		23564
26354	—	—	—	—	52364			56234
24365	—	—	—	—		56423	64235	
43265	—	—	—	—				63425
32465	—	—	—	—				62345
56234	—	—	—	—	36245	36524		
32654	—	—	—	—	53624			52364
25634	—	—	—	—	35264			
43526	—	—	—	—	23564	23456		
25346	—	—	—	—	42356			45236
53246	—	—	—	—				43526
32546	—	—	—	—				42356

Three times repeated, Single instead of the two bracketed bobs in alternate parts.

Table B.—(See text below).

PLAIN BOB TYPE				DOUBLE NORWICH TYPE			
Call	From	Code ABC into		Call	From	Code ABC into	
W	53246	BCA applied to		1	25346	Front three bells	
M	32546	Front three bells		4	53624	Back three bells	
H	53462	Back three bells		6	54326	Middle three bells	
B	52436	Middle three bells					
B	65324	Last bell to first		5	32465	First bell to last	

So far for every method we have considered we have used the simple code ABC into BCA—but you may have noticed that all our examples have been even bell methods and all with a fourths place bob. I have dealt with these first and shall come back again to them later when I write of Surprise methods, as almost all the average ringer's even bell ringing is done on them.

There is, however, at least one even-bell method that is rung frequently which has a sixth place bob—Double Norwich—and if we examine this method we shall see that our code for transposing Coursing Orders has to be varied slightly. By this time it should not be too difficult to work things out for yourselves, but it may be helpful if I do so in this chapter.

If you examine a plain course of this method you will see that the Coursing Order of the bells is just the same as in Plain Bob and indeed it is equally as regular. The double-dodging merely gives us extra time to look for the Coursing Order and adds to the music which the Plain Bob Coursing Order gives us in the plain and certain other courses.

But when we come to conduct a touch or peal we are faced with certain differences, as compared with the methods used for our earlier examples.

The first big difference is in the calling positions. If you write out the seven lead ends of the plain course you will see that at three of the lead ends you can call a bob without it affecting the work of the tenors. (The bob of course, is made by a sixths place and the back two bells dodging.) These leads are the first, fourth and sixth. You will also see that if you call a bob at the fifth lead you cause 7 and 8 to dodge together behind in the Home position, thus bringing up a course end in five leads instead of seven. So now we can write out a table of the course ends which will be produced from rounds by a bob at any one of these four calling positions.

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—

If you are writing out touches, these are the rows you will need for your transpositions. But without a good deal of thought you will not easily use them while ringing and, just like the corresponding transpositions in Plain Bob, etc., they won't tell you much.

Now let us see what is the second big difference. We will use the same table again, but will show the Coursing Orders starting from the Coursing Order of the plain course (53246).

53246	1	4	5	6
25346	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—

As you will remember, a bob W in Plain Bob altered the Coursing Order of the first three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 32546). The bob at 1 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the first three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 25346), with 2 making sixths, 5 becoming eighths place bell and 3 sevenths place bell.

You will also remember that a bob M in Plain Bob alters the Coursing Order of the last three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 53462). The bob at 4 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the last three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 53624), with 6 making sixths place, 2 becoming eighths place bell and 4 sevenths place bell.

You will further remember that a bob H in Plain Bob alters the Coursing Order of the middle three bells from ABC to BCA (from 53246 to 52436). The bob at 6 in Double Norwich also alters the Coursing Order of the middle three bells, but from ABC to CAB (from 53246 to 54326), with 4 making sixths place, 3 becoming eighths place bell and 2 sevenths place bell.

In Plain Bob we saw that a bob Before had a different effect from bobs in the other positions—it altered the Coursing Order from 53246 to 65324, by turning the sixths place bell into a fifths place bell (from last to first of our Coursing Order). Similarly in Double Norwich, a bob at 5 has a different effect from bobs in

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QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Pollard (first quarter) 1, E. Littlewood 2, Mrs. D. Day (first 'inside') 3, A. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. Rung as a compliment to the people's warden (Mr. J. H. Cook) and Mrs. Cook on the birth of their grand-daughter (Judith Mary), born the same day.

ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): E. Prescott 1, W. Guldop 2, A. Gambrell 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie 4, W. Payne 5, L. Martin 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, H. Peattie 8. Rung for the installation of the Rev. C. W. Carter, Vicar of Ash, as Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,256 Granta Treble Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. House 8. First in method by all the band.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss S. Barringer 3, G. Bryant 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, F. A. Barker 4, J. Euston 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. Coles 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss J. R. Wells 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Miss A. Vine 3, D. Ladd 4, F. W. Lawrence 5. Rung on the back five after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Merrell 1, Miss I. Werrett 2 (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Willes 3, Miss A. Willes 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss M. Collins (first of Triples) 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, H. Werrett 3, Miss P. Willes 4, R. Dixon 5, M. Collings 6, Miss A. Willes (first as cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dixon 1, Jean Sanderson (first 'inside') 2, Ivy Werrett 3, R. Castledine 4, W. Hitch 5, C. Harwood 6, Angela Willes 7, H. Werrett (cond.) 8.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Harrison (cond.) 1, J. S. Harrison (first of Minor) 2, A. Mould 3, D. K. Walklate 4, G. Hall 5, D. R. Carlisle 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Darby for Confirmation service.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on Mar. 7th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, Mrs. B. Lewington 3, R. G. Burton (cond.) 4, W. Hibbert 5, R. Diserens 6, Neville Diserens 7, T. G. Myers 8, E. Humfrey 9, Noel Diserens (first of Cinques) 10, C. E. Lewington 11, C. Sangwin 12.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Morgan 1, Mr. D. Beavan 2, C. Jones 3, Miss M. Tilbury 4, Miss J. Green 5, J. Webb 6, R. Jones (cond.) 7, T. Beavan 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

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the other positions—it alters the Coursing Order from 53246 to 32465, by turning the fifths place bell into a sixths place bell (from first to last of our Coursing Order). Nos. 7 and 8 are of course the other two bells concerned in the bob, just as they are in Plain Bob.

Let us consider as our example the four-part peal of 5,024 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by Mr. C. W. Roberts shown in Table A above:—

On the left of the calling are the course ends as you will read them in a book. But except at those particular course ends they won't tell the average conductor where the bells are when a trip happens.

On the right are the Coursing Orders as changed at each bob. You don't have to try to learn these, just change three bells, with the code ABC into CAB, as you are ringing. And you will know each time that the bell represented by the letter C will be the one that will make the bob and the back two bells dodging together will be those represented by the letters A and B and they will go down to the front in that order.

Table B above shows in summary form how the operation of the Coursing Order technique differs in the two types of methods.

SHROPSHIRE BELLS AND THEIR RINGERS

Tenor Still in Tune After 330 Years

By W. A. FARMER

CLUNBURY is typical of many parishes in South Shropshire in that the area is considerable, the population of the parish is around 700, but on a first visit a stranger would wonder where all the people lived.

The road from Craven Arms to Clun runs through it, with Clunbury itself nestling round the church at the foot of the hill of the same name, to the south of the road. An ancient and picturesque wrought-iron sign post directs the way to Bishop's Castle, and a short distance along this is Kempton, a sizable hamlet which contributes considerably to the population. If we do not turn to either side, we soon pass The Hundred House, at Purslow, a relic, or at least a reminder, of the Saxon system of jurisdiction by a hundred families.

This is by no means the limit of the parish, as presently we come to Clunton, which appears to be a village in itself. The church is of ancient foundation, being a chapel depending on Clun before the Reformation. The building must have been of considerable size, as in 1549 it boasted of 'ij belles of one accord.' Afterwards it is recorded, 'The chapell of Clonton one Oliver Lloyd toke two belles from hence in the Kings name.'

The original building also disappeared, the present church being modern and administered from Clunbury.

ANCIENT CHURCH

The Church of St. Swithin at Clunbury suggests a Saxon foundation by its dedication, but we know that the nave and the font are Norman. It was also dependent upon Clun until the reign of Richard I, when it is recorded that Isabel de Say and William Botwell gave it to Wenlock Priory. The object of such gifts was generally to secure the manorial rights and income to the monastery, in return for which it was usual to arrange for the monks to say masses for the souls of their benefactors.

However that may be, the parish secured independence in 1341, by which time the nave had been lengthened, and the tower built or enlarged. Further rebuilding in the 17th century gave us the present imposing tower, a sufficient structure for the ring of six bells it now holds.

STORY OF THE BELLS

The story of these bells has been told in some detail by the present Vicar, the Rev. B. T. Herbert, in a booklet published in 1951, and available for those who may be interested in the many facets of social life of the middle ages which churchwardens' records supply.

The story is typical of many of our village churches. Starting with the usual inventory of 1549, it is established that there were then three bells in use. Nothing is known about them except that probably they were rather larger than was usual, as in 1620 the tenor or largest was sent to Wellington to be recast by William Clibury. It is still the tenor of the present six and weighs about 10 cwt.

Particulars of the various items of expenditure on this occasion conclude with the words: 'Spent on the founder when hee came for hys money IIIjd (four).' The total cost was £7 2s. 9d., and the result so far is 333 years of service.

OAK FRAME OF 1628

The three bells swung in an old frame, but shortly afterwards this was considered unsatisfactory, and in 1628 local craftsmen put in the oak frame which is there to-day.

Nowadays one of the firms specialising in such work would be employed, and the frame would probably be made of steel. We cannot but admire the men of the time who undertook

such work, as local masons repaired the tower at the same time.

Evidently the occasion was recognised as a little out of the ordinary, as the churchwardens 'laide out the second daye for the same worke for drinke on those that were att the rearing off the Bellframe, and for their suppers at night IIjs vjd.'

'Mr. Lawleye' received 'ji IIIjs. for three tunn of timber' and Barnabas Horton 'for making of the Bellframe and some other worke IIj l xviii s vjd.'

LOCAL BELL FOUNDRIES

Critical ears now decided that the two old bells were unsatisfactory, and one was recast in 1631. It is established that this event took place at Orleton, south of Ludlow, and presumably Richard Oldfield, who was at work in the district at that time, was the founder. Similarly the other was recast at Ludlow in 1639, but while copious details of the amounts spent are available, no founder is mentioned.

Ringers for these bells have never been lacking, and payments, for the fifth of November in particular, are most regular. In 1620 this was one shilling. A later entry of 1678 suggests some differences: 'It was then agreed by the pissioners (parishioners) of Clonbury that the Ringers that doe ringe on the fifth day of November shall have Three shillings for theyre allowance and if the Churchwardens doe pay them anymore the pissioners will not allow it.'

JUBILEE MEMORIAL

The three bells did duty until 1887, the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. We must thank the inhabitants of the day for their foresight in providing so permanent a record of the occasion as exists in five new bells. These were cast and hung by Messrs. Warners, of London, but it should be noted that the oldest bell, cast at Wellington in 1620, was considered tuneful enough to remain. It has, deservedly, a reputation amongst ringers of the neighbourhood to-day.

The cost of this undertaking appears to have been defrayed by the village generally, as no record was made in the church accounts. Most probably a Jubilee Fund was raised for the purpose.

However that may be, the six bells made a sufficient number for the change-ringing which so many ringers find so interesting that it provides a life-long hobby. Mr. E. H. Meredith in particular, is to be found at the ringers' gatherings which are regularly arranged by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and at home instructs learners and conducts Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. E. H. Meredith learned change-ringing at Runcorn, Cheshire, and rang two peals of Grandsire Triples for the Chester Diocesan Guild. He has since rung several of Grandsire Doubles for the Hereford Guild.

Mr. N. E. Phillips has also rung in similar peals, while Mr. Meredith's two sons, Roger and Charlton, have both rung two peals of Grandsire Doubles.

One of these was at Clunbury, in 1948, the other and first peal, lasting nearly three hours, was in 1908.

The band is justly proud of the fact that a high standard of the lively and musical change ring is maintained for service ringing, the main purpose for which the bells were installed.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows, with Warners' name in addition on the first five: 1, Vivos voco mortuos plango (translated as, I summon the living, I mourn for the dead). 2, Ring in the love of truth and right. 3, Attendite populi (Hear, O my people). 4, Jesus beo our speed 1631. 5, Jubilee 1887. God save the Queen. 6, Gloria in excelsis Deo 1620. William Clebry made me.

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COMPOSITIONS

5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 32

Methods

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

2345678

6423857 — Shoreditch
3547682 — Apsley
2643857 — Norfolk
6357284 — Hitchin
5623478 — Radlett

2546837 — Derwent
5637284 — Yorkshire
2356478 — Otley

5243867 — Deben
3627584 — Cambridge
5236478 — Lessness

3542867 — Lindum
5267384 — Pudsey
3652478 — Wembley

5346827 — Uxbridge
6237584 — Langley
5362478 — London

6543827 — Lindoff's London
5327684 — Superlative
2563478 — Eastcote

6245837 — Framley
2537684 — Lincolnshire
3257684 — Dublin
6532478 — Claybrooke

3645827 — Ealing
6527384 — Painswick
3265478 — Rutland
6325478 — Bristol
2635478 — New Gloucester

3246857 — Watford
2657384 — Trowbridge
3526478 — Falmouth

Four times repeated.

Norfolk rung with a 4ths place bob.
Rung at Harmston, Lincs, Feb. 20th, 1954.

Ludgate Surprise Royal

1234567890
2135476980
1253749608
2157394068

2517930486
5271394068
5217930486
2571394068

5273149608
5723416980
7532149608
7352416980

3725461890
3275648109
2357461890
2537648109

5273468019
5724386091
7542830619
7452803691

4725083961

5,040

By C. K. LEWIS

23456 M W H

45236 — —
34256 — —
25346 — —
42356 — —
53624 — —
46325 — —
24365 — —

Repeated.

Contains 16 —567890's
and 16 —657890's.

This method is a slight variation of the original which was worked out by Thomas B. Worsley on January 7th, 1928, when investigating the possibilities of the extension of London Surprise Major. It is interesting to note that a week earlier (December 31st, 1927) he produced what is now known as London Surprise Royal No. 3 Version.

OBITUARY

MR. D. D. COOPER

The Exercise in general has suffered a severe loss in the passing of Daniel Doulton Cooper on March 13th at the early age of 51. He was well known in ringing circles in all parts of the country and especially in Surrey, where most of his ringing had been done. A member of the Surrey Association for about 36 years, at his death he was its Master, a position to which he was elected in 1946 after holding various other offices continuously since 1927. He had represented the Association on the Central Council since 1933.

Altogether he rang just under 300 peals, including 10,400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 5th, 1926, which is the longest length rung for the Surrey Association. Although not calling many of the peals in which he took part he was a very capable conductor.

His passing will be most felt in Croydon Parish Church, where he had rung ever since he started to learn, 37 years ago, and where he had been leader for 22 years.

As a leader he had the very great qualities of patience and tolerance and had taught numerous pupils to handle a bell, many of whom are now very competent ringers. He strove for the maintenance of good Sunday service ringing and instilled it into all the band that the bells were provided for that purpose and that good striking was of the utmost importance.

The funeral, on March 18th, was conducted by the Vicar (Ven. C. F. Tonks), assisted by the Revs. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Tufton, at the Croydon Parish Church, followed by cremation, and was well attended by friends from the ringing world as well as colleagues from Croydon Corporation and from his parochial activities outside the belfry.

At his expressed wish the bells of the Parish Church were rung open before and after the church service, and in the Crematorium a well-struck course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by A. B. Peck 1-2, F. J. Smallwood 3-4, C. H. Kippin 5-6, H. N. Pitstow 7-8.

Unfortunately a peal attempt on the tower bells immediately after the funeral came to grief through a shift course after 95 minutes' good ringing by the local band.

At the funeral service the local band was represented by Messrs. T. Bulgin, F. E. Collins, R. Davies, G. H. Humphries, G. Lodge, C. Parks, W. F. Oatway, E. Razzell, Mesdames O. Collins, H. E. Oatway and Miss P. M. Steer.

Among visiting ringers were:—Messrs. A. B. Peck (secretary, Ancient Society of College Youths), F. J. Smallwood (Editorial Committee, 'Ringing World'), A. Harman (Master, Guildford Guild), H. N. Pitstow (secretary, Westminster Abbey band and leader, Banstead), A. Pulling (Holy Trinity, Guildford), J. Chapman (St. Leonard's, Streatham), T. Blow, J. Adcock, E. Voules and Mrs. P. Voules (St. Peter's, Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin (Winchester Guild), Messrs. A. Mason (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), M. Howard and B. Newton (Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.), A. Gear (Redhill), the Rev. K. G. Hoare (Betchworth), J. Prior (Police Guild), L. Reece (Beddington), W. J. Rawlings, F. Housden, H. V. Young, E. G. Talbot, J. Euston, R. F. Layton, A. T. Jones, A. J. Adams, H. J. Skelt. Non-ringing friends included Mrs. C. Johnston, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Skelt, Mrs. Blow and H. Parry.

Among the many floral tributes were those from the Central Council; the Surrey Association; the local band; St. Peter's, Croydon; St. Mary's, Beddington; and Mrs. C. Johnston.

Mr. Cooper leaves a widow and two children to mourn his passing and to them all will offer their deepest sympathy.

F. E. C., R. D., W. F. O.

MR. THOMAS C. NELSON, M.P.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mr. Thomas C. Nelson, the Unionist M.P. for Enniskillen in the Northern Ireland Parliament. He died in the Belfast City Hospital following a seizure in Sandy Row Orange Hall on March 16th.

Mr. Nelson was 64 years of age and was a life member of the Irish Association since 1947; previously he was an honorary member. Some years ago he rang the bells of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, and was largely instrumental in having that Cathedral's bells rehung and augmented by Messrs. Taylor in 1935.

He was keenly interested in the affairs of the Church of Ireland, being a member of the Cathedral Vestry, Diocesan Council and the General Synod. He was also a prominent member of the Orange Order and the Masonic Order. His business was a firm of decorators and he was a large employer.

He is survived by his wife and his son, Robert, conductor of the Cathedral band, and his daughter, who is in Australia, to whom our sympathy is offered.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting With Hawkhurst and District Guild

The choice of Rolvenden for the Ashford District's meeting on March 20th afforded the opportunity to make it a joint one with the Hawkhurst and District Guild. It is not often that we have the pleasure of ringing with our friends who do such a useful job on the Kent-Sussex border, but it is an experience which both parties enjoy and which is well worth repeating. The local arrangements were made by Mr. Geoff Waters, who has a foot in both camps.

Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until about 4.30, beginners and the more experienced being equally catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Kemp, of Hawkhurst). Then came a good tea at the Bull Inn, followed by two business meetings, both presided over by Mr. J. Willis, and both—much to the relief of the gathering—were kept down to bare essentials by the respective secretaries.

More ringing followed and then, at 6.30 p.m., the service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Savill), with Mr. E. Manktelow at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. Geoff Waters. The Hawkhurst Guild had generously consented to the collection going to the Kent County Association's Bell Repair Fund, and this amounted to £1 2s. 6d.

Ringing followed until 9 o'clock in methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major. Altogether during the day about 45 members and friends were present, the towers represented being:—Ashford, Benenden, Bethersden, Biddenden, Brenchley, Folkestone, Frittenden, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, High Halden, Lydd, Marden, Maidstone, Northiam, Sedlescombe and Willesborough.

Rolvenden is at present without a local band. The Vicar on being thanked for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, said that he felt sure that he could get young recruits if he could get assistance to train them. The usual story is that existing bands cannot get recruits. Therefore the situation at Rolvenden constitutes a challenge to our members. Will any help to get another tower going again?

W. P. G.

During her visit to Solihull on March 11th to present the charter of incorporation, H.R.H. Princess Margaret was shown over the Parish Church, which has been admirably described by Mr. C. E. Shepherd in his work 'Solihull Church and Bells.'

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ENGAGEMENT

TWELVETREES—MASON. — The engagement is announced between Maurice Twelvetrees, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Twelvetrees, of Kenton, Middlesex, and Elisabeth (Betty), only child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, of Lewisham, S.E.13. 4142

DEATH

JARRETT.—After three months' illness, at 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, on March 19th, 1954, Victor Albert, devoted husband of Violet and father of Cyril, Gladys and Marjorie. 4156

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Ernest Smith is now Five Stones, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, Surrey. Telephone Godalming 125. 4134

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

PARKSTONE.—Bed-breakfast or full board in private house. Near bus stop for Bourne-mouth, Sandbanks and Chines. Lock-up garage. For fuller particulars write J. I. Davis, Restormel, 37, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset. 4143

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of eight or twelve handbells wanted, miniatures if possible.—Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Hayes, Middlesex. 4129

PUBLICATIONS

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS' now out of print. A few copies only left at published price, 21s., from the author, Ernest Morris, Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. 4017

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting, March 27th, at Melbourne. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. 4112

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4099

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), March 27th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 4111

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Yorktown (8), Saturday, March 27th. Time 6-9 p.m.—G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 4083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Aston, March 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Annable's London Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4082

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Staplehurst (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to Dr E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, March 27th, 6.30 p.m. Branch annual meeting, Cookham, April 24th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough 4103

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Sevenoaks, Kent, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Frequent Southern Electric trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Taunton (St. James'), April 3rd. Bells 6.15 p.m., recently rehung.—A. H. Reed. 4147

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Westminster Surprise Minor.—Bryan Pattison. 4132

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 30th.—D. Smith, 29, West Avenue, Northwich 4154

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Ely Dis. Sec. 4137

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at nearby cafe. 4085

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—April 3rd, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting. Room at rear of church.—A. Bennett. 4140

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 4087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st, to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4122

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4151

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Lonsdale (6 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd Ringing 2.30-8. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to J. N. Kirkbride, Rose Cottage, Burton-in-Kendal.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4152

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larky, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4150

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner and social will be held at Thurnby (Village Hall), April 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Tickets, (4s.) from B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. Ringing: Billesdon 3-4.30 p.m.; Thurnby 5-6 p.m. 4146

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Important.—Names for tea to me by Monday, March 29th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4097

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Overseal, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Cotton. Overseal 264. 4149

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kingsley, Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea to W. Carnwell, 33, Hayles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 4127

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall (6) April 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 4153

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15 p.m. Please notify for tea by March 29th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 4096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on April 3rd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4135

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Meeting, Bishops Cannings, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, 51, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4141

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Frampton, near Dorchester, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names, by March 31st, please, to Mr. D. Cox, 3, South View, Frampton, Dorchester.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4131

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Anston (8), April 3rd. Bring sandwiches. Cups of tea for those notifying, by March 31st. H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston.—N. Chaddock. 4139

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Barton-in-Fabis (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify, by Wednesday, March 31st, Rev. H. Pritchard, The Rectory, Barton, Notts. 4084

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston (12), April 3rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: Springfield 1025. 4119

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, April 3rd. 3.30. Names for tea, by March 31st, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4133

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, April 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names, please, to W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 4123

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hull on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available: St. Mary's, Lowgate (6) during afternoon; Holy Trinity (10) evening. Service in Holy Trinity at 4.15. Tea in Trocadero Cafe at 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. G. F. Williams, 90, Hall Road, Hull. Association badges now available.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4103

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4144

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 10th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon and evening. St. Mary's in afternoon for service there at 3.30. S. Nicolas' in evening. Tea and business meeting S. Nicolas' Hall 4.15. Numbers for tea, by April 6th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 4155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitstable, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head for those notifying, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. Miss H. M. Palmer, 37, Clare Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4145

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—A joint meeting with the Shropshire Association will be held at Claverley on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea, by Thursday, April 8th, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett, Rydale, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 4128

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Baddy, Saturday, April 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, April 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 4136

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Fressingfield District.—A meeting will be held on April 10th at Stradbroke (10 bells) and Wingfield (6) The bells will be available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at 2s. per head. Let me have names for tea by the 5th, please.—J. Barber, Hillside, Wingfield, Diss. 4138

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual, Seaton, Easter Monday. Service 4.15. Tea and business, Axe Vale Cafe. Names not later than April 9th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary. 4130

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. Lunch tickets on application, with remittance, to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s.; others 6s. 6d. Nominations for C.C. representatives to me by April 8th. Service, Parish Church, 12 noon. Committee meeting at Committee Rooms (opposite church) 10.45.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 4148

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Holmfirth, April 24th. For tea notify, by April 10th, Miss A. Haigh, Royd House, Rotcher, Holmfirth.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4081

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: F. B. Cookson 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, R. Cooper (first quarter in the method) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, W. H. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong and for the celebration of the 21st birthday of Miss Jill Tombs, a member of the band.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 6th. 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: I. Parsons 1, C. F. Wills 2, D. Inkpen 3, F. H. Hart 4, W. Hart (cond.) 5, C. Gay 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hart on their recent marriage.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss G. Brown 1, Mrs. S. G. Brown 2, Mrs. D. Cooper 3, S. G. Brown 4, D. Cooper 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6, R. Christopher 7, R. Hutchins 8. Also on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss P. Gaunt 2, G. K. Dodd 3, R. Crook 4, H. Reed 5, E. Curtis 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung for the evening service.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Rodwell (first quarter) 1, A. Tumber 2, P. Nash 3, R. F. Brewer 4, J. M. N. Lakin (cond.) 5.

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