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## THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTH HAYLING, HANTS

By GEORGE P. ELPHICK

**T**HERE is a ring of three bells, the treble and second uninscribed, the tenor bears SANCTA AKIA ORA PRO NOBIS F. The letters are Lombardic in style, nine-sixteenths of an inch in height except the I, which is five-eighths and belongs to a different set. They are flat and the original patterns were not brush formed, therefore are not earlier than the fifteenth century. The form of especially the N and P are very much like the large set of letters made up and used by William Culverden, a London founder between 1506 and 1522. His trade implements were bought by Thomas Lawrence in the following year and may have been dispersed at that time. I can find no tendency to disproportionately enlarge the bow of the letter P before this date. I read the inscription on the tenor as being originally intended for SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS F. On the bell the letter F is upside down, it probably indicating the founder's name. A genuine mistake appears to have been made in substituting K for R in MARIA, for R is correctly used in the word ORA.

I consider that all three bells were cast by the same man, but the treble at a different date, probably a few years earlier, for the top set of moulding wires above where the inscription normally is contains the flat fillet favoured by the London and Reading mediæval founders. The letters for moulding the inscription were formed of wax and were stuck on the loam model, but the founder was inexperienced in his use of a separator between model and cope. When the model was extracted it pulled up in places the first layer of the cope. This is especially noticeable in the first part of the word SANCTA. Where one would expect to find the letter M of MARIA there is a vertical bulge which has almost obliterated the moulding wires and was without doubt rubbed into the cope when it was decided to remove the M after the model was extracted. In doing this the cope was marked in two other places on the opposite side. The question arises why was this letter rubbed out making the inscription nonsensical?

From my experience of other bells, this was undoubtedly done during the troubled period of the Reformation. There are many bells, especially from the Reading and district foundries, that show how nervous the founders were of using mediæval inscriptions and the various artful dodges they used to mask the real meaning of such inscriptions. The only period after the first quarter of the sixteenth century when such an inscription could safely have been used would be during Mary's reign 1553-58. So these bells may have been cast during the first years of Elizabeth's reign or much more likely from about 1530 to the end of Edward the Sixth's reign.

Other bells reported to be inscribed in the same lettering are Gillingham sanctus, Finmere treble and the old treble at Midgham. The Gillingham sanctus has a different type of A, so it does not belong to the North Hayling group. The Midgham bell has been recast, but a drawing of its inscription has been preserved at the Whitechapel foundry. Mr. A. A. Hughes has kindly compared the letters and reports that they are practically the same. In his 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' F. Sharpe reports that the Finmere inscription is similar to the Whitechapel drawing of Midgham old treble. Neither of these bells is dated, but each bears inscriptions placing them in the troubled period of the Reformation.

If we accept F as denoting the founder's name, which he reversed to mask its true meaning, after the manner of the Wokingham and Reading founders, we are forced to admit that no founder having either Christian or surname beginning with F is known to us either by his works or by documentary evidence during the first half of the sixteenth century. There was, however, a founder whose name occurs right at the end of the fifteenth century who may be the man we are looking for. He is Faulk Michell, successor to John Michell of Wokingham. Faulk appears to have taken over the foundry about 1495, but for how long we know not. It is not beyond the realms of possibility that he was a young man and that he lived up to the critical years of the Reformation casting the North Hayling bells soon after 1530, Finmere and Midgham being later castings by him in his old age or by a successor, if there was one. We know that at the beginning of his tenancy of the Wokingham foundry business was very quiet.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M.

**A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

NORAH M. BIBBY .. .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. .. 8
MRS. RICHARD PEARCE .. .. 3	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 9
*MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 10
CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. 5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 11
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. .. 6	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal on 12 bells.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John A. Freeman upon his 50 years' membership of the Guild.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 7
FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. .. 9
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*ALEX RICHARDSON .. Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. 6
†BERNARD GROVES .. .. 2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. .. 7
†FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	†ALAN McFALL .. .. 8
*GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 4	††ROBERT SMITH .. .. 9
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 5	*†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.  
\* First peal of Kent T.B. Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ 25th peal together. First of Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 8
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 22 cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	
WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. .. 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 6
*ROBERT A. REEVES .. .. 3	*JOSEPH S. STRETTON .. .. 7
*JANICE GRIMSLEY .. .. 4	LEONARD CLIFTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 7
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD CHANCE .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.  
100th peal as conductor.

Rung on the day of the wedding of the Rev. E. Waterhouse and Miss Jane Harris.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In two methods, comprising 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	WILFRED W. RING .. .. 5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 6
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	ROBERT SWIFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Rector and his wife, Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Finch.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
HAROLD PARKINSON .. .. 2	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 6
*GERALD COPPIN .. .. 3	FRED READ .. .. 7
*JAMES WALSH .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob, for whom it was arranged.  
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER .. Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. .. 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	ARTHUR RIGBY .. .. 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
JOHN BAILEY .. .. 4	JAMES BLACKBURN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.  
Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt. Rev. G. E. Holderness, on the occasion of the Annual Procession of Witness.



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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JULIA M. EDGE .. Treble	SHELAGH K. SEERY .. 5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON .. 2	DAVID JACK .. 6
CHARLES S. RYLES .. 3	RONALD T. BARLOW .. 7
JOHN NIXON .. 4	EWART H. EDGE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.  
The first peal on the bells since augmentation to eight.  
Rung on the Feast of St. Peter, and half-muffled for the passing of two local residents.

LONDON, E.C.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*EILEEN E. WOOLDRIDGE .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 5
†MARGARET A. FLOYER .. 2	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 6
ALAN F. THIRST .. 3	PETER P. BROWN .. 7
†DAVID PRIESTLEY .. 4	ROGER KEELEY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. 6
GORDON A. HAILS .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

PETER G. BARNES .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 5
DONALD C. ANDREWS .. 2	GEORGE W. BARNES .. 6
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 7
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANCIS G. WILTON .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 6
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	*VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.  
\* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
†FREDERICK VICKERS .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 6
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
‡BETTY MANSFIELD .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.  
\* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Major.  
Rung in memoriam A. J. Green, former captain of the tower, who died in January.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, being 720 each of Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

BRIAN C. MACHON .. Treble	ROY H. JONES .. 3
ALEC GAMMON .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 4

CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. Tenor  
Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., June 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 5
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	*FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in the method.  
Especially arranged for Trinity Sunday.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Spliced Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE E. RUCK .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4
ALAN HARTLEY .. 2	R. JAMES COOK .. 5
ALAN J. FROST .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*PETER B. MAY .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. 3
CLIVE HOLLOWAY .. 2	DAVID C. WOODWARD .. 4
ROY H. JONES .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

\* First peal at first attempt. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALEXANDER PAGE .. Treble	S KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4
KEITH JORDAN .. 2	E WINIFRED KEYS .. 5
*A. ROWLAND TYSOE .. 3	ROGER BALDWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal of Surprise and also on six bells. The conductor's 100th peal (conducted 49).  
Rung to welcome A. Rowland Tysoc, who has recently removed to Chichester from St. Albans.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. Treble	GILES C. GALLEY .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The first peal in the method by all.

BLAYDON ON TYNE, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., June 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	*PETER M. GILES .. .. 4
*MARION S. CAPEY .. .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 5
*CAROL HALL .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being four extents of Beverley (C.C.C. 58, 59, 73, 74) and a 2.160 of Cambridge (C.C.C. 81, 79, 82).  
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ERIC LEE .. .. 4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 2	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 25th peal together.  
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In nine methods, being extents of (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) College, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. PRENTICE .. .. Treble	KENNETH G. BROWN .. .. 4
LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 4
CECIL BARKER .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
ALBERT SAUNDERS .. .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by treble, fourth and fifth ringers (two 720's each) and by tenor ringer (one 720).

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two 2.160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 83 and 58).  
Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of an extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. Treble	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 4
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal on the bells since recent rehanging.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In ten methods, being two extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, four each of Southrepps, Northrepps, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Reverse S. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, one 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's Grandsire, and six of Grandsire.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROWENA TYLER .. .. Treble	*ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 3
†HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 4

‡J. HARRY COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

\* First peal in ten methods. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild.  
Rung for St. Peter's Day; also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Bonshor, and a birthday compliment to Roland H. Cook.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Fundenham, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Westminster, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary's, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast's, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER .. .. Treble	JOHN POTTS .. .. 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3	ALAN THORNTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

Highest number of methods in a Doubles peal for the Association.  
Rung by the Sunday service band.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Single Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.  
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Treble | \*JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 4  
GORDON A. HALLES .. .. 2 | †FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5  
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 500th peal and first peal in ten methods. † 50th peal for the Guild.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., June 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 1—2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3—4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. 7—8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.  
*On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,  
**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 1—2	*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7—8
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. .. 9—10	

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Caters.

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
AT THE COUNTY HALL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES WALLMAN .. .. 1—2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 3—4	*JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

## QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (11 callings): Rosmary A. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. Harold Toms 2, Maurice W. Ford 3, Joseph H. Hayne 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5, David J. Wood 6. Rung for Evensong.

**ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barry Gladwin 1, Tom Templeman 2, Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar) (first quarter 'inside') 3, George Kerley (cond.) 4, Desmond Kerley 5, Reg Morgan 6.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Greedy 1, E. Naylor 2, Susan Silcox (first quarter) 3, R. S. M. Stubbs (4), T. T. Jones (first of Double; as cond.) 5, R. Stubbs 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Harmer (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Whitfield 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, A. D. V. Hunt 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, J. F. Whitfield (first as cover) 6, G. Procter 8. Rung on St. John's Day as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Harmer.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Fogden 1, Miss H. Oakshott 2, Mrs. A. Rawlings 3, D. Brown 4, G. Bromley 5, A. Graham (first quarter of Major) 6, J. Smith 7, M. Oakshott (cond.) 8.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carr 1, Miss S. Heasman 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, C. Grisbrook 4, Miss D. Pankhurst 5, Michael Swift (first quarter) 6, C. Verdon (cond.) 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering. For Evensong and the Patronal Festival.

**BRAY, EIRE.**—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click 1, T. McMorran 2, W. H. Wilson 3, C. J. Recde 4, W. Lynch 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. Rung by members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. R. Lovett 1, R. W. Pipe 2, D. Buxton 3, F. J. Crapnell 4, C. R. Lovett 5, C. W. Pipe 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Downing and Miss Brenda Freeman, which took place earlier in the day at St. Andrew's, Bredfield.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On June 23rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London Surprise, 576 Cambridge): K. Eyrelet 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

**CARLTON, BEDS.**—1,272 Bob Minimus: Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, Albert Franklin 3, Peter Wakeman (cond.) 4. First quarter ever on the bells and by all the band except conductor.

**CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.**—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Fuller (cond.) 1, I. MacCallum 2, G. Heaton 3, H. Cook 4, L. Cook 5, P. Mosley 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—On June 30th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, W. Prockson 5, I. H. Oram (first on eight as cond.) 6, D. Beresford 7, J. L. Morris 8. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Rochester prior to Confirmation service, and also as a compliment to Miss Isobel Inman on gaining her B.A. at Southampton University.

**DERBY.**—On June 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Foulk 1, F. R. Lowe 2, H. Letts 3, George Frechrey (cond.) 4, F. W. Stone 5, W. A. Morley 6, D. K. Walklate 7, H. Bridges (first quarter) 8.

**EASTWOOD, NOTTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Vivienne Horton 1, Pamela Clarke (first 'inside' on eight) 2, D. Clarke (first in method) 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, G. A. Halls 5, D. P. Jones (first in method) 6, H. Taylor 7, B. Barker 8.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss E. M. Yardley 1, Miss D. J. Perrins (first in method) 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, D. B. A. Woolley 4, R. G. Edwards 5, H. H. Fearn 6, P. Beresford 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

**ESCRICK, YORKS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Greenhorn 1, H. S. Morley 2, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, H. Walker (cond.) 5. Rung for the Dedication Festival, July 1st, 1857-1957.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Woodruffe 1, J. R. Kennett (first of Major) 2, R. Smith 3, A. Richardson 4, B. Groves 5, F. Osbaldistone 6, W. A. Smith 7, A. McFall (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung after peal failure.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On June 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Cater: P. A. Hill 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. R. Read 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, B. Hunt 5, C. Walter 6, R. Stephenson 7, P. E. Parry 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. M. Simpson 10. Rung 'in memoriam' the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson, interred that afternoon.

### Never Too Old

*A ringer who rings 100 peals is invariably congratulated upon the achievement, but Joseph E. Grensted, of Borden, Kent, deserves a little more. He has shown to ringers, young and old, that it is never too late to get back into harness. Joe started ringing in 1899, and rang his first peal at Bearsted, Kent, in August, 1899, and by April, 1907, he had rung over 80 peals, which was no mean achievement in those days.*

*He then decided to try his luck in Canada, which meant an end to peal ringing. But after nearly two years away, he returned for a three months' stay in this country, and increased his total peals to 90.*

*May, 1954, saw him back in England, this time to stay. The following month he rang his 91st peal, Grandsire Triples, at Sittingbourne, Kent. The first for 46 years! After three years he has completed his goal—100 peals—by ringing the treble on June 9th, 1957, to a peal of Stedman Triples at Sittingbourne, at the age of 75. An achievement that made all who rang smile with great satisfaction.*

**GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.**—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West (13) (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Miss M. Mills (first on eight as cond.) 3, M. Mills 4, F. H. Erith 5, D. Welham 6, S. Leach 7, P. W. Mills 8.

**HARBURY, WARWICKS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, All Saints', Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, and Chase, and 60 Grandsire): S. T. Hauley 1, H. M. Windsor 2, R. M. Andrews 3, G. L. P. Aldhouse (cond.) 4, T. K. Farrow 5. Rung after evening service on Trinity Sunday.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. F. Packham 3, Mrs. F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung for Evensong and Festival of St. Peter. First quarter-peal since bells were rehung.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire, with 12 changes of method): E. R. Retter (first of Spliced) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

**IDEN, SUSSEX.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Ruth S. Hodgson (first of Stedman) 1, A. J. Hicks 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, D. Hodgson 5, S. J. Skinner 6.

**KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. Drake 1, S. Perry 2, R. Nutt 3, D. K. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. W. Hovey, of Coleshill, a very good friend of the Kingsbury ringers.

**MILNROW, LANCs.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Allan Smith, jun. 1, Eileen Hudson 2, Roger Maher 3, Dorek Butterworth (first quarter) 4, Allan Smith, sen. 5, Geoffrey S. Mills 6, Philip J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, Colin S. Taylor 8. Rung for the Sunday School Anniversary and the wedding of the conductor's stepmother.

**MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Northrepps and 60 of Grandsire): R. Burton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Blakesley (first quarter) 2, R. Handford 3, G. V. Harrald 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5, D. A. Lindsay (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Church's Patronal Festival by the local band.

**NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Garrett 1, David Aspden 2, Wendy Ellam 3, Geoffrey Lloyd 4, David Burgess (cond.) 5, Patricia A. M. Forster 6. Rung for the Feast of Whitsuntide.—Also on June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jennifer Ellison 1, D. Burgess 2, E. A. Flint 3, D. Aspden 4, John Ashcroft (cond.) 5, Peter Millward 6. First in three methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the Patronal Festival (Matins).—Also for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Garrett 1, Jennifer Ellison 2, Wendy Ellam 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, Neville Harris (first quarter) 6. Rung for a Service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Parish Hall.

**NEWTON ST. LOE, NR. BATH, SOMERSET.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Batten (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, D. Knight 4, Archibald Knight 5, Eric J. Hitchins 6, Fredk. S. Slaford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung half-muffled 'in memoriam' Mr. T. E. Hobbs, chairman at this church for 50 years.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Nancy Kempell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, Freda Hanksy 3, Alan Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**OFFLEY, HERTS.**—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Ballington (13, first of Treble Bob) 1, June Gladman 2, Angela Willes 3, P. Mehew 4, J. Sinfield 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the donation of the first £1,000 towards the church's restoration fund.

**OWSLEBURY, HANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Finch 1, Jill Swan (first quarter) 2, D. Exell (first as cond.) 3, Isobel Inman 4, P. W. M. Jones 5, J. L. Queen (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Warboys 1, A. Reeve 2, G. Blower 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, P. Sadler 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First in the method by 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 23rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, K. Cotterell (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, R. H. Begrie 4, F. W. Lewis 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hodson (first quarter) 1, H. Hodson 2, Mrs. G. Rowley 3, W. Buckler 4, L. Bowden 5, E. Young (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, A. Purslaw 8. Rung for the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. W. A. Humphries, curate at this church.

**SHIPBOURNE, KENT.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. French 1, J. Beach 2, G. Fry 3, E. Brunger 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, R. W. Fairweather 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WICKHAM, HANTS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rolph (first quarter) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, D. Smith 3, B. Daysh 4, J. Ball 5, E. K. Jordan (cond.) 6.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. J. Paice 1, Miss S. A. Castle 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Smith 5, W. J. Parker 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, J. Prince 8. Rung for the weddings of the Rector's son and daughter.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, A. Truman 2, F. Wreford 3, J. H. Glanville 4, R. Truman 5, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung after the presentation of an inscribed wallet and cash to Mr. James Hall, on completion of 50 years' service as chorister and clerk at this church.

# RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,'

1879-80

(Continued from page 402)

## THE PASSING BELL

'Sir,—I do not think the Passing Bell is now anywhere rung according to ancient practice . . . The "one short peal" directed by the Canon to be rung "after the party's death" is now represented by the knell—generally called the Passing Bell—rung on one bell only with the distinctive toll at its close to intimate the sex, and sometimes the age, of the deceased. The ancient custom of chiming all the bells as the funeral procession approaches the church is still observed in a very few parishes known to me: generally the simple tolling of the tenor bell has superseded the more soothing and beautiful sound of the whole ring. "G. V." refers to . . . tolling daily for an hour or more, of a bell from the day of a death to the day of a funeral . . . it should immediately be stopped. At Stamford the tolling of the so-called Passing Bell or knell was abolished in 1872, and now the only notification of death is given by sounding what were formerly the distinctive tolls at the end of the knell according to sex, namely, 3x3 for a male, 3x2 for a female, repeated; and that on the tenor bell for adults, and on the treble for children.

'If the bell be rung (not tolled) for a period of, say, ten minutes, with a pause of about 30 seconds between each stroke, the effect is very solemn, and calculated to arrest the attention, and even in the midst of business and the pressing daily avocations of life, to solemnise the thoughts and call to mind the transitory nature of merely earthly occupations . . . And now the churchyard is thrown open to all it is a fitting time to restore the "one other" short peal "before the burial, and one other after the burial" (67th Canon), in cases where part of the office is said within the church . . . without recommending its use at all times, the difficulty and expense of the attendance of the ringers can be avoided at funerals by the erection of an inexpensive chiming apparatus, which can as easily be worked by the clerk or sexton as the dismal ringing of a single bell.'

THOMAS NORTH, F.S.A.'

Another correspondent shows that at Bishops Cannings, Wilts, no bell is tolled on the day of the death because houses are distant from the church, but 'on the morning of the day of burial, each bell (of a ring of eight) is struck three times for a man and twice for a woman. The tenor is tolled two or three times during the day, and half-an-hour before the burial, and is again struck somewhat quickly for five minutes after the funeral is over.'

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

## ANOTHER BIG BEN

The following correspondence has appeared in 'The Times' in reference to the letter of Canon Gregory's which appeared in our last issue:—

'Sir,—Though I helped to get the great and fine ring of bells for St. Paul's, and made the specification for it, I am sorry I cannot go the whole length with Canon Gregory of wishing to have a new great bell twice-and-a-half as heavy as the present very bad one, cast by Phelps, of Whitechapel, in 1716, which the "Provincial Incumbent," and I daresay many other people,

imagine to be the old one of Westminster. It would be quite right to have that recast a little thicker and heavier and the subscriptions promised are quite enough for that purpose; but another Big Ben within two miles of the Westminster one seems to me a very unnecessary competition of noises.

'But as this nation, alone in the world I should think, cannot nationally afford £1,000 or so to recast the late Mr. Mears's "porous, unhomogeneous, unsound" and cracked Big Ben of Westminster (see Dr. Percy's report), why should not some energetic person, younger than I am, get up a subscription to present the poor Board of Works with a recasting of it, under proper conditions, to prevent the referees from being taken in again by concealed defects, as we were in 1859? Indeed, after the consequences of that feat, I do not think any bell-founder would try it again.

EDM. BECKETT.'

'Sir,—Before the public respond to Canon Gregory's appeal for a great bell, the pertinent question of your leader of 16th (i.e., 16th Nov., 1880) should certainly be answered—"Cui bono?" What use will be made of it? I was staying in the suburbs one Sunday last month, and walked in to attend the morning service at St. Paul's, I am a lover of bells, and went early in order to stroll about the churchyard and hear the new ring; but I was disappointed. No sound was heard till I had to take my seat in the Cathedral, when, about fifteen minutes before service time, I heard the faint sounds of what I believe to have been the chiming of a single bell. Now, there are many people to whom the ringing of a three-hundred peal, or ringing at intervals throughout the whole of a Royal birthday, or Lord Mayor's Day, is an almost intolerable interruption and annoyance; but there are very few who do not like to hear bells rung for church on Sunday. They think that this is the proper time for it. Again, how is the proposed great bell to be sounded? I believe that the largest bell really "rung" in England is that at the Leeds Town Hall, weighing four tons. It is probably merely intended to strike this new bell with a hammer. If so, the effect, both for power and sweetness of tone, will not compare with what might be got out of the present "big bell." Let the Dean and Chapter have this bell of five tons (which is, I believe, an ancient one, formerly belonging to Westminster, and probably far superior to any bell which could be cast now) ringing in the stronger of the towers, so that it can be "raised and set" when the wonderfully thrilling and powerful tones emitted, increasing in volume as the bell swings in a larger and larger arc, will, I think, render them less desirous of obtaining a new and hoarse instrument too unwieldy for real use. The "Bourdon" of Notre Dame, and, I think, all the other great bells mentioned by Canon Gregory, are rung "half-way-up," and it is then that the finest note is sent out.

'I am the vicar of a provincial minster church which possesses a fine old ring of bells in one tower, and a great bell in the other. The whole peal is rung for morning and evening service, and six bells in the afternoon. When the peal ceases, the great bell is "raised" by five men, and rung for five minutes immediately before the service commences. It is heard for three miles, though under three tons in weight; and the effect inside the minster, subdued by the heavy stone vaulting of the roof, is very beautiful. I venture to suggest that this would be the best use to make of the bells of St. Paul's. A PROVINCIAL INCUMBENT.'

End of Volume. Advent, 1879-80.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

The June quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association at Selston coincided with the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. Dobb (Wilson to all), vice-president, one-time president and a life-long resident in the village. It was a great occasion for him at the meeting when the president (Mr. J. W. England) asked the company of nearly 50 to stand and sing 'Happy birthday to you.' Mr. Dobb looked well and fit in spite of an old and aggravating injury, and suitably replied. He was presented with a bouquet of roses, and these were afterwards placed on the grave of his wife. It was afterwards Mr. Dobb's pleasure to listen from the churchyard to well-struck touches of Cambridge and Stedman—he is now unable to climb the stairs to the ringing chamber.

Of the other business, there were warm congratulations to Mr. C. M. Heathcote, the hon. treasurer, for the award of the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours, and a gift of £2 2s. from the Association's Bell Fund to Selston P.C.C., towards the cost of new bell ropes.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by Capt. Dunford, C.A., and tea, well prepared, was served by the ladies of the church, in the Council offices. It was a happy and memorable meeting.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Meeting at Torquay

Under the auspices of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches, a joint meeting was held at Upton, Torquay, on June 15th. The attendance was regrettably small but a very enjoyable time was spent by those present, who included two or three visitors from Oxford. Ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, and was followed by a short service in church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. Sands), who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome. The lesson was read by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, a local ringer.

After a splendid tea, a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. E. Lilley (Branch chairman) to the Church authorities for the excellent arrangements made. Some of the more enthusiastic members then spent a short time with handbells before going to Torre Parish Church for further ringing. A. L. N.

## SOMERSET RINGERS' WEEK-END IN HAMPSHIRE

A very enjoyable Whit weekend was spent by six Somerset ringers in Hampshire. A peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Major was lost at St. John's, Bournemouth, after two hours' good ringing.

On Saturday there were two unsuccessful peal attempts, at Milford and Ringwood, and visits to Hordle and St. Nicholas', Brockenhurst. After attending early service in Wimborne, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, for Matins, and afterwards at St. John's, Surrey Road. We relaxed on the sea front before taking part in two courses of Grandsire Cinques at Christchurch. The service in a packed church was enjoyed.

Monday's programme was an hour's ringing at Wimborne Minster and also at Lyndhurst, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Lymington. Recordings were taken of the ringing at most of the towers, so the peal bands were able to hear their ringing as it sounded outside the churches.

For this wonderful weekend, heightened by the beauty of travelling through the New Forest, we have to thank our organiser, Gwilym Salmon, and also our new-found friends in Hampshire for their warm welcome, and incumbents for allowing us to ring. H. M. M.

## SAFFRON WALDEN GREAT RINGING DAY

On Saturday, June 29th, the 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held at Saffron Walden. The weather was sunny and very hot. Just after 11.30 a.m. a party of over 30 arrived from Prittlewell, and the bells were soon going to Stedman Cinques.

About noon another party of over 30 members of the South Western District of the Essex Association arrived. Their District Master (Mr. John Crampion), who had organised the party, was with them. During the day many old friends came, including Dr. E. L. Taylor, from Charmouth, Dorset, who commenced his ringing career at Saffron Walden in 1902.

After lunch at the Abbey Hotel, the bells rang out for a wedding, a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques being brought round. The bells were kept going till 4 p.m., when the usual service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. R. Sinker), the sermon being preached by the curate (Rev. D. Willcox).

After tea ringing continued, and about 6.30 p.m. we welcomed a party of over 30 from Beddington, Surrey. Stedman Cinques and a course of Bristol were brought round. The bells were lowered at about 8.30 p.m., all agreeing it had been a very enjoyable and successful day.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Mr. J. Crampion for all his efforts in bringing a party from his district to make this festival day so successful.  
L. E. P.

## CHELMSFORD MEMORIES

### With Apologies to 'The Great Pretender'

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Conductor,  
But this Royal's all going awry,  
The ninth made that 'Bob',  
And the tenor ran in,  
But I'm having a jolly good try.

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Tenor Ringer,  
We're cracking along in 'Three-Nine',  
'It's condition that tells',  
And the 'First on the Bells',  
This 'Superlative's' all very fine.

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Two-Bell Ringer,  
Little Baddow is all I desire;  
We were tapping along,  
Now the whole shoot's gone wrong,  
All the bells in a blooming great 'Fire.'

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Slider Walloper,  
Bouncing tenors is my cup of tea;  
But it's all a good laugh,  
Till it's time to depart,  
Look out, Ireland, you're going to see ME!  
A. D. C. a

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

An interim meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Paston, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Knapton, on June 15th, when between 25 and 30 members were present from a wide area.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean (Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld), and the lesson was read by Mrs. D. Moore. Ringing was enjoyed from Plain to Cambridge Surprise.

## SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The 25th annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held on May 25th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. During the afternoon methods were rung up to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, and the Seage apparatus was in use during the evening.

The Provost of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. F. Laming) conducted the Association service in the Chapel of St. Anne, and took the chair at the business meeting which was held in the Synod Hall. The officials were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. Ernest Boumphrey (Glasgow); Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine (Edinburgh); and secretary, treasurer and Central Council representative, Mr. Rognvald Wilson (15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian). Six new ringing members from three of the towers in the Association were also elected.

It is expected that the next meetings will be at Dunblane (October), St. James', Paisley (February), and in Edinburgh (April), when the four towers there will be available.

The local ringers very kindly supplied tea for everyone, and the catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. and the Misses Stafford.  
R. St. C. W.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, M. J. Rowe 4, M. Cubitt 5, F. Riddlesden 6.—Also on June 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss P. Rowe 3, W. Theobald 4, M. Rowe (cord.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.—Also on June 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: H. Howson 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, Miss P. Rowe 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. Cubitt (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Rowe 6.

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In the Church Tent at the Sussex County Agricultural Show, Bognor, July 17th-18th, there will be an exhibit on bells. The centre-piece will be a model of a mediæval bell foundry. In addition to a display of Sussex founders' work there will be on show a hand-bell over 1,000 years old, and the tuning forks used by Canon Simpson in his researches on bell tuning.

Call it a day! Helmingham ringers started on their annual outing at 5 a.m. and some reached home at 3.30 a.m.

The peal published on page 407 of 'The Ringing World' and rung at Shirley on June 5th should read Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A letter such as we like to receive came recently from Cheadle, Cheshire, where Mr. J. Fuller, ringing the treble, shepherded five of the band through their first quarter.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles celebrated his coming of age as a peal ringer with a peal at Embleton, Northumberland, the most northerly ring of six bells in England. This was the first peal on the bells since recent rehanging.

The members of the University of London Society who rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on June 29th join with other members of the Society in offering their congratulations to the President (Dr. Denis Layton) and Miss Margaret Floyer on their engagement.

The peal of Minor at Blaydon on Tync proved to be a very pleasant ringing farewell to Mr. Peter M. Giles, who has now completed a technical course on Tyneside. It is to be hoped that his other farewells were as pleasant! He will be missed by the Newcastle Cathedral company, with whom he has been a very regular Sunday service ringer during the past ten months.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringling friends of Mr. H. D. Harris of Woburn, will be very pleased to learn that he has now started ringing again. Last December he was knocked down by a car, dislocating his left shoulder, and for a man of 82 he made a remarkable recovery. On April 5th next, Mr. and Mrs. Harris will celebrate their diamond wedding.

Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, is now out of hospital. Having regard to his age his progress is quite satisfactory. Slow and steady improvement daily, has been the medical report.

The peal at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, was rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, of Stratton. Mr. Austin is a member of the band at the tower.

Southampton University members rang a graduation peal at North Stoneham. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to the band. Four of the band learnt to ring at North Stoneham when the Guild was formed nearly four years ago.

Sunday, July 21st, is being observed as a special day at Weston Favell, Northants, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the bells becoming a ring of five. The 8 a.m. Eucharist will have a special intention for ringers and ringers' hymns will be sung at Matins and Evensong. All ringers will be welcome at these services.

The completion of 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by its Master, Mr. John A. Freeman, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells. Mr. Freeman is the veteran Master of the Cathedral company. His many friends in the Exercise, in congratulating him on his half-century of conspicuous service, wish him and Mrs. Freeman many more happy years.

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# THREE SUMMER RINGING FESTIVALS

## TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT ST. ALBANS

THE joint summer festival of the Herts and Bedfordshire Association on June 15th, the Saturday nearest to St. Alban's Day, at St. Albans, was so successful that it is likely to be the forerunner of many joint meetings between the two ringing Associations in the Diocese of St. Albans.

Ringling commenced at 9.30 a.m. at Hemel Hempstead, where a coach party from Bedford District arrived on time and were met by members of the Herts Association. The towers of Apsley End, King's Langley, Langleybury and Aldenham were visited in turn until 1.30 p.m. A joint peal was rung at Redbourn during the morning. At 2 p.m. the four towers at St. Albans were opened, but ringing did not get going well until nearly 3 p.m., except at St. Stephen's, where the new six were in great demand.

All converged on the Cathedral at 4 p.m. for Evensong, which was conducted by the Dean. At the conclusion of the service a handbell voluntary of three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung by G. Penney, G. Dodds, W. Ayre, H. V. Frost and B. C. Johnson.

At the tea, presided over by the Dean, Mr. E. G. Buck (Herts president) welcomed the visitors, and Miss E. Steel (Beds president) replied, inviting the Herts Association to Bedfordshire for the next festival, and thanking those who organised the event.

Mr. H. V. Frost (Herts secretary) thanked the Dean for his co-operation, and all who had given permission for ringing at the other churches, and said he looked forward to a good day's outing in Bedfordshire next year. The Dean also promised to attend.

Ringers attended from all parts of the diocese, also from further afield, and nearly 300 were present at the tea party. H. V. F.

## FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

The Society of Friends of the Exercise held an outing in South Somerset on Whit Monday. The party was drawn from the Bristol District and from Wiltshire, and travelled by car and motor-cycle. Eleven towers were visited.

The first tower visited was Pylle, where some good ringing was enjoyed on the six bells. A short ring was had on the anti-clockwise six at Charlton Mackrell before moving on to the heavy six at Montacute. Here the tower sway made ringing somewhat tricky, but the fine tone of the bells compensated for this. Merriot was the last tower before lunch, and the most was made of a delightful light six.

Lunch was taken at Crewkerne. The 'moneeyed' members of the party dined at the White Lion Hotel, while most of the others found a 'homely little pub.'

A visit was then paid to Winsham, the first eight of the day, where the bells are rung from the chancel. The party moved on to Combe St. Nicholas, where a six-score of St. Nicholas' was brought round, and then to Staple Fitzpaine where an excellent tea was provided at West Hatch by Mrs. Crabham, a friend of one of the leaders of the party.

The evening session included West Hatch (5). North Curry (a fine eight in an octagonal tower), Moorlinch (a heavy six) and Ashcott (the home of All Saints' Doubles). A visit was paid to 'The Ring of Bells,' where a toast was drunk to absent friends, especially the doyen of the Society, Mr. Cyril Savage. Thanks were conveyed to the organisers—Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Frank Mack. M. S.

## SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD AT NEW RADNOR

The little rain which fell during the day did not mar the attendance on the occasion of the annual festival, held at New Radnor on June 22nd. Over 80 members and friends attended the service and afterwards sat down to an excellent tea laid out in the Church Hall.

The Southern District, as is customary when the meeting is held in the northern part of the diocese, travelled by coach, and this year went via Hay, where the Rev. and Mrs. Ivor Richards joined the party and followed by car to Eardisland. Mr. Leslie Evans, with his 'E.S.T.8.' was waiting at the tower. After the bells had been rung to standard methods, everyone made their way to a first-class lunch at the Swan Hotel, and were joined by the Vicar of Eardisland (Rev. H. F. Harmer). The southern contingent arrived at New Radnor in good time for over an hour's good ringing before the service.

The Rector of New Radnor (the Rev. T. E. Griffiths) conducted the service, and the preacher was the Rev. Ivor Richards, of Llanarth, who gave as his text: 'Holding fast to faith, and to the profession of our faith.' This text in relationship to bellringing made the address very interesting.

After tea the girls of New Radnor G.F.S. entertained the company to handbell ringing. These girls had brought back the shield from London a few days previously for the best handbell ringing there.

At the business meeting, the Lord Bishop took the chair, and in opening the meeting asked all to stand in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Albert Edwards and Mr. C. Powell, who had passed on since the last annual meeting.

The general secretary stated that the membership was being maintained at the same level. The financial statement was explained by the treasurer (Mr. D. Stokes) and showed an excess of expenditure over receipts of 7s. 4d. The restoration fund amounted to £29.

A motion was submitted suggesting doing away with the Southern District, which had outlasted its usefulness. A long discussion failed to reach a decision. The chairman said there did not seem any possible way of solving this problem and suggested, as there were so many difficulties, that the matter should be dropped, and could be discussed at the 1958 festival. This was agreed to.

Mr. John T. Williams (Sketty) was elected Master, and all the officers were re-elected—Messrs. J. A. Hoare (hon. general secretary), D. Stokes (hon. treasurer) and T. M. Roderick (hon. auditor). Instead of electing one member from each tower, five committee members were elected equally from the South and North Districts. The ringing competition was again dropped for lack of interest.

Brecon was proposed for the 1958 festival: the date to be left to the president and general secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. J. Lewis, and the Lord Bishop responded by thanking everyone. Ringing continued at New Radnor and at Presteigne, and this concluded a very happy social reunion.

J. A. H.

## TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the second of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/- . New subscribers welcome.

## CALL CHANGERS IN SOUTH DEVON

The bells of St. Petroc, South Brent, ringing on Saturday, June 22nd, signified help from 20 call-change teams drawn from all parts of South Devon for the restoration of Widecombe-in-the-Moor's ancient church, damaged by the ubiquitous death-watch beetle. Its ravages have presented that well-known Dartmoor village with a bill for some £7,000.

As at Abbotskerswell, for Ashburton's benefit in 1956, the South Devon Ringers' Association on this occasion organised an invitation 6-bell festival at South Brent, to which 19 teams came (at the last minute Totnes was unable to raise a team). Ashburton's entry opened the ringing at 1.15, but owing to difficulties in transport no more than six teams had rung by service time at 4 o'clock. Halwell had the misfortune to have the third rope break just as the rise was getting under way.

A good congregation of ringers attended the service, conducted by the Association's president, the Rector of Upton, Torquay. Tea was 'laid on' by the ladies of the home team, and the usual substantial and generous country tea was provided. Ringing continued immediately after the service. The last team to ring, Bovey Tracey, 'came down' just short of 9 o'clock, when the church porch became the focal point for ringers waiting for the results.

Mrs. A. Middleton, widow of the Association's late chairman, Mr. H. G. Middleton, of Dartmouth, presented the certificates as the judges gave their verdict. Special mention was made by their spokesman, Mr. Arthur Tapper, of Yealmpton, of the very high standard of ringing—as evidenced by the close marking of the first six teams, West Alvington (No. 1 team) was placed first with no more than 8½ faults, followed by Kenn with 12½. The team from Widecombe was third with 13½, then came West Alvington (No. 2) 19, Upton, Torquay, 19½, and Kingskerswell, sixth, with 19½ faults. Diptford's teams boasted two 13-year-olds who 'put up' very creditable ringing. The teams from 8-bell towers were noticeable in the manner in which they let the bells 'go up' during the peal, which consisted of the usual '60-on-3rds.' It was a pleasure to have Mr. A. L. Bennett, the well-known West Country change-ringer from Buckfastleigh, at the festival. It is hoped that Widecombe-in-the-Moor will benefit by about £11 from the effort.

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust has asked the Association to consider organising another similar festival for their benefit as previously held at Dean Prior in 1955, and this may well form the event of next summer.

B. E. B.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

iced drinks were in great demand during the tea break, at the Farnham District meeting held at St. Mary's, Frensham, on June 29th. In spite of the 'heat wave,' many ringers and friends turned up during the afternoon and evening to enjoy a ring in such a pleasant, peaceful place.

The ringing was of a good standard under the guidance of Mr. Rex Corke and Mr. Tom Page: a variety of methods being rung from rounds to London.

A friendly ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Coulshaw). District ringers formed the choir and Miss Heath was the organist.

After a sumptuous tea a short business meeting was held, during which two new ringing members were elected. Plans were discussed for a District outing at the end of August.

## University of London Society Annual Whit Tour

PETERSFIELD (Hants) was chosen as the centre for the 1957 Whit tour of the University of London Society, whose title was later adapted to 'Armstrong's Alcoholics Incorporated.' Transport consisted this year of two cars, two motor-cycles and a Dormobile, which, on three cylinders and without a workable dynamo, conveyed the bulk of the party for most of the time, proving in no small degree the skill of the Society's Master, who acted as pilot. He, on the other hand, would not dare to spurn the efforts of those who by brute force accomplished what is normally done by a starting button.

Members began to arrive on Friday evening (June 7th) in time for an early supper and a ring at the parish church. Soon after 9 a.m. on Saturday the party was on its way to the first tower of the day, All Saints', East Meon. The peculiar ascent to the belfry baffled some members for a start, as did also the somewhat noisy bells. However, some quite respectable touches were brought round. Next to be visited was its neighbour, West Meon, where we were informed of a humorous inscription on one of the bells which read: 'A Waker of Ears'; its donor was an eccentric gentleman surnamed Earwaker. A ladder in the ringing chamber proved too strong a temptation for one member, who aspires to loftier heights than mere belfries! St. Mary, Twyford, was the other stop before lunch and some good ringing was enjoyed on the light but pleasantly musical bells. A visit to Winchester for lunch passed all too quickly, and unfortunately time did not allow us to make an adequate tour of this historic city.

Two 10-bell towers were scheduled for the afternoon. At North Stoneham we were joined by friends from the Southampton University Society who, despite the imminence of finals, had cycled up to meet us; then the glorious ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, which more than justified expectations of them and the long ascent to the belfry. Here also tea had been arranged; then, after almost losing two members, the company set out for St. Peter's, Curdridge. Later in the evening an attempt for a touch of Spliced at Soberton came to an untimely end; but here the ladies of the Society excelled themselves in a well-struck touch of Grand sire Triples.

On Whit Sunday our first privilege was to join with the congregation at Petersfield in the Celebration of the Holy Communion. Breakfast over, the party set out for Portsmouth. All arrived safely except those in the Dormobile, which ran out of fuel even though the meter gave indications to the contrary. By now its occupants had grown accustomed to pushing it, so one furlong more to a petrol pump was no great feat. Fortunately we arrived just in time for a ring at the Cathedral, and we thank the local band for their hospitality. A trip around the harbour gave us a healthy appetite for lunch, and many had their first glimpse of the 'Britannia' and 'Vanguard.' While four enthusiasts attempted a peal of Bob Major on handbells, the remainder of the party spent the afternoon on the beach at Eastney. What hap-

pened to the peal attempt has to remain a secret if not a total mystery. For Evensong we rang at St. Mary's, Portsca, with the local ringers. A course of London proved to be the highlight of the day's ringing.

The programme for Monday indicated seven towers, so an early start had to be made for St. Mary's, Liss, where three more members joined the party. At Hawley, an attempt for a touch of six Spliced was successfully brought round. On the way to New Alresford confusion struck the occupiers of the Dormobile when one of the motor-cycles was seen approaching it head on. Heavy suspicion was cast on the navigator, but with grim determination and ignoring most of the signs concerning the condition of roads, we reached our destination in time for lunch. Ringing on the pleasant eight was much enjoyed, but apparently interfered with the 'Barmy Ales Band' providing music (?) for some local festivity.

At Preston Candover, the Vicar (Rev. C. Brinkworth) welcomed us and rang with us on the light six. Both churches in Basingstoke were visited—All Saints' before tea and St. Michael's after. The bells of Yateley, the final tower of the day, proved rather a handful, and through a misadventure we left the belfry having just raised the bells!

A magnificent supper awaited us in the Parish Room, which had been kindly prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge. Dr. D. N. Layton thanked them in suitable words, and members responded by singing for them some popular student songs, by special request.

Unfortunately, we were not to leave Yateley at the time anticipated. The battery in the Dormobile failed at a most crucial moment, and we were glad for the A.A. to assist us. London was, however, safely reached in the early hours of Tuesday morning. None the less, all agreed that it had been an excellent tour; some called it enjoyable; others more accurately described it as adventurous. Our thanks are due to all incumbents, and to the local ringers who made us so welcome. The Society is also grateful to Eileen Wooldridge who so capably made the arrangements. R. K.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION South Norfolk Branch

The South Norfolk Branch held a very successful meeting at Long Stratton on June 8th, with 44 ringers attending. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. Slaughter), with an address by the Rev. F. P. Law.

Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president) kindly provided tea, and the business meeting was presided over by the Branch Chairman (Dr. P. H. A. Jonason). The Association president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and general secretary (Mr. W. Love) were also present. Nine new members were elected. The president again asked that all ringers should pray for each other on Saturdays. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing in various methods, under the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. Flatt), continued till 9 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxlingham on September 14th.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD Testimonial Fund Proposed for Mr. C. H. Hawkins

THE Lord Bishop of St. David's, who is president, preached at the annual meeting of St. David's Diocesan Guild, held at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on June 22nd. The Vicar (Canon Ungeod Jacob) conducted the service and Mr. Ed. J. Thomas (Master of the Guild) read the lesson. Sixty-five members and friends attended from Pembroke, Burry Port, Llanstephen, Llandilo, Tenby, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelly and Carmarthen.

Tea was kindly provided by St. Peter's Mothers' Union. At the business meeting the Bishop presided, and he was welcomed by the Master of the Guild, who thanked him for accepting the presidency of the Guild. Mr. Thomas also welcomed Canon Jacob, who was attending a Guild meeting for the first time. The Bishop responded and opened the meeting.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Messrs J. Turvey, R. Scudamore and W. Williams.

The Bishop then apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins), who was ill and a patient at Llanelly Hospital, and proposed that the Guild's good wishes for a full and speedy recovery be sent to him officially. The existing officers were re-elected with the exception of the Ringing Master—Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, succeeding Mr. A. Reynolds, of Llandilo. Mr. E. Thomas (Llanelly) was elected assistant secretary until Mr. C. H. Hawkins (secretary) is well enough to carry on his duties. There were two changes in the committee members—the new members being Mr. L. Hurren (Llanelly) and Mr. A. Davies (Burry Port).

The next annual competition will be held at Llandilo in May, 1958.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2. One new ringing member and nine new probationary members were elected.

It was proposed by the president that the committee should meet to clarify the Constitution of the Guild, particularly the functions of Master and Ringing Master. It was also proposed that a testimonial fund be set up for Mr. C. H. Hawkins, to show the Guild's appreciation of his good work in founding the Guild and making it a success. The treasurer was instructed to contact all towers and honorary members.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Jacob and his churchwardens for having the Guild at Carmarthen, and to the Mothers' Union for supplying the tea. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

The members then returned to the tower.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A POINT ABOUT COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—I was interested and a little puzzled to read the footnote to the composition of Bristol by Mr. N. Golden ('R.W.', p. 404).

If a peal has 6 the extent in 6ths place, does it not also follow that it will have the extent of 6 in 8ths place when the tenors are at Wrong?

I think it would be both instructive and interesting if one of our leading composers—or anyone else who understands these matters—would write an article on the qualities of compositions and the implications of the various footnotes that often accompany them.

For instance, if a composition claims to have 6 the extent in 6ths place, does it mean merely at course-ends or is it the extent of the 6th coursing after the tenor?

Or again, if the claim be '5 and 6 their extent in 5-6,' does it mean

- (a) at course-ends only?
- or (b) the extent of coursing 6-8-7-5?
- or (c) all the rows ending 5678?

I feel sure I am not alone in my doubts, and if an enlightening article is forthcoming, it will add meaning to the footnotes for many of your readers, and help young conductors in their choice of musical compositions.—Yours, etc.,

'INTERESTED.'

Mr. Nolan Golden replies:—There always has been a certain looseness about composition qualities—and my footnote happens to be a rigid one! '6th the extent in 6ths (or Home)' does not mean and cannot mean in Treble Bob (or Bristol) the extent in *all positions*, for it is impossible to compose a peal in the method consisting of 12 plain courses with the 12 lead heads necessary for this. So we have numerous examples of 'the 6th the extent in 6ths,' which has meant all the 12 '678' lead-ends. If the 12 '7x86' lead-ends are also present, this is generally reported as 'all the 86s.' This is inaccurate, for no composition of 5,000 changes could contain *all* of them. To be specific one ought to say that the tenors are at Wrong or, as I put it, 'in 8ths with the tenors at Wrong.'

I heartily agree with the writer that an article dealing with composition qualities would be interesting and instructive, and as for myself, I believe I could have one ready by the time his letter appears in print. My difficulty is not unwillingness to write but to find time to do it, having a continuous flow of correspondence and arrangements to organise. What I need is a retreat in some isolated area to operate from: do you know of any small C. of E. School in remotest (?) Surrey in need of an enthusiastic headmaster?!

## THE MANUAL REWRITTEN

Dear Sir.—The College Administrative Committee would like to thank, through your columns, the many who have rendered ringing a service by coming forward, in your paper and by post, with constructive criticism and help in reshaping the provisional draft of Part I of the Manual of Training, which was published herein, through your courtesy, for that very purpose.

Now *rearranged and entirely rewritten* it emerges as something that should prove worthy of the efforts of all those who have brought it into being. To the many others also, who have expressed interest, we would say that arrangements are being made to publish it, *without profit*, for the advancement of ringing training generally, and advertisement to this effect will shortly be announced.—Yours faithfully,

R. BALDWIN, Registrar.

Portsmouth.

## DIXTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir.—During recent weeks, correspondence in 'The Ringing World' has focused attention on the many 4-bell towers in England and Wales. One, however, which has so far escaped notice is that of Dixon, Monmouthshire.

Dixon Church is situated about a mile from Monmouth on a bank of the River Wye, a little off the Ross-Monmouth road, just inside the Monmouthshire-Herefordshire border. It can also be approached by a footpath from Monmouth along the river bank, which brings one to the ferry steps in the churchyard, from which, until recent years, the incumbent used to row to and from his rectory on the opposite bank, and also to the churchyard lawn which, according to a recent writer in the local paper, 'outrivalled the much-vaunted lawns at Oxford.'

Dixon is a lovely little white church dedicated to St. Peter, full of historical interest, and well worth a visit by any one spending a holiday in the Wye Valley.

Of the four bells in the tower, one is dated 1876, two are of the 17th century, while the fourth bell has the head of Edward III and his queen, and is said to have been cast at Worcester about 1420. They were rehung by the late Geo. Day, of Eye, many years ago, so it is more than probable the 1876 bell was added at the same time.

Consecrated in 1068, Dixon was, until 1104, in the diocese of Llandaff, when it was transferred to the diocese of Hereford. It remained in the Hereford diocese until 1844 when it returned to Llandaff. In 1914 many border parishes voted on the question of inclusion in the Church of Wales, and Dixon by a large majority decided to again return to Hereford.

Situated as it is on the river bank the church is liable to flooding at any time, but in 1929 and again in 1947 these were very severe. Tablets in the church show the depth of water in 1929 as 5ft. 2½in. and in 1947 as 5ft. 11½in.

It is in this little church and parish that the writer's family has its roots. In the registers are recorded the baptisms of his grandfather in 1820, his great-grandfather in 1785, and his great-great-grandfather in 1765, as well as their subsequent marriages.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

## FIRST PEAL AT EASTCHURCH

Dear Sir.—The claim in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' as the first peal at Eastchurch, brings back to my memory Friday, July 26th, 1912, when a stained glass window was unveiled and dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Hon. H. S. Rolls and Grace, who lost their lives when attempting to fly the channel. We then rang a half-muffled peal in seven methods to their memory in 2 hours 55 minutes, which was the first peal on the bells.

Two years later—on January 3rd, 1914—in 2 hours 48 minutes, we rang another peal on the bells, in seven methods, in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. A. Dennis, one of the local ringers, and Miss Cissie Ellum, organist at the church and daughter of Mr. Ellum, the schoolmaster, which was solemnised on New Year's Day. By these two events I am entitled to claim to have rung the first peals on the bells.

My congratulations to you, Mr. Naylor. Carry on and score some more peals.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. B. WILKINS.

Headington, Oxford.

## PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Dear Sir.—In the report of the Peals Collection Committee to the Central Council, as quoted in page 417 of 'The Ringing World,' it is stated that no peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques composed by F. H. Dexter, A. Knights, N. J. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, G. Lindoff and J. D. Mathews have been received. That, I cannot understand.

Immediately after the request had appeared in 'The Ringing World' last year, asking for peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, I sent to Mr. Roberts my collection of all the compositions of Stedman rung by the Yorkshire Association during the years 1875–1951. In that collection are several compositions by Arthur Knights and a few by Gabriel Lindoff and N. J. Pitstow. Mr. Roberts has the book in his possession for more than six months.

Pudsey.

WILLIAM BARTON.

## RINGING LEGEND IN CARNIVAL

Dear Sir.—On June 29th, the hillside village of Danbury held its annual carnival, and among the many entries for the procession was the ringers' 'float' depicting an old Danbury legend. This legend states that at an uncertain period of the Middle Ages the Devil visited Danbury and stole the tenor bell. In his haste to depart he dropped the bell in one of the many woods surrounding the hill, and to this day the last resting place of the tenor is known as Bell Hill Wood. This unusual idea must have charmed the eye of the judges, who awarded it first prize and an invitation to enter for the Maldon carnival in August.

As a temporary outsider serving with the R.A.F., I am not blowing my own trumpet when I congratulate the ringers on a very fine effort. In the past this band has done much entertainment at local and surrounding village charities with handbell ringing and singing, Danbury.

J. ROAST.

## FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir.—With regard to Mr. Cooke's inquiry on page 420 about Gate Burton, Lincs, bells, reference is made to them in Dove's Guide on page 26 of the first edition and on page 50 of the second.

Actually there are 3 steel bells hung for ringing and in excellent order and 3 small brass bells hung dead. An Ellacombe apparatus is used.

The Church was erected in 1866 at a cost of £2,000 including organ and bells. It seems a pity that Mr. W. Hutton, Lord of the Manor, who bore the cost, wasn't advised as to a more suitable ring as the tower is big enough for a ringing six.

The list of fours is not quite accurate as of course Goxhill has now six.

Springthorpe were rehung by Taylors in 1930. The tenor is 9 cwt. and a few pounds lighter than the third. Scotter had attention from the local carpenter a few years ago and are ringing regularly. Glenham and Waddingham are ringable.

Belton, Isle of Oxholme, were rehung by Taylors in 1955. On hearing they had gone to the foundry I appealed to the Rector and Church Council to do more than just rehang the four. Unfortunately the Rector was very ill and my letter may not have been taken too seriously. They did, I believe, make the frame with an extra pit.

There are many towers with less than five that could easily carry 5, 6 or even 8. Most of them now are useless.

Our Guilds and Associations should go all out to encourage (and here Belfry Repair Funds would be serving their best purpose) these places to start bell schemes. In a lot of cases why not recast the existing bells into light 6's or 5's? Better a light 6 ringing out than a heavy 3 that the villagers don't even know exist!

Gainsborough.

GEORGE L. A. LUNN.

# A MISCELLANY OF RINGERS' OUTINGS —

## AN EAST SURREY WHIT MONDAY

Ringers from Redhill, Nutfield, Bletchingley and Godstone in Surrey went on their annual outing on Whit Monday. The rainy morning seemed to have no dampening effect on the spirits of the party as it set out. The first stop was at Maresfield, where everybody enjoyed themselves from rounds through to Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

At Battle Miss Kathleen Stisted rang with us and we were most impressed by her masterly handling of the heavy seventh in a course of Bog Major.

After lunch at Hastings we made our way to ring at Christ Church, Blacklands. Not all of the party made the grade, the call of the sea being too great, and four people must have lunched so well that they missed the coach to Blacklands and eventually arrived there in a taxi. The ringing here was greatly enjoyed, and we had a touch of Stedman Triples with some of the local ringers taking part.

At Hawkhurst the usual pattern of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major was followed. Again we enjoyed having some of the local people to ring with us.

On arriving at Ticehurst we found a splendid tea arranged for us by the organisers of the local fete. This was greatly appreciated and about sixty hungry and thirsty people did justice to the wonderful spread. Perhaps it was because they had eaten too much tea that most people found the bells at Ticehurst difficult to handle. However, despite several hair-raising adventures with the tenor and the fourth, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Cambridge were attempted.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was the last tower visited, and here we had the best touch of the day in some beautifully struck Stedman Triples with the help of Mr. B. Collison and Mr. E. Ladd. The tenor ringer in this touch refused to ring again for fear of spoiling his memory of it.

The party arrived home at about 11 p.m. rather more subdued and tired than when they had started out.

We would like to say thank you to all the ringers who made us so welcome, to the incumbents for allowing us to ring and a special 'thank you' to the people who gave us such a splendid tea at Ticehurst. Thank you, too, Mr. Arthur Clarke (Nobby), for arranging everything so well. C.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT

Towers in Leicestershire and Staffordshire were visited by Sutton-on-Trent ringers for their annual outing on June 1st. Despite the ringing room being in almost complete darkness, the bells at St. Andrew's, Prestwold (8, tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.), were raised in peal and good ringing followed. There seems to be an absence of any form of artificial light in the ringing room.

A detour caused by hump-backed bridges meant a late arrival at Barton-under-Needwood (8, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.), but a good ring was had by all. The bells in the beautiful church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross (6, 28 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.), sound very well inside but are rather disappointing outside, being better to Minor than Doubles.

A dash across Staffordshire to Penkridge (8, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.), with its 75 feet of rope and only two sets of guides. Very little difficulty was experienced with the draught except by learners. After tea at Lichfield, the Cathedral was visited, and then came the best bells of the day at Market Bosworth (8, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.) which go and sound extremely well. The last tower was Enderby (8, 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.). Thanks are accorded incumbents and Sutton ringers who arranged a most enjoyable day. W. L. E.

## ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers were favoured with ideal weather for their annual outing on June 1st.

Reigate was reached at 9.35 a.m. and the ten bells of St. Mary Magdalene were soon put to good use and the hour spent there went all too quickly. It was discovered that the last visit paid to Reigate by Walthamstow ringers was on June 8th, 1897.

The next stop was for lunch at Brighton. The party then divided, the non-ringers spending a pleasant afternoon by the seaside, while the ringers went to St. Nicholas', where ringing was somewhat curtailed owing to a couple of weddings. However two happy couples were rung in and out. A very pleasant hour was also spent at St. Peter's where the high spot was a well-struck course of Cambridge Major.

Both parties met for a satisfying tea and an hour's ringing was enjoyed at Leatherhead on the homeward journey. Ringing during the day consisted of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal. Thanks are due to incumbents for permission to ring and to the local ringers for their welcome. C.

## CANNOCK, STAFFS

June 1st was a memorable day for the ringers of St. Luke's Church, Cannock, when, joined by friends from Shreshill and Norton Canes, they held their first outing. The first tower, Gnosall, brought back happy memories for Mr. T. Fowell, as he learnt to ring here 66 years ago. One of his old pals, Mr. G. Lowe, came along to wish him a happy afternnon.

An hour's ringing at Stoke-on-Trent preceded tea which was hospitably provided by Preb. E. A. R. Chapman, who joined the party. A short drive brought them to Kingsley where they were met by the rector and some of the ringers. The last call was at Marchington and here ringing finished off a very happy day for the local people as one of their ringers was married earlier in the day. Thanks are extended to incumbents for permission to ring the bells.

## HITCHIN AND DISTRICT

Ringers and friends from seven towers around Hitchin spent Whit Monday touring North Bucks and Northants. By 8.30 a.m. they were approaching Stewkley, where the church is a gem of Norman architecture. Ringing here was not of the best, but like the weather it improved during the day. Wilmslow, recently augmented to eight so as to 'defeat' Mr. Dove, has a ringing chamber just right for six, but a squeeze for eight. The visitors enjoyed the fine 'go' of the bells.

The Surprise Minor school from Great Wymondley came into its own at Padbury, and then came the 'high spot' of the day, the heavy octave at Buckingham. After a 'pipe-opener' of Kent, and some rounds, a fine course of Superlative was achieved, and finally a good touch of Stedman, truly a joy both to listen to and to ring.

After nobly feeding at Buckingham's White Hart the party went on to two 'sixes,' Brackley and the heavier ring at Towcester, where the ringers are surrounded by the records of long past benefactions. A bob course of London and a plain one of London went very well indeed.

After tea the two last calls were at Stony Stratford and Bletchley (where the tourists were fortunate to have the assistance of some of the local band).

Grateful thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and Kenneth Timbury, who organised the day with such charm and industry.

D. L. G.

## STRATTON, BUDE

Accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. L. Dodd), St. Andrew's, Stratton, Bude, ringers had an enjoyable annual outing on May 25th, favoured with glorious weather.

After ringing at Egloshayle and Redruth, the party had lunch at Camborne and rang on the lovely bells. An old Stratton ringer, Charlie Wilson, and Peter Hockridge here joined the company. St. Columb Minor arrived just before the Stratton bus at Helston where the ringing was enjoyed. At St. Keverne, the bells are first class, and the party arrived just before the St. Gluvias', Penryn, ringers. After spending a short time in Falmouth, the last ring was on the fine bells of Probus.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring, tower captains and to Mr. Sangwin and his helpers for the excellent arrangements.

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# WELL-PLANNED DAYS IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES

## SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY

Sutton ringers and friends from Chatteris, Willingham, Longstanton, Over, Histon and Huntingdon, held their annual outing on June 5th. Bedfordshire was the area to be explored.

Potton (6), the first tower of the day was reached only two minutes late and the bells were soon ringing. Blunham (6) were next and this grand ring was enjoyed, but a rope broke and temporary repairs had to be carried out and with much regret shortened the time of ringing. On to Willington and one well known member was disgusted to throw the rope off the wheel twice in a short space of time.

Lunch in Bedford and the refreshments prior to this were enjoyed by all. BAA! none. At Northill (6) we had the pleasure of making a recording of a course of Bob Minor to be sent to Canada to Mr. Wagstaffe's sister, for the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaffe's golden wedding. Congratulations. Next Southill (6) another enjoyable ring in pleasant surroundings. Then Henlow (6) and on to tea in Biggleswade, after which we tried the grand 8 and then to Sandy 6 for the last tower of the day where some good ringing took place to conclude a successful tour. To all the incumbents (many of whom we met) and to all the ringers in the towers who met us we say 'thank you.'

After a grand supper at the 'local' on sandwiches, rolls and onions, etc., we departed and arrived home about midnight.

H. S. P.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE

The area chosen for the Maulden ringers' tour this year was the Weald of Sussex, with some beautiful scenery in Ashdown Forest, extensive views from the chalk and sandstone edges, and glimpses of oast houses, orchards and timbered dwellings nestling among the thick woods. Joined by friends from various towers in the Biggleswade District, from Luton, Totternhoe and Derby, an early start was made, only to suffer a mishap in the shape of a front tyre explosion on the coach, fortunately while almost stationary at a junction. Thanks to a skilful wheel change by the driver, we were not very late at the first tower, Bromley, Kent, where the Gillett eight (16½ cwt.), in a church fast being rebuilt after bombing, was appreciated.

A hilly journey over the Downs past Biggin Hill Aerodrome brought us to Witherham, but a funeral prevented ringing at the last minute. Having been welcomed by Mr. E. Ladd, some good ringing was enjoyed on an older Gillett eight (14 cwt.) at St. Peter's Tunbridge Wells, including a course of London Major. Mr. Rogers met us at Rotherfield, where the heavy eight (23½ cwt.) and long draught required more care, but those who ventured out into the sudden storm heard them at their mellow best. The third Gillett eight of the day (11½ cwt.) followed and proved a lovely little musical box. These were at Coleman's Hatch.

An excellent salad and trifle tea at East Grinstead in a timbered upper room preceded a visit to the fine tower, the most imposing we had visited that day, containing a good heavy eight by T. Mears (23½ cwt.), which however, required skilful handling owing to the long draught. The youngest member of the party, age 13, acquitted himself well for all that, and a good standard of ringing was again attained. The final tower was Reigate, with a nice old ten (19½ cwt.). Here good touches of Caters and Royal were rung before starting for home. Thank you, Ron Sharp, for organising yet another most satisfying tour.

D. P. J.

## ST. MARY'S, CHELTENHAM

In spite of the last minute efforts of a well-known friend from Gloucester to catch a bus going in the opposite direction, and the subsequent slight delay until he had found the error of his ways a coachload of Cheltenham ringers and friends arrived well to time at Dorchester Abbey, the first tower of an outing to the Thames Valley on June 15th. An abundance of short ropes and shorter ringers wasn't conducive to ringing worthy of this handy eight, but we acquitted ourselves better at the next tower, Hughenden, where Grand-sire, Stedman and Little Bob were tapped off, but, due to the inability of a certain ringer to read his Ringers' Diary straight, London came to grief.

After lunch in High Wycombe, Wargrave and Twyford, Berks, were visited. Although there were by now signs of wilting in the heat, a touch of 'Beard Delight'—spliced Plain, Little and Treble Bob Major—was among the touches brought round at Twyford.

Tea followed in Caversham, before the last tower of the day. Wantage proved to have a ring of bells that, to be rung well, needed a little more work than seemed to be forthcoming. However, after the culprit of the Hughenden attempt had been reminded of the difference between the work of a fifth's place bell in the Minor and that of a seventh's place bell in Major, a course of London was accomplished.

After the usual halts on the way home, Cheltenham was reached at 11.30 p.m. Sincere thanks are accorded to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to members of local bands who welcomed us, and, by no means least, to David Beard, who was in charge of all arrangements for the day.

C. A. W.

## NORTH-EAST DERBYSHIRE VISITED

Some villages in the Chesterfield area of Derbyshire were visited on June 22nd last, by a band of ringers drawn from the towers of Aldridge, Coleshill, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

Features of the outing were the 13th tower crowned with a broach spire and containing a good ring of six at Old Brampton, the easy-to-ring light six at Old Whittington (spoilt by being too noisy in the ringing room), a pleasant five at Ault Hucknall, and the well-toned five at St. Michael's, Pleasley (this church contains a richly carved chancel arch). A disappointment was at St. Mary's Beighton, where the Vicar informed the party that the second could not be rung owing to the clock hammers.

Methods rung ranged from Grand-sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Sincere thanks are tendered to incumbents and officials for permission to ring.

## ELLAND, YORKS

Thirty-five ringers and friends from Elland, Yorks, had an enjoyable outing to Chester on Whit Monday. The route was via the famous television aerial at Holme Moss and by a chain of reservoirs at Woodhead to the first halt, the ancient church of Mottram-in-Longdendale, an excellent eight in every way. The journey was resumed through Stockport and Northwich.

Chester proved of exceptional interest with its Cathedral, ancient walls and quaint streets. At St. Mary-within-the-Walls the visitors rang with the Rector (Rev. J. Kingdon). A call was made at Frodsham a very good eight, on the return journey. Ringing during the day included Bob Major, Grand-sire, Kent, Stedman and Cambridge Minor. After passing through Warrington, Pendleton and Oldham, home was reached at 10.45 p.m.

## BLUNSDON VISIT MID-WILTS

Blunsdon ringers with friends from other local towers and visitors from Derby spent Whit Monday in mid-Wiltshire.

A pleasant ride through the grand avenue of Savernake Forest brought the visitors to Savernake church (5) and later came another five at Burbage, with an unusual tone. At Collingbourne Kingston, a good heavy six, ringing was up to standard and a touch of London was rung.

Lunch was taken in the neighbouring village of Collingbourne Ducis; at the parish church ringing started with a good rise in peal, which together with the untucked ropes reminded some people of Devon. After a long climb, the party reached Everleigh, where the church, a 19th century building, looked out of place in the downland. The bells, however, are pleasant and a good course of Elston Delight was rung. It was an easy ride down the Avon valley to Upavon which provided the best bells of the day; a course of York was notable.

After tea, Pewsey and Milton Lilbourne, both with pleasant rings, were visited. Thanks are due to Anne Pettiford for excellent arrangements and incumbents and local ringers.

## CLEWER, BERKS

With the object of ringing the sixes and fives on the Isle of Wight (the major rings having previously been visited) Clewer (Windsor) ringers spent June 15th in blazing sunshine.

The Saxon church of Arreton, with its easy ground floor ring, was first visited, the Vicar proudly showing the visitors the ancient chestnut tithe barn. Passing that lovely little six at Godshill in its idyllic setting, the party went across the Island to Whitwell, another easy ground floor ring.

The mellow five at Niton, two miles away, were appreciated, and the visitors found Chale bells (six) well worth a visit. Unfortunately the Vicar declared Brighthelm bells (5) unsafe to ring, but the six at Freshwater went well. Due to missing the boat the party arrived too late at Portsmouth Cathedral to ring. Apologies to Messrs. Roger Baldwin and Yorke-Bramble and Miss Kathleen Knight, who had turned out to ring. Thanks are accorded to Bill Butler, the able organiser.

## LEAMINGTON SPA

Organised by Messrs. Oram and Farmer, All Saints', Leamington Spa, ringers had a 15 hours outing in a 40-seater coach in Somerset on June 1st.

Ringings were at Bibury, Bath, Radstock, Chewton Mendip and Minchinhampton. A high standard for the day was set by 'rise' and 120 Stedman at Bibury; St. Paul's, Bath, sounded well from the street; the six at Radstock were rung from a sort of fiddlers' gallery (a real picture for the Christmas 'Radio Times'); the best ringing of the day (also the best bells) was on the glorious eight at Chewton Mendip; Minchinhampton bells go well, but the 13 cwt. tenor is, too noisy.

It was a journey of 211 miles through delightful scenery in grand company on a perfectly fine day.

**WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 Little, 720 Plain): D. K. Walklate (cond.) 1, B. R. Manning 2, E. Walklate 3, W. A. Morley 4, P. B-Knights 5, J. Ryde 6. First of Minor in two methods for 2 and 3.—Also on same day, 1,512 Minor (480 Alvaston Alliance, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 384 Little Bob, 180 Plain and 180 Grand-sire): J. Ryde 1, P. B-Knights 2, P. J. Pearson 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, W. A. Morley 5, B. R. Manning 6. First in five methods for 5 and 6.

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**MILLS.**—To Margaret (Peggy) and Geoffrey, on Wed., July 3rd. God's precious gift of a son, Ian Geoffrey. Both well.—8, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancs. 566

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—It has not been possible to arrange the Lytham meeting. Details of next meeting towards end of August will be given later.—John F. Turner. 564

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## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Beckington (8), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 499

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Nether Alderley (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. No business meeting. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 513

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Fletching (8), Saturday, July 13th. Tea at The Griffin. Summer outing Saturday, September 14th. Names for both as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 508

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing: South Stoke 2.30 p.m., Goring 3. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing after Goring and Streatley.—Burton. 501

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec. 434

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Denham and W. L. Exton, Dis. Secs. 461

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Owslebury, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Village Hall.—A. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec., 2, Woodman Cottage, Sparsholt, Winchester. 550

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Moorlinch, July 20th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 526

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m.. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 533

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sampford Brett, Saturday July 20th. Numbers for tea by 15th essential.—A. R. Tudball, Branch Sec. 532

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Taddington, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. Ivor Pett, The Square, Taddington.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 525

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-upon-Avon, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good turn-up please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec. 535

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Brixham (8), Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 539

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Derby (by invitation), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to B. R. Manning, 28 Thorndike Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 41 and 43 bus from Market.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 551

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Sat., July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 568

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 517

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Long Newton (6), 2.30. Tetbury (8), 6, Saturday, July 20th. Service Tetbury 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 537

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 17th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 544

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) on Saturday, July 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 534

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Salehurst, July 20th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Proprietor, New Eight Bells Hotel, Robertsbridge.—Geo. Billenness, 3, Grassmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 559

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Church Stretton, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas G. Randle, Ashford, nr. Ludlow. 557

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 20th, North Myms (8 bells) a 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 548

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by Tuesday, July 16th. 529

**LADIES GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Matlock on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent by July 16th to Mrs. B. A. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, nr. Narborough, Leics. 546

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Hawkshead, July 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside. 567

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m. July 20th. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 565

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Misterton, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Lutterworth.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 543

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough District and the Lines Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Owston Ferry on Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 518

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. and further ringing. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome.—L. Bullock. 545

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Stanwell, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. A. Finch. 549

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Saturday, July 20th, East Hailing. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 'White House,' 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Dr. Paul Jonason, White House, East Hailing, Norwich. 528

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church at 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 6s. each, must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing arrangements: Merton 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' 3.30 to 4.30, Marston 3.30 to 4.30, St. Giles' 3.45 to 4.45, Magdalen 4 to 5, Cowley St. James' 4.30 to 5.30, St. Mary Magdalen 5 to 6, New College 5 to 6, Carfax 5.30 to 6.30, St. Ebbe's 5.30 to 6.30, Iffley 5.30 to 6.30, All Saints' 6 to 7, Wolvercote 6.30 to 7.30, Christ Church 10 to 11, 7 to 8, Radley 7.30 to 8.30.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elton (5) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 547

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 524

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Durrington also available evening. Names for tea by July 16th, please.—Miss Eloic, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 511

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lodders, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea by Monday, 15th.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 555

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Please send names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, on or before July 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 570

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, July 19th, please, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 497

**SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District).**—Combined practice meeting at Betchworth (8) and Buckland (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 495

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Sat., July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Horse Inn. Please notify by Wed., 17th July.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 521

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6); St. Clement (4). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room. Names for tea important to G. K. Dodd, Ball Hill, Woolton Hill, nr. Newbury, by previous Tuesday. Highclere (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 554

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss Marshall, 'Springfield,' Rectory Lane, Havant, by Tuesday, July 16th. 553

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, July 20th, at Kirkby Wiske, (nr. Thirsk). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Bashforth, Kirkby Wiske, by Thursday, July 18th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 541

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, July 27th, at Dove-ridge. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Sec. 542

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES GUILD (Kent Branch).**—Joint meeting Petham, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2/-, names for tea, with cash please, to Mr. A. Jarvis, 4, Town Road, Petham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., July 24th. Special coach leaves St. George's Bus Station, Canterbury, 3 sharp: to reserve seat, card to 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, as early as possible. Ladies, please note change of date and venue.—Mrs. W. Dobbie and B. J. Luck, Hon. Secs. 540

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, 2/-, not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 558

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Caistor (6), July 27th, Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 24th to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 562

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Biddenden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5s. Members welcome, non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 552

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 563

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Beenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Aldermaston bells available 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, nr. Reading, by previous Wednesday. 538

## OBITUARY

### MR. CYRIL SYDNEY WEST

All who knew Mr. Cyril West well will be sorry to hear of his passing at the age of 45 years, on May 14th at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London. He had suffered more or less for the last 18 months.

Cyril West was a native of Petersfield, and learned to ring at St. Peter's Church under the tuition of Mr. W. J. Read, a local tailor. He was then only 14 years of age and showed great keenness and was one of the young band who toured the countryside on bicycles teaching ringers and ringing peals, chiefly of Doubles. He subsequently rang peals in the Standard Methods of Minor and Triples.

Some 20 years ago Cyril West moved to Midhurst, Sussex, where he worked for a local firm of solicitors. Up to the time of his illness he rang regularly at Easebourne Church. During World War II he served six years in the R.A.F. and was awarded the B.E.M. for meritorious service. He was secretary of the Midhurst Chamber of Trade, clerk to Easebourne Parish Council and secretary of Midhurst Club.

On the evening of the funeral his ringing colleagues rang the bells at Easebourne muffled to his memory.

C. E. B.

### MR. ALBERT CRAWLEY

On June 22nd, one of the most prominent ringers in Cheshire, Mr. Albert Crawley, passed quietly to his rest at the home of his daughter at Welford, Rugby. He was 78. Incidentally, June 22nd was the day of the newly formed Railwaymen's Guild's first annual meeting; Mr. Crawley had been a railwayman ringer for over 60 years.

He commenced his ringing at Christ Church, Crewe, under Richard T. Holding about 1897: his ringing was, however, interrupted by the South African War, where he went with the then Crewe Railway Engineers. On his return in 1902, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on 'the old eight,' and eventually rang 272 peals in almost every method on five to 12 bells.

Albert was a very capable ringer and was in great demand. He had rung on some of the finest rings in the country, among them being 'Gresford (one of the seven wonders of Wales), St. Clement Danes' (of Oranges and Lemons fame), St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, and St. Nicholas', Liverpool. The last three were destroyed by enemy action. 'Oranges and Lemons' are being restored; Liverpool's are ringing again, one of the most modern rings of 12 in the country, and probably the finest.

For 25 years he rang at Christ Church, Crewe, leaving to become tower Captain at Wistaston in 1924, where he rang in all of the 77 peals rung at St. Mary's. He gave up ringing when he lost the use of his right arm: he rang his last peal in 1955, but attended services and practices.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Chester Guild and nine other ringing associations. He taught many youngsters in his time.

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