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The Beverley and District Ringing Society, was formed in 1946 and is active in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is a territorial Society although, strangely, its territory has never actually been defined. This book gives an outline history of the Churches, with four or more bells, which fall within the area covered by the Society. The histories have been written by local ringers, and Church members, with the emphasis naturally being upon the history and details of the bells and the people who ring them. The histo­ries are intended not only as descriptions of the wonderful build­ings in which our bells are housed, but also to record the role that the bells and ringers have played in the lives of these Churches. Some of the information contained herein has not been recorded elsewhere, living only in the memories of the ringers themselves.

The illustrations are largely the work of local ringers, but where external sources have been used for these, and for information in the text, these are acknowledged as appropriate. The details given for the rings of bells vary from one history to another, but all bell weights are recorded in the form Cwts-Qtrs-lbs. Where they are known the inscriptions have been noted. For completeness brief details of towers with three bells are included in an appen­dix, and there is an article on one set of secular bells (the Guildhall bells).

For a number of years the Beverley and District Society has been active in bell repair and restoration, and all profits from the sale of this book will be used in support of this activity.

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