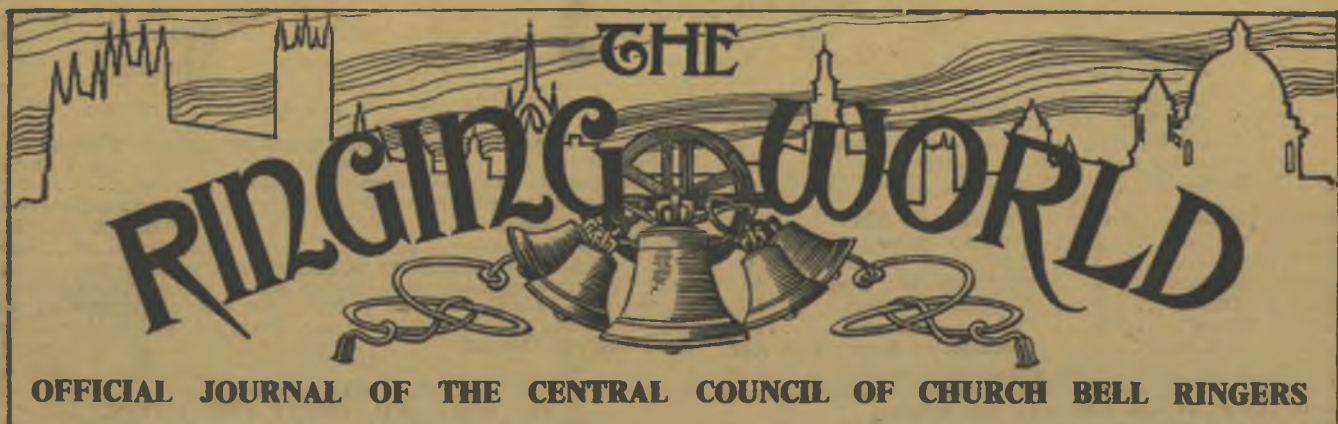




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CHESTER

THE selection for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday is a happy choice. Chester holds a unique place among the Cathedral cities of our land, as there are few which retain so many of the trappings of an ancient county town. Its walls are intact with its four gateways, although they were reconstructed during the 18th century. The Cathedral is within the city walls and contains a range of styles from Norman to late Perpendicular, all built of local red sandstone.

Last December we recalled salient features of the Cathedral bells, when we reviewed the booklet the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke) had written on the bells of the City of Chester. The bells were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1927, and ten years later, to mark the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild, two more bells were added to make the present ring of ten, which has a tenor of 29 cwt. in C.

With such an atmosphere as Chester possesses we feel sure that the Council meeting will be enjoyable. But it is an important one in the life of the Council, as in a sense it marks the end of one chapter and the start of another by the retirement of the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Last year the rules were revised and an important addition was the creation of a new class of membership—in life membership. This is probably the highest honour the Council can confer and it was designed for past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary and hon. librarian, and those who by merit have deserved this distinction. By the adoption of this rule Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. J. Hooton and E. Alex. Young are automatically life members. It would indeed be a fitting compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, who has been so closely associated with Mr. Fletcher, if this privilege was conferred upon her. It is true that Mrs. Fletcher is an elected member of the Council as representative of the Ladies' Guild; nevertheless, she is well qualified as one 'by reason of their services to the art of ringing merit the conferment on them of the honour.'

Those who have followed the annual meetings of Guilds and Associations will have noted a number of changes in

their representation. There are ten vacancies for honorary members, and the members of the Council when it comes to a ballot would be wise to pay particular heed to this question. It is not a matter of what a man has done for the Exercise, but what is the contribution he can make towards its furtherance. If his past services have been meritorious, then life membership is the appropriate reward. But what we want to emphasise is that honorary membership is not just a comfortable arm chair to enable one to 'hob-nob' with fellow-members, but an appointment that calls forth a willingness and ability to work for the Council in one particular sphere or another. We feel certain that with the many prominent men in the Exercise a ballot will be necessary.

It is somewhat singular that although the Central Council has appointed committees to deal with practically every problem within their purview, only once during the year with most of them do they come alive. Their reports are invariably interesting when presented, but, unfortunately, with perhaps two exceptions, they create the impression among the rank and file of the Exercise that they are moribund. With some committees, such as Peal Analysis and Records, their work is largely statistical and interim reports are out of the question. The Editor feels, however, that it would be of advantage if convenors of these committees would take advantage of the columns of 'The Ringing World' and indicate not only what they are doing, but be prepared to comment on matters within their province.

Critics of the Central Council, perhaps with a degree of uncharitableness, have deplored that while the Central Council meetings invariably convey a sense of vitality, the interval between sessions conveys an impression that nothing is taking place. We know this is not true and that there are members who are weekly engaged on direct business of the Council. The remedy as we see it is more publicity, either directly or indirectly, as our president has done by the medium of after-dinner speeches. With travel costs so high it is impossible for the Council to hold more than one session a year. We do, however, emphasise the point we made last week of the desirability of a second meeting of the Standing Committee a year. Constant publicity is the life-blood of any organisation.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
NOREEN BRAIN .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 8
*ERNEST STITCH .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
*HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 10
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5	†GEORGE L. RODEN .. 11
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. 6	*ALAN E. ELSMORE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques and completes Doubles to Cinques in the method. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's 25th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. Treble	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER .. 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3	FREDK. W. STOKES .. 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 9
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith, of Lincoln, and of a son to Mr. and Mrs. K. S. B. Croft, of Southampton.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER .. Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 8
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
*ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Royal by all and for the Guild. Contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former being rung to the Wrong, the latter for the Wrong to the Home.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

WALTER G. SOAR .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 5
*SIDNEY H. JONES .. 2	*HAROLD TAYLOR .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 7
*ALFRED MOULD .. 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* The first peal of London. The first peal of London Surprise on the bells.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	†WALTER G. SOAR .. 5
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
†MAURICE BAILEY .. 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 7
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the birth of a son, John, to Mr. and Mrs. John Quimby, of Overseal.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWLEY .. Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
THOMAS J. CLARK .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATERSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Mrs. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	†STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
*ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN .. 7
†CYRIL WANDER .. 4	*ROBERT HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. E. Bennett.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
DAVID SMITH .. 3	CECIL RADDON .. 7
HENRY PARKER .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Believed first peal of Little Bob on the bells. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
EWART A. ANDREWS .. Treble	PATRICK HARRIS .. 5
REGINALD W. KYTE .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	*ALBERT H. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal. Rung on the 101st birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, widow of Mr. John Hopkins, for 64 years parish clerk at St. Peter's in Bengeworth.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

MAX PAGE .. Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. 6
*LESLIE G. FORSTER .. 3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*VICTOR GRIFFIN Treble	E. JOHN BERRY 5
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 7
†BRIAN BLADEN 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 12 methods, viz.: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, New Gloucester, Wembley, Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JOHN WORTH 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE .. Treble	MAURICE THOMAS 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	GEORGE W. CECIL 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	FREDERICK PAGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

*GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
†WALTER G. SOAR 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
JACK BAILEY 4	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER PATRICK WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Holy Trinity Cathedral Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
*AUDREY MORRISON 2	COLIN A. HOPPER 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	T. MARK WHITE 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday. Also a birthday compliment to G. E. Clode.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. George's Var. of Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
JOHN NEALE Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
WALTER WILLS (80) 2	MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY 4	FREDK. J. BINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Healey, a member of Leicester Cathedral.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	WALTER FORD 6
*VINCENT R. OVENS 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
HERBERT F. LASKEY 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in two Treble Bob Major methods.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
E. JEFFRIES Treble	F. PLUMMER 5
*R. SHARP 2	R. KENDALL 6
†J. HERBERT 3	A. BURTON 7
A. RUSHTON 4	C. MANN Tenor

Conducted by H. BURTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung for St. George's Day.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward T. Lloyd Treble	†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
*MURIEL REAY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
†HENRY H. FEARN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method. † 400th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

THOMAS G. FOX Treble	*FRANK E. DARBY 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	†ROBERT H. BEGRIB .. 6..
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
†DAVID W. BEARD 4	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.



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CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	ERNEST A. THORPE .. 6
FRANK REED .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Association. In memoriam Mr. George Holmes, of St. Marie's, Sheffield.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	CHARLES E. WILMINGTON .. 6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

Rung for the rededication of the Festival Church.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

HAROLD PAILING .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN .. 5
MRS. J. NIBLETT .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 6
JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 3	WALTER NICHOLS .. 7
FREDK. A. SALTER .. 4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE (C.C.C. 70). Conducted by J. K. WAGSTAFF.

First peal of Major as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Four-part Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 4	CURZON H. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples away from tenor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
FRANK I. HAIRS .. 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Barnett.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD A. C. ALLEN .. Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
ERIC NAYLOR .. 2	VICTOR A. JARRET .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
JOHN BURLS .. 4	GEORGE KENWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 250th peal.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 5
*IAN JONES .. 2	*FREDERICK BROWNLOW .. 6
*THOMAS TURNER .. 3	JOHN CHARNOCK .. 7
*ERIC BALDWIN .. 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by C. CROSSTHWAITE.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 5
BETTY SMITH .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 6
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 3	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
GILBERT C. WEEKS .. 4	HERBERT MERRET .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP W. WEEKS.

First peal as conductor. Birthday compliments to Mr. G. C. Weeks,
Mr. C. Bell and Mr. W. Starr.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 5
*ARTHUR CHAMPION .. 2	CYRIL WRIGHT .. 6
†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP .. Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON .. 5
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. 2	†FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
C. HENRY HARDING .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung for Rogationtide.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. Treble	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
†DENIS MADDOCK .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* 100th peal. † First in the method.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 16 methods, viz.: 640 London, 320 each of Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Wembley, Wordsworth, Yorkshire and Bristol, and 160 each of Uxbridge and Watford, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 3	PETER LAFIN .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY .. 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

The first peal in 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild, in the county and by all the band. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fernley.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Mar. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,****A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, nine callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AUDREY B. CASTELL .. Treble	SIDNEY J. TURLEY.. .. 4
*ALFRED H. JARVIS.. .. 2	*JOHN O. BERRY 5
*DAVID H. SLADE 3	FRANK C. CASTELL.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN O. BERRY.

* First peal.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Sat., Apr. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 4
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WALTER RUFFLES 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal on the bells since rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,****A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	*WILLIAM BUTLER 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in seven methods.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,****A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

JACK COUSINS Treble	ALBERT COOTE 4
JACK WILLIAMSON 2	TONY OWEN 5
DONALD PEGG 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. L. SLACK Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 4
CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 5
BARRY LAWSON 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A farewell to the Rev. E. G. M. Evans on his leaving the parish for Durham.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., Apr. 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN E. FOX Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
EDWARD BARKER 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDIA A. HARDING.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Flatman.

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BURSTOW, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 3,840 Grandsire, 1,080 Plain Bob, 120 Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID WILSON Treble	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. 4
LESLIE W. PENFOLD .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL .. 5
†JAMES EDE 3	WALTER HUNT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles by all the band except conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Oliver Sippetts, Walter Clayton and Charles Dean, also of Horace Dench, an old Burstow ringer.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Double Court, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 4
LUTHER HONESS 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

25th peal as conductor and first in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Jean Burton, of Boxley, and Robert Datson, of Upchurch.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Apr. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and eight of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris's and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

DAVID COBB Treble	LESLIE BARRY 4
TIMOTHY COBB 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 5
JOAN BUSSEY 3	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A farewell to the ringer of the treble before joining H.M. Forces.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS Treble	*ALFRED W. BODIAM .. 4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 2	JOHN H. R. BETTS .. 5
REGINALD L. SILLS .. 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung in honour of the marriage of Jean Burton, of Boxley, and Robert Datson, of Upchurch. Also in honour of the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bodiam.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Apr. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College Single Reverse, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BASIL A. EDWARDS .. Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's differently called.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	REGINALD C. TIPLER .. 4
PETER HALLAM 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 3	WINIFRED MAY BURTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of 2nd Lieut. Michael Simms-Reeve, son of the Rector.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 720's each of Norwich and Bourne and three 720's of Cambridge.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER W. CROFT .. Treble	†GEORGE CHERRY .. 4
†LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' in three Surprise methods. A 13th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Apr. 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 6 Southrepps Pleasure, 9 April Day, 12 Plain Bob, 7 Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*ROGER B. MORRIS .. Treble	†J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4
SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS 5
JOHN BOUTLAND .. 3	*DEREK N. PEERS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First peal in five methods by all.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Apr. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 4
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Apr. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 right way.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN RICHER .. Treble	*GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
†DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 2	*FRANK G. OLIVER .. 5
*ROY W. SPENCER .. 3	†HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

*First peal of Surprise. †First in the method. Farewell peal for Lance-Corpl. D. Latchford, Essex Regiment, who returned to Minden, Germany, the following day.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*IRENE J. CORDIER .. Treble	†CHARLES G. J. FORD .. 4
BETTY J. DYKE 2	HENRY J. FORD 5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE .. 3	*WILLIAM C. FORD .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Chalker, a ringer at Upwey Church, and Mrs. Chalker. Also a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

JOHN H. GILBERT .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2	†JACK A. C. KING .. 5
*WALTER H. GLASSPOOL .. 3	PETER N. BOND .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Walter R. Beebe.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sun., Apr. 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
IN THE LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3-4 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER .. 5-6 | ALD. A. PADDON SMITH .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Witnesses: LT.-COL. DONALD PADDON SMITH and GEORGE E. FEARN.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Southrepps, one each of April Day, Spliced Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, twenty-one of Grandsire, two 240's of Morris's arrangement and one 240 of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor size 9 in D.
F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

*KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by KEITH E. LOVETT.

*First peal 'in hand.' First peal in seven methods by all. Rung on St. George's Day.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 21 in D sharp.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7-8
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4 | FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 11-12

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8). Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

ON THE TOP OF THE PARISH CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 2,160 of Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A fourth birthday peal for Peter T. Tallis, son of a local ringer.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 640 each of London, Ealing, Wembley and Rutland, and 320 each of Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Ashted, Radlett, Berkshire and Bristol, with 139 changes of method.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

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LATE NEWS

The Cumberland's peal attempt for the Festival of Britain at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, was stopped by the police after ten minutes' ringing. There was a May Day celebration in Trafalgar Square proceeding at the same time and police feared the sound of bells would make speeches inaudible and make the crowd restless.

Congratulations to the Copt Oak, Leicestershire, band on a new record of a peal of Minor in 105 methods. The band desire to express their thanks to Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn and C. K. Lewis for figures and advice and to Mr. Ernest Bowley and Mr. A. E. Rowley, who have so often made up the band when short for practices.

Among the 500 guests at the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Ball were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fearn.

A Sunday service band to score the first peal of Minor in their own tower is that of Tucknall, Derbyshire.

A footnote intended for the letter 'Suffolk Punches' was, in our last issue, placed under the letter 'Use of Bells for Broadcasting.' The error is regretted.

A quarter peal has been rung at Little Bad-dow, Essex, the average age of the band being 15 years 2 months. The band would be pleased to hear of a quarter scored by a younger band.

We do not know what St. Paul's Cathedral ringers think of the description in the 'Daily Telegraph' on their ringing at the Festival of Britain service. 'Jangling beauty' is hardly applicable.

The peal at Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, is believed to be the first peal on the bells by the Sunday service band. They enquire whether anyone with memories of past generations knows of a previous peal here by such a band.

Guildford Cathedral band visited Olney, Bucks, on April 21st, the birthplace of one of their esteemed members and tower-keeper, Mr. W. J. Robinson. A peal of Stedman Triples was satisfactorily brought round. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Robinson.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Billenness is the new secretary of the Hawkhurst and District Guild. He started ringing at Rye, Sussex, in 1899 and has about 100 peals to his credit, most of which he conducted. Mr. Billenness was out of ringing for some years but returned to the art in 1949.

Mr. C. E. Brown has 'circled' Blankney, (Lincolnshire) tower and Mr. J. K. Wagstaff, St. Peter's, Nottingham.

After a lapse of over 40 years, another peal has been rung at Brandeston, Suffolk. Mr. W. Wightman, who took part in the former peal, was, owing to indisposition, unable to stand in this time. The band all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bath ringers were impressed by the way in which 12-years-old James Fitzgerald rang the treble to his first quarter peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Michael's, while in Bath for a cycling week-end with his cousin, both from Newport, Mon.

We are pleased to state that the paragraph that appeared in our issue of April 27th, that Mr. Albert Gilbert of Royston, Herts, is suffering from heart trouble, is incorrect. Mr. Gilbert, who has been ringing since 1904, is still a service ringer and on March 26th participated in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

Princess Elizabeth visited Chester on April 27th in connection with the passing-out parade at the Officers' Cadet School at Eaton Hall and in the afternoon visited the Cathedral. After ringing to welcome her, the ringers assembled in the Chapter House, where the Princess spoke to Mr. Percy Swindley, the captain of the band, and asked him questions concerning the ringing of the bells. The bells were again rung on her departure. Fifteen ringers, including five ladies, were present. It will be remembered that the ringers at the Cathedral met Their Majesties the King and Queen in 1946.

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WEDNESDAY afternoon, April 11th, saw the fulfilment and the consummation of the 800th anniversary of the beautiful Norman church of St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, when the restored bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

The service began with the professional entrance, via the West door, of the Bishop of St. Albans, together with the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood), the clergy from the various churches in the district and the choir. Clergy attended from Berkhamsted, Northchurch, Apsley, Great Gaddesden, Bovingdon, Bourne End, Boxmoor, St. Paul's, with the local Congregational and Methodist ministers. The Mayor and Town Clerk were also present.

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Brigadier Watkins and the bellfounders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) by Mr. M. Howard and Mr. Stephenson.

At the rededication the rope, representing the proper ropes, was handed to Mr. H. Gates, the local captain. The immediate rounds were rung by:—W. C. Hughes, Joyce Lewis, A. W. Dix, Anne Stockdale, L. Baines, P. Holness, D. Latchford and W. Ayre. Following the dedication, the Bishop took as the text for his sermon, 'O praise God in His Holiness,' words in Latin and English on two of the bells, one of which is pre-Reformation.

At the close of the service 84 Grandsire Triples were rung by the same band except for H. Gates instead of Anne Stockdale. Other touches were rung before the tea which followed in St. Mary's Hall, when the Bishop commented on the beauty of the church and hoped that the people would continue to do their utmost for its maintenance.

Councillor Selden (chairman of the Restoration Committee) explained that the restoration had not been only of the bells, but that the fabric of the tower had been saved from further damage by restorative work.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 194 cwt.), dating from 1400(?) to 1767, have been eighth turned, tuned and completely rehung in an iron frame on massive steel girders concreted into the walls, thus making a sound contribution to the preservation of this ancient building.

The 'go' is excellent, the tone has been improved, the sound in the ringing chamber is much more balanced and there is a better circle. The bells themselves have been moved round one, the tenor now being where the seventh was.

After the tea and speeches, the ringers returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing from rounds to London Surprise. Towers represented, in addition to Hemel Hempstead,

were:—Apsley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Stoke Poges, Linslade, Kings Langley, Abbots Langley, St. Albans, Watford, Luton, Sawston, London, St. Ives, St. Neots and others. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the work which had been done.



MR. F. J. GOLDEN
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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A very successful meeting was held at Reading on April 21st. Some 40 members and friends attended and ringing took place at St. Mary's during the afternoon, methods up to London being successfully brought round. After service, and an address by the Vicar, tea was provided at the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, presided at the short business meeting. Five new members were elected—Mrs. V. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Eric Hotine (Rickmansworth), Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Castle (Winnersh) and R. F. Diserens (Reading).

Guildford was confirmed as the venue of the next meeting on July 14th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, not forgetting the choirboys.

A NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Thurcaston, Leicester, on Saturday, March 17th, which I conducted, is to be withdrawn from the Midland Counties Guild, and should be non-Association.—Yours faithfully,
G. ARMSTRONG.

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A GOLDEN GOLDEN WEDDING

ON Saint George's Day, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk, celebrated their golden wedding. Members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal in seven methods, the first of its kind on the bells, in honour of the event, conducted by his nephew, Nolan Golden.

Although no ringer, Mr. Golden has been connected with the Church all his life and has a lively interest in bells. He recalls many stories of the village ringers of his youth, of whom his elder brother was one. His speciality was collecting the key of the tower from the clerk's house, raising the bells, lowering them, returning the key and to work all in the space of ten minutes, a feat which was rewarded with two gallons of beer.

When the treble stock of the old five was broken in 1924, when Mr. Cyril Pooley was teaching one of the numerous young bands at the tower, Mr. Golden rehung the bell, complete with all new fittings, and the practices continued. Then, when the 17th century oak frame was replaced by a new steel one, the wood found a resting place in his builder's yard, but not for long, for Mrs. Golden suggested that a table should be made of it and presented to the Church. This has been done and our photograph shows Mr. Golden, at the age of 80, finishing the table, whose legs are shaped like bells with an inscription on the 'sound-bows.'

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

We have received from Mr. E. H. Lewis president of the Central Council, the following statement regarding the report of the Festival of Britain Committee:—

The Standing Committee agree generally with the report of the Festival Committee and the recommendations with the following exceptions:—

They are doubtful whether, at the present times, it would be possible to instal a memorial ring of bells and in any case are not willing that the Council should undertake any financial responsibility.

They do not favour the proposal to select and name a special method for the Festival.

VETERANS WHO RANG PEALS IN THE LAST CENTURY

Mr. Charles Ball (85), of 16, Lambridge Street, Bath, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Twerton, Bath, in 1888, for the Bath and Keynsham Association. On his birthday, April 28th, 1892, he conducted a peal of Bob Triples which was one of the first peals for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. A peal he remembers with affection was a 'Charles' peal of Grandsire Triples which he conducted at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in 1895.

With reference to 'Surrey First Pealers,' that appeared on page 267, Mr. Newnham, of Alresford, writes that Mr. William R. Crockford rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Ashted, on September 28th, 1895. Mr. Newnham's first peal was Union Triples at Ashted on April 2nd, 1895. Both these peals were conducted by George Chantler.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — On April 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. C. Johnson 1, Miss O. Martin 2, A. Dale 3, C. F. Sayer 4, H. G. Mason 5, D. G. Clift 6, R. W. Darvill 7, W. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, F. J. Bailey 10.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of Cambridge University Guild held on April 25th at the Dean's Room, Clare, the following officers were elected for the coming year:—

President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth; Master, Mr. W. J. Ridgman; secretary, Mr. R. D. Edge; treasurer, the Rev. C. F. D. Moule; auditor, Mr. M. R. D. Harford; librarian, Mr. A. R. Guy.

Mr. E. J. Lindley was authorised to act as treasurer for the fund for printing the revised 'Guild History.'

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THE BUSIEST RINGING GUILD' — COPT OAK'S FINE ACHIEVEMENT — 42 METHODS AT A DISTRICT MEETING

A LARGE company attended the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on April 28th and made good use of the bells of Belgrave (6), Cathedral and St. Margaret's (12) and All Saints' (6). The service at St. George's was attended by a large congregation; the Vicar conducted the service and the sermon was preached by the Provost of Leicester. Mr. E. C. Turner, one of the Guild's vice-presidents, read the lesson and the choir was augmented by members of the Guild. The usual collection was taken for the Bell Repair Fund.

Tea in the nearby St. George's Hall having been suitably dealt with, the Provost was thanked by the president Mr. H. J. Poole, for his continued interest in the Guild.

The chair was taken by the president and he was supported by Archdeacon Lyons, of Loughborough, the Vicar and organist of St. George's, the Guild hon. treasurer and secretary, the vice-presidents and members of the general committee.

In his opening remarks the president thanked the Archdeacon for his great interest and help in Guild matters. Thanks were also accorded the Vicar and organist of St. George's.

COPT OAK'S PROGRESS

Continuing, the president very heartily congratulated the Copt Oak band who, he announced, had succeeded in ringing a peal in 105 Minor methods. This was a very great achievement when, two years ago, no peal in seven Surprise Minor methods had been rung for the Guild. The result was only accomplished after very hard work by the band, who had met for practice as many as four times a week. The multi-method peals had progressed from nine methods by stages until success with 105 methods was the result. The band intended to extend further the number of methods rung in one peal.

Mr. Beniston, the conductor of the peal, in replying, assured the meeting that a high standard of ringing was obtained throughout the peal. The peal was one of the finest Minor peals in which he had taken part.

Archdeacon Lyons, who brought with him the good wishes of the Bishop, said as a result of his experiences while living in Loughborough he was developing a keenness and enthusiasm for bells and he hoped that during the Festival of Britain the sound of bells would be heard throughout the country and that they would be ringing for St. George and Merry England.

The president having welcomed the visitors, Mrs. Beamish and party from the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Miss Thompson (Ladies' Guild), Mr. Freebrey (Derby Association) and others, the lengthy agenda was tackled.

FORTY-TWO CONDUCTORS

The hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton, gave his report for 1950. The peals rung, though less in number, had maintained a high standard on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. A healthy sign was the number of young composers and conductors. There had been 24 first peals and there had been 42 different conductors. The total number of peals rung during 1950 was 193, of which 55 were on handbells. This number was 74 less than the previous year. Loughborough district peals of Spliced Minor had, in 1950, been increased in number of methods rung and had reached 80 in one peal. The Cathedral band, conducted by the president, had, for the first time, rung four peals of Surprise Maximus, namely, Rutland, Bristol and Spliced Maximus in three and four methods. On handbells Spliced Plain Maximus in four methods and Yorkshire Royal had been rung.

Among individual performances, A. Cattell had again rung two tower bells to a peal while Miss M. J. Whitehead had, at the age of seven years, rung her first peal; 268 had rung their

first in the method, 10 conductors called their first peal and 26 called their first in the method. Among personal 'milestones' passed were:—1,250th peal, E. Morris; 500th, A. Ballard; 300th, S. Burton; 200th, Jill Poole and P. J. Staniforth; 150th, H. B. Bowley and W. A. Wood; 100th, J. R. Smith; while eight had reached 50.

Mr. H. J. Jenny, as one of the auditors, certified the accounts as being correct and satisfactory.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, then presented his report. The total income of the Guild was, excluding the Bell Repair Fund, £130 7s. 6d. This amount, with £6 9s. 5d. transferred from reserve, balanced the expenditure of £136 16s. 11d., which sum included printing the 1948-49 report.

The Bell Repair Fund had, from collections and donations, been augmented by £28 15s. 1d. during the year. Grants during 1950 had been made to Saxby, South Wigston, Thurnby, Waltham and Sapcote; 45 guineas had been granted to these towers. Despite these grants which, with previous grants in other years, totalled 100 guineas, the fund now had a balance of £147 8s. 11d. The cash at bank and in hand was, at the end of 1950, £273 4s. 10d. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. H. Over and seconded by Mr. H. Broughton. The hon. treasurer was thanked for his work and the hon. secretary was congratulated on keeping his expenses so low.

Whitwick, on July 21st, was selected as the place for the next general quarterly meeting.

STEADY PROGRESS IN ALL DISTRICTS

The hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, in giving his report for 1950, said all districts reported steady progress during 1950. The usual number of meetings had been held and a higher average attendance indicated that interest was being maintained. In one of the smaller districts, the average attendance at the monthly meeting was slightly higher than 50 per cent of the membership; this was in a somewhat sparsely populated part of the county.

Several joint meetings were held, with good results. Outings were becoming a regular feature and the social side of the Guild was being developed with happy results. A large variety of methods were being rung at monthly district meetings, the record being held by the Loughborough district, with 42 methods being rung at one meeting.

The Festival dinner was again held at the Bull's Head at Shelthorpe, near Loughborough. It was well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A successful Youth Rally, well supported by the younger members, had been held during the autumn. One of its results should be to encourage team spirit among those members who attended.

The general committee had spent much time during the year in the work of rule revision. This revision was necessary before a new edition of the rules could be printed. The cost of printing the report increased yearly and a single copy will cost—within a few pence—the whole of one adult subscription. It is vitally necessary that all members should pay up regularly. Means must be found to reduce the number of arrears.

During 1950, 67 new resident and 23 non-resident members had been elected. These additions had been cancelled out by lapsed memberships. The present membership was nearly 800 resident members and the number of non-residents brought the total to 1,350. The ringing members equalled almost exactly the number of bells in the towers used for meetings and if the total of 1,000 ringing members was to be reached, this proportion must be improved.

Sales of certificates were increasing and many more new members were asking for them.

The election of 41 new ringing members, from 20 towers, and two honorary members, together with three non-resident members was confirmed.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

There being no other nominations, all general officers were re-elected. They are:—President, Mr. H. J. Poole; vice presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton.

Mr. H. J. Poole, in returning thanks, said he had had the very great honour of being president for five years of the most enthusiastic Guild in the country and, although he appreciated the support he had had and the confidence shown in him, he thought the office of president should, next year, be passed on.

Mr. P. L. Taylor returned thanks for himself and for Mr. E. C. Turner. Mr. Taylor said he had travelled much but he had found the Leicester Diocesan to be the busiest ringing Guild.

A proposal from the Hinckley District that the Guild annual meeting should be changed from the first Saturday in May to Easter Monday was, after some discussion, rejected by the meeting, the voting against the proposal being overwhelming.

The re-drafted rules, after a long discussion, were finally approved and it was agreed that they be printed.

It was announced that the Festival dinner and social for 1951 would be held at Market Harborough on October 27th. It is hoped that all districts will organise bus parties to make the occasion one to remember.

The president, having read a letter from the Central Council on the subject of Festival of Britain ringing, asked all to make a special effort and pointed out that the meeting to-day had been arranged specially to avoid May 5th, the Festival of Britain peal-ringing day.

The grant of 20 guineas to St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, and 10 guineas to Swepstone, for their respective bell repairs, was announced.

A social evening followed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Forty-five ringers and friends, representatives of eleven towers, attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at Eltham, on April 21st.

A short ringing session in the afternoon preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. A. Hodges, who extended a warm welcome to Eltham as a prelude to a very interesting address. The presence of the organist, Mr. A. C. Osman, was much appreciated. A short touch on handbells, contributed by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barnett, was substituted for one of the customary hymns.

After a tasty and substantial meal, prepared and served by wives and friends of the local band, the business meeting was held, with the Vicar presiding. Six members were elected and one tower election was ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) read a report of proceedings at the Easter committee meeting. Arising from this report, the wish was expressed that the Association badge, now available in response to reiterated requests, would meet a ready sale. Questions and replies concerning the suggested rearrangement of Districts of the Association led to deprecation of the proposals as they affected the Lewisham District—it was even now too small rather than too large.

Shoreham was chosen for the summer meeting to be held on July 28th. A warm welcome back to the District was extended to Mr. A. Purdom, of Bromley.

Votes of thanks were cordially accorded the Vicar of Eltham, the organist, the caterers and the local ringers.

CLERICAL GUILD RINGING WEEK

An Excursion Into Somerset

WELLS had been chosen as the centre for the Clerical Guild's ringing week this year and the members looked forward to visiting more of the magnificent Somerset churches in a district not covered two years ago when Taunton was the venue. Ringing was commenced without delay on Monday afternoon, by which time more than half the party had arrived. Such is our enthusiasm that the Liverpool member had started his journey before midnight—Norwich, please note. The six-bell towers of Dinder and Croscombe were first visited to 'get our eye in' somewhat. At the latter place, we were very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, and it was there that one of the youngest members was heard to ask one of the oldest (a renowned bachelor) if he were a family man (collapse of oldest member). We returned for dinner, at which meal some ate so heartily that they had difficulty in negotiating the steps up to St. Cuthbert's belfry where ringing took place afterwards on the very fine eight. And so ended a good first day with the party now complete (Norwich arriving during dinner).

The annual Corporate Communion was held in the Cathedral on the Tuesday morning and, after a hasty breakfast, we left in cars for the first eight-bell tower, Wedmore, one member being, I fear, unshaven, because of the failure of his much advertised electric razor—a part being missing. Thence to Cheddar, where valiant attempts were made to get the tenor up right, but without success. Rumour had it that on only two occasions since the bells were recast in 1914 had it gone up properly.

One car afterwards played truant and took the opportunity to slip up the Gorge before going on to the next tower—Churchill. Apart from the beautiful scenery, this had the added advantage of arriving at Churchill to find the bells already raised. A picnic lunch was eaten and advantage taken of trying the 'rough' cider at the local but it didn't come up to expectations. We were told that it would make us get the tenor of Wrington up in one pull—that is if we could stagger as far. Unfortunately, it still took three of us to do this, but the ringing on this glorious ten was certainly the high spot of the day's proceedings. The only thing that marred the opening touch of Grand-sire Caters was that one member of the band was ringing Stedman—it didn't seem to work that way. Thence to Bladon where one of our members was born. We all wondered whether he dare face the populace again, but they seemed to have forgiven him. We had the pleasure of meeting his mother and also the niece of another member. We were again very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector after ringing.

At Ubley (6) London Minor just wouldn't go. Perhaps it was the thought of the excellent dinner which awaited us when we'd finished at this tower. At least, after the meal, at Westbury a good course was accomplished. But then, listening to the Budget on a car radio, removed all thoughts of ringing from some of the hearers when it was announced that petrol would go up to 3s. 6d a gallon. Thus ended the second day—a day amongst the lovely Mendip hills with a glorious run over the top from Ubley to Wells.

BELLS FOR WIFE'S HOMECOMING

All were shaven next morning, thanks to a Heath Robinson affair which enabled the much vaunted razor to be used. Our first call was at Shepton Mallet (8) where our ringing was kept well in order by the sight of the Ten Commandments on the wall facing the back bells. At the next tower, Leigh-on-Mendip, we found that the bells could be rung on special occasions, which included bringing one's wife home. Perhaps it was the thought of this that caused the ringing to be rather poor! However, this was made up for by our Norwich member cleaning

the gutters by removing the grass he found growing there! At Kilmersdon (6) we learned that one of the inscriptions on the bells ran:

'I shall be here if I am treated just
When they are mouldering in the dust.'

—a solemn thought. This did not prevent two members enlivening the proceedings with a duet on the piano at the Jolliffe Arms where our sandwiches were eaten. We then had the pleasure of ringing for an important local wedding at Mells (8). The importance of the occasion, combined with the excellent 'go' of the bells produced one of the best touches of Stedman rung during the week. Superlative was also accomplished for the first time here. The ringing at this tower was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thence back to Kilmersdon for tea at the Vicarage, again very kindly provided by the incumbent. Our disappointment at not meeting Mr. J. Dyke at Chilcompton after tea was partially mitigated by the excellent singing (!) of the Norwich and Southampton members who found a copy of a setting of the evening canticles. True, the treble and alto were missing, but the tenor and bass sounded fine. We also rang from the ground floor for about the first time here, which proved very popular after having climbed thousands of stairs (or so it seemed) that day.

CHEWTON MENDIP

Our last tower before returning to Wells was Chewton Mendip—a beautiful church with wonderful bells (the finest eight in England, according to one member). Ringing here was a great treat. We returned safely to dinner despite the driver of the smallest car causing fear and trembling in the hearts of his party by what they regarded as excessive speed down Wells hill, but it was nothing of the sort, of course. By the kindness of the Vicar, the annual meeting, after dinner, took place at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage. The chief points of interest were the election of the officers, as follows:—President, Canon C. C. Cox, vice-president, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, secretary, Prebendary E. V. Cox; committee, K. W. H. Felstead and A. G. G. Thurlow. It was decided to try to have next year's week in Suffolk.

On the last day we actually had a spare hour before commencing ringing for the day at the Cathedral. Perhaps it was awe at the thought of ringing on the heaviest ten in England which caused our efforts here to be not so good. From ten, to six at Pilton where, after ringing, we ate our sandwiches at the Vicarage and a very large teapot was kept replenished for us by the Vicar's wife, to whom we were very grateful. We left for West Pennard (6) where it was noted that one member still kept his tongue out as an aid to concentration when ringing. We had excerpts on a new Compton electronic organ here.

On our way to Street, the next tower, we passed through Glastonbury and again a car (the same one) played truant so that its occupants could climb the Tor. What a wonderful view from the top! Again we found the advantage of this, for the bells were ringing merrily when we arrived, and since we were asked to leave them up, this tower was very popular. Also very popular were the two Glastonbury towers, where we rang after tea, since the bells were already up there, thanks to the Bristol University ringers who had visited them an hour previously and who had learned that we were coming. Then back once more to Wells for dinner and so to our last tower—Wookey. The most important events here were an almost perfect course of London Minor and the president's loss of his sally through it lodging on a beam which ran across the belfry—the bell 'stood' of its own accord!

On the morrow all departed on their respective ways after a most enjoyable gathering. Our thanks are due to all the incumbents for the use of their bells and for their kind hospitality throughout the tour.

DEDICATION

BURES, SUFFOLK

One of the largest gatherings of ringers witnessed in the Eastern Counties assembled on April 28th for the dedication of the two new trebles added to the grand old six at St. Mary's Parish Church, Bures, Suffolk.

Besides over 150 ringers who were present at the service and tea, many others paid a visit in the evening.

The new bells are installed as a memorial to Dr. Thomas Wood, of Bures, who died recently, soon after having given support to the project.

A Bachelor of Music and a much-travelled man, Dr. Wood was in much demand at the B.B.C. and was widely-known and liked in Australia. Those gathered to honour his memorial came from many walks of life, with Mr. Maurice Brown, representing the B.B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, of Australia House, and many others from various musical productions, etc., with which he had been connected.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' followed by specially chosen prayers. The Rev. C. P. Newell, of Ipswich, clerical secretary of Suffolk Guild, read the lesson from Ephesians iv., vv. 1—16. Then was sung Psalm No. 150.

The eight ringers then led the procession to the ringing chamber where Archdeacon Norton, taking the ropes from Mr. Michael Howard, dedicated the new bells. The opening band, who rang rounds, were:—C. Bower 1, A. A. Fitch 2, D. Mills 3, C. W. Pipe 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, A. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. P. Duffield 8.

The choir rendered the carol, 'Ding, Dong, Merrily on High,' followed by the address from the Archdeacon, and then a closing hymn, 'Hark, on high, the joyful music.' A selected band rang an excellent touch of Stedman as the congregation left the church.

Over 350 ringers, friends and parishioners sat down to tea, a most bountiful spread provided by the local company and friends. Mr. Cecil Pipe, in a short speech, mentioned the work of Leslie Mills, by dint of whose hard work the project had been envisaged and carried out. Mr. E. P. Duffield paid tribute to the late Dr. Thomas Wood and to the local ringers for providing such a good tea free of charge for so vast a number of people.

Mr. Michael Howard, representing the founders (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) thanked one and all for the compliments paid to their work and Mr. Leslie Mills, in his customary manner, added his thanks to everyone.

Praise was loud for the excellent splicing and 'go'; afterwards Mr. Mills did a fine job in ensuring that everyone desirous was able to have a ring.

The new trebles are an excellent example of the founders' art and weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. and 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb., respectively.

They are inscribed as follows:—Treble: 'I ring well: to bring good cheer: in Festival Year: Thomas Wood's bell.' 2nd: 'To the memory of Thomas Wood, of Parsonage Hall, who was friend to one and all.'

Mr. Leslie D. Mills writes expressing the thanks of Bures' ringers to the bell-founders and bell-hangers and to those who sent their good wishes and helped in any way to make the dedication the success it was.

BODLEY'S BELL

We have received from Mr. Frederick Sharpe a booklet he has written regarding Bodley's Bell, which was provided in 1604 for announcing the opening and closing of the famous Oxford Library.

The bell was cast by William Yare in 1609 and is very thin and much chipped at the lip. The strike note is approximately F sharp and its hum note is almost a flat seventh below the strike note, a style of tuning known to campanologists as 'Old Standard.'

Mr. Sharpe comments that the bell is a 'maiden' casting, although a poor specimen of such. The approximate weight is two cwt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLISTERS

Dear Sir,—The question of blisters arose when I was Vicar of Moulton, 1926-1937. My churchwarden and his wife used to spend their holidays hiking; I used to do the same. I asked them 'What about blisters?' They replied: 'Methylated spirits does the trick. Rub the feet with the spirit, it toughens the skin.' I would suggest 'Blisters' tries this, but advise him to put his pipe out while anointing his hands.

My own remedy was two pairs of socks, which suggests help for 'Blisters.' When I was training my lady handbell ringers, the strenuous rehearsals raised blisters on their hands. Their remedy was a thin pair of gloves which gave them great comfort. I would suggest to 'Blisters' a thin pair of gloves. Possibly he might get laughed at but that is a mere detail. I have heard of a man who was laughed at and lived to be over 80.

Try methylated or thin gloves. He then may ring 200 more peals in comparative comfort.—Yours sincerely J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northampton

NAMING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing in the main with Mr. Amos that a little more discretion might be employed in the naming of new methods, I do think the difficulty of finding titles should be borne in mind.

I believe, some time ago, there were generally strong feelings that methods should be named geographically, in other words, to link them in some way with the districts in which they were first rung rather than an association of personalities or (doubtful) qualities. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob Premier and Superlative.

To-day, now that place names are established, the influx of peal ringing in new methods has made it increasingly difficult to carry out this idea and many districts have been almost too well combed for names. In fact, many hamlets that cannot boast a bell between them have been honoured in an effort to make the method 'local.' In some cases overlapping has ensued.

This doubling-up on place names is well illustrated in the case of Albanian Surprise, named after St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and not, as some suppose, the Slav country. It was first rung by the Abbey Society, Dennis Bayles, the composer, being at that time a member and a 'local.'

Unfortunately, the naming was made unusually difficult, for this city has already sponsored three other methods. The old St. Albans Delight, the rather newer St. Albans Surprise (I think I'm right) and Verulam Surprise after the Roman town. Incidentally, the district overcomes the national flavour of the later method by pronouncing it Orblanian:—Albanian, a citizen of St. Albans.

I regret I can offer no solution to these problems. Saints' names, as suggested by Mr. Amos, are certainly an idea, but after they are exhausted—what next? Perhaps H. G. Cashmore, Op. 100.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA HOLMES.

Northwood, Middlesex.

LARGEST TOWN WITHOUT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Annapos the statement on page 235 of 'The Ringing World' re largest town without a ring of bells. According to figures published by the Automobile Association, Bognor has 25,330 and Clacton 22,230. If this list were not confined to England only, the following might be of interest:—

Aberdeen 187,751, Airdrie 30,248, Ayr 44,018, Cambuslang 26,478, Clydebank 36,010, Dumfries 24,259 (Bognor larger), Dumfries 26,563, Dunfermline 44,904, Greenock 79,377, Kilmarnock 42,281, Kirkcaldy 47,897, Motherwell 69,940, Perth 39,478, Rutherglen 25,836, Stirling 28,691—14 all larger than Bognor!

R. St. C. WILSON

Portobello, Midlothian.

SPICED SURPRISE

Peal Withdrawn.

Dear Sir,—I would like to withdraw the peal of three Spiced Surprise Major rung at Colman's Hatch, Sussex, on Saturday, March 31st, 1951. Also I tender my sincere apologies to the rest of the band.

This is a great disappointment for a struggling band after having rung a good peal to find out the composition, supplied by a ringer of repute, to be false.

In my opinion, Spiced Surprise Major is a doubtful quantity and should be brought to the notice of the Central Council and some hard and fast rules made. It makes me wonder how many peals of Spiced Surprise have been rung false and not withdrawn.

After all it is still possible for a conductor of the highest integrity to ring a composition which has been proved true, to still ring a false peal and, in my opinion, this is not a very satisfactory state of affairs. This will probably stir up a hornet's nest, but it will give people a chance to air their views and perhaps some satisfactory result will be obtained.—Yours sincerely,

Rotherfield

W. ROGERS.

THE STORY OF A BROADCAST

On Sunday, April 29th, at 7.45 p.m., a service was broadcast from Christ Church, Ebbw Vale. We were told that we should be broadcasting the ringing for approximately one minute at the start and, after great discussion, we decided to ring three plain courses of Grandsire Triples in succession, ending in rounds. As we estimated that we should come into rounds at 7.46 p.m. we timed our courses carefully—they took exactly three minutes two seconds each—and we arranged to 'go next' at 7.46.54 seconds.

The B.B.C. apparatus was in the vestry almost under the tower. Strangely enough, the microphone which picked up the ringing was in the recording van on the front seat, the van being under the tower. We rigged up an electric bell in the ringing chamber with the bellpush by the engineer's apparatus, and it was my job to see that the bell was rung just before 7.46.54 so that 'go next' could be called.

At about 7.30 p.m. the engineer rang up the B.B.C. and adjusted his stopwatch so that we had the exact time and I told him about the bellpush before the panic really started. He told me to ring it myself. Nervously I saw the seconds had pass 7.46 (was it really 7.46 ??) and saw it glide round the dial. Then before I could stop him, the engineer pressed the button at 7.46.30, thinking I had forgotten! The bells left rounds 24 seconds early and as I stood and watched the engineers checking and testing, the bells fairly whipped through those three courses. 'Here is the Welsh Home Service . . . we are taking you over to Ebbw Vale . . . came through the portable set as the back change rolled up in the last lead. The bells came over the air in the first whole pull of rounds.

The engineer of course knew he had made a mistake, but did not appreciate the enormity of it until we explained to him after. He seemed rather bewildered by the extreme complexity of our art. Incidentally he stated he had not broadcast bells before a service since the opening of our bells was broadcast in 1937. (He is from the Cardiff branch of the B.B.C.)

So, dear reader, if you think we can only ring rounds at Ebbw Vale, now you know better!

AN 85th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Walter H. L. Buckingham, of Lancaster Road, St. Albans, celebrated his 85th birthday on April 22nd and was paid a surprise visit by Messrs. H. V. Frost, T. J. Southam and W. Ayre, who rang handbells with him, including touches of Grandsire from the Original and a course of Plain Bob. Mr. Buckingham can still recite the calling of a peal but has difficulty in hearing the bells. Quarter peals in his honour were arranged at the Abbey and St. Peter's.

LORD MAYOR RINGS PEAL

A handbell peal in a Lord Mayor's Parlour with the Lord Mayor himself taking part, is an event of more than passing interest. On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, by kind invitation of the Lord Mayor, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Master of the Guild, met in the Parlour and rang 5,019 Stedman Cinques in three hours and six minutes.

After the peal, light refreshments were provided by the Lord Mayor, who was in his usual happy reminiscent mood. It was an historic occasion and a notable event in the long history of the Guild, and everyone present was delighted to feel that the Lord Mayor should be able to take part in this peal during his very busy and exacting term of office. He is as keenly interested as ever in ringing, especially in good Stedman Cinques, and the band at the Bull Ring is awaiting with pleasurable anticipation his return to Sunday service ringing, a duty he has performed for 50 years.

It is just 30 years since Alderman Paddon Smith rang his last handbell peal, and the band on that occasion was Percy O. Laffin (conductor) 1-2, George F. Swann 3-4, James E. Groves 5-6, J. Frank Smallwood 7-8, A. Paddon Smith 9-10, Morris J. Morris 11-12. The strength of the handbell band at that time was such that the umpiring of peals was taken in rotation, and the umpires for the 1921 peal were Albert Walker and Thomas Russam.

A. W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

East Norfolk Branch

Thirty-nine members attended the East Norfolk branch meeting at Loddon on April 21st. Visitors included Mr. J. Parker, father of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who, despite his 85 years, rang a course of Superlative.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Stevens) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting which followed tea. New members elected were:—Mr. Maurice G. Ling (Great Yarmouth) and ratification of heltry elections of Robert W. Marjoram and Michael J. Gould (South Walsham). The next meeting will be held at Ranworth on June 2nd.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist and to Mr. H. H. Berrett and the ladies who organised the tea. Touches in various methods were rung including one by an all-ladies' band.

J. H.

DEDICATION

ST. MARK'S, EXETER

Exeter has now another ring of eight at the Church of St. Mark's, the bells being dedicated and blessed by the Bishop of Crediton (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Surtees) on April 28th.

St. Mark's is a comparatively new parish, the church being dedicated in 1937 and had a ring of six taken from the disused St. John's Church in Fore Street Hill. These six bells have been recast into five by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Another bell was the gift of the late Mrs. Vincent Thomson and two trebles donated by Miss M. L. Symonds.

The work of recasting and rehangs has cost £1,700 and the bells are of a pleasantly mellow and tuneful tone.

At the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Poulton) the Bishop of Crediton dedicated and blessed the new peal. The churchwardens first presented the ropes to the Bishop who, on giving his charge as to their sacred use, handed them to the Vicar. Rounds were then rung by the St. Mark's ringers, who had been practicing in various towers in the city and neighbourhood. Clergy present included Preb. E. V. Cox (president, Guild of Devonshire Ringers).

The Rev. C. J. Poulton presided at the public tea, when congratulatory speeches were made by the Bishop of Crediton and Preb. Cox.

St. Mark's hand rang after the service and later bands from the city and county rang short touches on the new bells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire): G. Annear 1, J. Wells (cond.) 2, R. Corke 3, P. Sherwood 4, C. Beadle 5, A. Annear 6. Average age of band 15 years.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, F. G. Barron 2, E. Jurd 3, G. Verrill 4, B. Stirland 5, A. Noble 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Jurd (first quarter) 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On St. George's Day, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 York and 720 Bourne): Keith Good 1, E. J. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, W. J. Puddefoot 4, T. G. Morton 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury and 900 Grandsire): J. H. Hicks 1, T. Cleasde 2, E. C. Lucas 3, A. W. Glazzard 4, G. L. Bowen (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's on April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Fitzgerald (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, T. F. King 3, E. J. Fry 4, D. G. Clarke 5, R. W. Perry 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, G. J. Hawkins 8.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Senior 1, A. G. Wood 2, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 3, G. W. Steel 4, D. Atkins (first quarter) 5, H. Marsden 6, E. Spencer 7, P. Massam 8.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. J. L. Purslow 1, Miss E. M. Duppa 2, P. J. L. Purslow (cond.) 3, W. H. Downes 4, A. G. Owen 5, W. H. Lloyd 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Sir G. H. Holcroft, Bt., who restored the tower and ringing the six bells in 1930.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. C. Cannon 1, C. S. Hoad 2, Rev. K. G. Hoare 3, W. B. Judd 4, D. W. Hopkins (first quarter 'inside') 5, T. Arrow 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. Stovell 8. A compliment to Mr. W. B. Judd on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

BICESTER, OXON.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Chase 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. J. Ladd 3, C. Stockley 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Anderton 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, A. Tomlinson 3, L. Henrys 4, J. A. Tomlinson 5, F. Heyes 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Skeats 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, J. Grace 3, I. Gardner 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW, EIRE.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Norris 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, W. A. Rankin 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, W. H. Wilson 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen's on April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. M. Bliss 1, Miss M. I. Kennelly 2, I. H. Trueman 3, A. P. Cave 4, C. Barwick 5, L. C. I. Watson 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, R. J. Stokes 8. First of Stedman for 1, 5, 6 and 8.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: M. Kettle 1, M. Gilbert 2, P. Clarkson 3, A. Lynall 4, G. Norman (cond.) 5, B. Harding 6. First quarter for all.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Ling 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Mrs. Joyce Ling (first in the method) 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, T. Brett-Smith 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Reverse: W. King 1, A. J. Ede 2, Marion Wickens 3, D. Attwater 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, J. Miller 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss D. Jay, former ringer at this church.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-on-the-Hill on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Kenny 1, Betty Griffiths 2, H. O. Baker 3, Shirley Golding 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, J. Boutland 6, G. F. Sperring 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Kiernan (first quarter) 1, G. Lucas (first as cond.) 2, J. Tonkin 3, B. Clark 4, T. Tyers 5, D. Upshall 6. Rung for the engagement of the ringer of the fourth.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, J. H. Cox 3, H. Wyre 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung for the dedication of a new altar as a memorial to the late J. H. Bloomer, for many years leader in this tower.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.—On April 28th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: F. Chedgy 1, G. Walford 2, D. Sheldon 3, W. Tarr 4, R. W. Hayward 5, G. Coles 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, C. Williams 8, W. Gigg 9, H. Churchill 10.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. I. George 1, W. H. Wilson 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, E. G. Buchanan 4, C. J. Reede 5, W. E. Lynch 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, S. E. Darmon 8, H. W. Jones 9, H. H. Brown 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters for 4, 5, 9 and 10. A compliment to Miss A. C. Dukes on the occasion of her marriage.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On April 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Daphne Luke 1, J. E. Churchill 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, H. J. Eldred 6, A. M. Stacey 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. To mark the inauguration of the new parish of Christ the Saviour.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On St. George's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carlsson 1, D. Gale 2, L. Allen 3, G. Watt 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, E. Light 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. C. Russell 1, Miss E. M. Roberts 2, Miss M. P. Flynn 3, Miss E. M. Fletcher 4, Miss M. Reay 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, Miss J. Beresford (cond.) 7, Miss J. Ashton 8.

ELSTON, NOTTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles S. Barley (first quarter) 1, W. Midwinter 2, A. Barley 3, F. Hooper (cond.) 4, H. J. Cloxton 5, C. Copp 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Beadle 1, J. Wells 2, J. Read 3, E. Gardner 4, S. Meadows 5, R. Collins 6, W. Falce (cond.) 7, C. W. Denyer 8. First in method for 4 and 6.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On April 15th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Agnes E. Price 1, R. E. Price 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, T. H. Blunt 6, F. C. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 3, 4 and 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On April 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Mackrill 1, W. Stephenson 2, M. Chilcott 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, W. T. Elson 5, R. Charge 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. An 84th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who afterwards entertained the company and other friends to supper.

HAYVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Brice (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, F. W. Goodwin (first quarter) 6.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. W. Downes 1, W. H. Symonds 2, A. W. Davis (cond.) 3, W. F. Moreton 4, F. E. Downes 5, A. T. Wingate 6. Rung half muffled in memorial Walter S. Evans, ringer at this church for many years.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Carrott 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. R. Chapman 4, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. First 'inside' in method for 2 and 3.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Lowe 1, Miss K. I. Tlvey 2, Miss G. Harrison 3, J. F. Wilkinson 4, H. Taylor (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the dedication by the Bishop of Derby of the 1939-45 war memorial to the fallen of the parish.

HOYLANDSWAINE, BARNSELY, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 London Scholars, 600 Oxford): D. Hall 1, H. Rusby 2, P. Garbutt 3, S. Dance 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, E. Stainrod 6.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob: M. Dimblebee 1, R. Adams 2, N. Craddock 3, J. Cadd 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. A. Dimblebee, for 42 years churchwarden.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Buck (first quarter) 1, C. J. Baker 2, Dorothy Templeman 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 5, H. W. Beardsley 6, E. C. Gobey 7, F. W. Shaw 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On April 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: June Creak (first quarter on 10) 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, D. J. Chaenley 7, F. D. Bishop 8, T. E. Davies 9, R. Chamberlain (first quarter on 10) 10. Conducted by H. W. Rogers.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Webster 1, Miss M. Munt 2, M. Jackson 3, J. Crouch 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, J. K. Catton 6. For the induction of the new incumbent, the Rev. Felix V. Boyse, M.A.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Keeley (first of Stedman) 1, G. S. Morris 2, J. Morris 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, N. Mallett 6, H. G. Keeley (first quarter as cond.) 7, R. Keeley 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, K. Ager 4, H. Pickles 5, R. Walker 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,248 Stedman Triples: M. Thomas 1, R. Wilson 2, T. Charman 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, F. Howe 6, F. Page 7, R. Challen 8.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Howell 1, Miss J. E. Hills 2, A. Reeve 3, Miss C. Chinnery 4, E. Rapley 5, A. G. Hammond 6, V. Grimwade (cond.) 7, P. H. Wright (first quarter on 8) 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. A. Price 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, Beryl Cowlin 5, G. Piper 6, S. G. Smith (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4. Rung in honour of the christening of Stephen John, son of tenor ringer.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bishop 1, B. Grinter 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, W. Warr 4, H. Peater 5, Miss J. Punnett 6. To celebrate the wedding of Miss A. Comer, a local ringer, to Mr. E. Venn.

THORNE, YORKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: James Thorley 1, John Thorley (aged 10) 2, C. Leask 3, D. Thorley 4, T. Leask 5, E. Thorley 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. Martin Thorley 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Mr. T. A. Hepworth, a former ringer at Thorne.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Hunt 2, Miss P. Holloway 3, G. Farthing 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, H. Smith 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Farthing.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 each of Stedman, Union, Reverse Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, St. Gregory, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 60 of Grandsire: C. H. Smart 1, A. J. Slade 2, S. J. Bryant 3, I. T. Read (15) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, G. H. Perry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. H. Chalker, a local ringer, and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding. First quarter for 2 and 6, and first in 11 methods for 1, 3 and 4.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On April 21st, 1,272 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, J. R. Worrall 2, R. G. Hooper 3, E. Sutton 4, W. Webb 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. For the opening of the centenary celebrations of the church.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. H. Hoare 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. G. Smith (first of Royal) 3, F. W. Elliott 4, F. W. Brinklow 5, D. K. Adkins (first on tenor) 6, H. G. Timms 7, F. H. Crook 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to Walter Paul.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): H. Davis 1, E. Norman 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. Rung half-muffled for those who lost their lives in H.M.S. 'Affray.'

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Hildegard Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, R. Bird (cond.) 4, J. Cannell 5, A. S. Richards 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wing 1, W. Meade 2, M. Leach 3, W. Clark 4, H. J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, G. W. Cloxton 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to Capt. H. P. G. Branston, churchwarden.

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OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS BUTLER

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Butler, sen., of Ellesmere, Shropshire, who passed peacefully away at the Wrekin Hospital, Wellington, on April 12th, aged 71, after 13 weeks' illness.

Mr. Butler, who was a member of the Shropshire Association, Chester Guild and other guilds and associations, learned to ring at St. Mary's, Ellesmere, over 50 years ago. This tower then possessed a 'stoney' Sunday service band but, after he returned from serving with the R.G.A. in France and Belgium during the First War, Mr. Butler was ultimately successful in introducing change-ringing in spite of the formidable and continuous opposition from some of the members of this well-established local band. Needless to say, success by his self-taught band was not gained without considerable 'spade-work,' many sacrifices and disappointments and Mr. Butler, therefore, was very proud when on June 20th, 1925, an entirely local band rang, at the third attempt, a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, this being the first peal there by a local band since 1730. Even for several years after this change-ringing for Sunday services was not allowed, but he was always a regular service ringer.

A joiner by trade, he was one of the finest craftsmen in the district. He was also, to the end, a keen card and draughts player and had taken part in many international games of the latter by correspondence with American and other experts.

His last peal was one of his favourite method, Stedman Triples, at Ormskirk, Lancashire, on October 7th, 1944, and was rung for the birth of his only grandson. Shortly after this, Mr. Butler, who had previously enjoyed good health, was compelled to give up peal-ringing on account of heart trouble. He still climbed regularly to his beloved belfry, however and worked hard with beginners. On December 1st last, he took part in some tower-bell ringing there, also a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' specially arranged on the eve of and for his birthday, while on January 9th, a few days before he succumbed to the 'flu' and became seriously ill, he attended the annual bell-ringers' and choristers' supper and took part in some handbell ringing.

He leaves a widow, son, daughter, three grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

On April 16th his remains were conveyed to the Parish Church he had served so well and there the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G. Stanley Lloyd. One of his favourite hymns, 'The day Thou gavest,' was sung and, as the cortege left the church for Ellesmere Cemetery, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' was played by the organist, Mr. Hobbs. Four fellow ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. A. Haynes, J. Howard, A. Whitehead and W. Sleigh. Among the many mourners was Mr. W. Higginson, sen. A plain course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells over the open grave by A. Haynes 1-2, T. R. Butler 3-4, J. Howard 5-6 the same handbells being used as when Mr. Butler took part in his 'birthday' quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles last December. The funeral arrangements were carried out by his former employers, Messrs. Griffiths. One of the many floral tributes was a wreath in the shape of a bell from the Parish Church ringers. In the evening and on the following Sunday morning the bells were rung half-muffled.

His 50th peal, rung at Chester in April, 1937, was the 100th for his son, Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, who also took part in each of his 53 peals, the list of which is as follows:—Grandsire Doubles 1, Stedman Doubles 2, Doubles (3 methods) 1, Minor (3 methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 38 (conducted 4), Plain Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Total 53 (conducted 4). The four peals he conducted were different compositions of Stedman Triples, all rung at Pulford, Cheshire.

THICKY WAY IN DEVON

Ringers on Tour

A temporary improvement in the weather marked the commencement of a motor coach tour of South Devon made by about 30 ringers and friends in Exeter and East Devon districts. The ringers included round and call change men as well as 'scientifikers,' a description often applied in country places to members of the Devon Guild. There was also an enthusiast from Dorset who drove his own car.

Stoke-in-Teignhead (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) was reached after negotiating the intricacies of narrow and winding lanes. The church, most of which dates from the 14th century, has a fine oak chancel screen, well restored and an outstanding feature. The parish is proud of its association with the Graeme family of soldiers, whose records go back to the 5th century. Three Graemes were heroes in the wars of the present century. Part of an inscription on a memorial tells how, in the past,

'One by one they fell around
As the archers laid them low,
Grimly dying, still unconquered,
With their faces to the foe.'

The second stop was at Combe-in-Teignhead (6, 10 cwt.), where the church has a Norman font, 15th century screen and a captivating series of ancient and modern bench ends. Among the carvings on these are representations of a fox carrying off a goose, a dog chasing a fox, and numerous saints with their emblems. One figure, rarely seen, is, apparently St. Genes, or St. Genest, wearing a jester's cap and top boots and carrying a bauble. He was an actor and, according to tradition, was taking part in a burlesque of Christianity before the Roman Emperor Diocletian, when he suddenly proclaimed himself to be a Christian. He was ordered to go on acting in another play but resolutely declined and was beheaded. One of the ringers had rung here and at Stoke-in-Teignhead half a century ago; at all the subsequent towers in 1910.

Denbury (5, 8 cwt.) the next call (after a brief appearance at the annual meeting of the Devon Guild in Newton Abbot), ranks as one of the oldest settlements in Devon. The church dates from the 14th century but there was probably an older structure. It had, until about 100 years ago, a 16th century chancel screen.

Henceforth the weather worsened and the natural beauties for which the route taken is famous were shrouded in mist. However,

MR. WILLIAM PYATT

The Surrey Association have lost a promising young ringer by the death of Mr. Victor Pyatt (20), who rang at Horley and Barstow, until his illness about 12 months ago. He retained his interest in ringing and the Horley and Barstow ringers often took handbells to the hospital when he was well enough. He died on April 20th at Horley Hospital.

MR. CHARLES FREDERICK GOOD

The Kent County Association has lost a staunch supporter, and Charing a faithful captain, by the death of Charles Frederick Good. Born at Charing in 1891, Fred learned to ring on the village bells about 1908. He became an enthusiastic member and when his work took him to Rickmansworth he joined the local company. In 1913 he emigrated to Canada, returning from there in 1915 with the Canadian Engineers.

In 1919 he was back in Charing where, ever since, he worked hard to maintain a Sunday service band. Fred had no inclination for peal-ringing—he rang but nine peals—but he recorded many quarter peals and 720's rung for Sunday services and special occasions. He taught many boys and girls to ring and by sheer hard work and push a band has been maintained at Charing, where Fred will be sadly missed.

Broadhempston was reached through a maze of by-ways and the church (6, 13 cwt.) approached by a pathway arched by part of a public house. Most of the church originated in the 15th century. There is a chancel screen with notable tracery, a font is 600 years old and the bench ends have good modern carving.

The party nearly went astray during the next few miles to Staverton (6, 23 cwt.), but 'thicky' way was defined by natives with great courtesy and amazing wealth of dialect. The church proved, despite some restoration flaws, to be the most impressive visited during the tour. It is larger than any of the others, has a scratch dial one side of the doorway, a magnificent 50 feet wide chancel screen with gallery (which so many other screen do not now possess), two small side screens and two or three interesting memorials.

ROAD TO ZOO

The party had tea at Totnes and all rose from the tables in the evident belief that, despite the old adage, they could have gratefully eaten a bit more. However, 'Forward' was the order and none too soon for darkness had set in and that is not a desirable accompaniment for travelling by road. Faulty map-reading caused the road to Paignton and its Zoo to be taken but, after a couple of miles, a veteran Devonian, who really knows the topography of the county, spotted a fork leading to Berry Pomeroy and the coach was halted and reversed, to go through Totnes again for the correct route on the other side of the Dart. The destination was Cornworthy (6, 12 cwt.) passing Ashprington (5, now unringable) and having an appalling number of narrow, crooked lanes to negotiate with, at some places, a tributary of the Dart running alongside in considerable flood.

Cornworthy has a Norman font, 15th century chancel screen and a gorgeous tomb for members of the Harris family—Sir Thomas (a distinguished lawyer in Shakespeare's time) and Elizabeth, his wife. The church itself is mediæval and has box pews, curious metal pilasters, an ornate brass chandelier, seats in window recesses and a fine canopy crowned by a trumpeting angel. Formerly the canopy was over the pulpit, but the latter has been moved to a position near the screen and its old place is filled by a heating stove. The parish had one Vicar for the remarkable period of 71 years. He was Charles Barter, who died in 1846.

S. EARLE.

He was cremated at the Kent County Crematorium at Charing, his ashes being scattered in the lovely gardens where, as head gardener, he had laboured to make those gardens beautiful.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Greinton, May 19th, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short. 8856

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by 16th, to Mr. R. M. Spencer, Twyford.—J. H. Cook. 8857

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Hordle, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. Milford bells 6.30.—A. V. Dax, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8855

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Ringing meeting, Bishampton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (6d.). Names for tea, by May 15th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. All ringers welcome. 8859

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BIRTHS

BELLAMY.—On May 2nd, 1951, at Wellington Maternity Nursing Home, to Pamela (née Woolley), wife of Douglas M. Bellamy, a son, John. 8842

GRAY.—On Friday, April 27th, 1951, at 54, Wellington Street, Gainsborough, to Ethel and Eric, a son (Stuart Ronald); a brother for Roger. 8843

SPICE.—On Friday, April 27th, 1951, to Dr. and Mrs. John E. Spice, a daughter (Rosalind Clare). 8853

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on May 12th at Havering-ate-Bower (6) 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Tea at Havering. Romford (8) from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 8764

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 12th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. St. James', Clerkenwell.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8807

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 12th, West Hallam (8). Ringing 3. Support from visitors welcomed. Tea at reasonable price. Please notify Denis R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley. Tel. Sandiacre 3272. 8797

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—T. Lock. 8793

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hever (6), May 12th. Tea at Henry VIII. Inn Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 8795

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly Meeting, Hambledon, May 12th. Usual times. —John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 8792

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, May 12th, Christ Church, Ealing, 3—4.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 6.30 p.m. Surprise practice, Wednesday, May 16th, 7.45, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8820

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.—The bells will be available for ringing on Whit Sunday, 10 o'clock and 5.30. Visitors cordially invited.—W. T. Elson. 8830

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Kettering, Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee will meet 2 p.m. in vestry of Parish Church. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Towers available:—Desborough, Isham and Geddington 11—1; Rothwell and Burton Latimer 1—2.30; Kettering 1.30 onwards. After meeting, Kettering, Barton Seagrave, Warkton, Weekley, Rothwell and Burton Latimer. Please make every effort to attend.—Ronald C. Noon, Hon. Sec., Brafield, Northants. 8833

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 14th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House.—Robert C. Heazel. 8743

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, May 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 3.45. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, May 14th. Coach will leave Bath Road (Waterloo Road end), Wolverhampton, 2 p.m. A few seats only are left. Applications must be accompanied by deposit of 2s. 6d.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8798

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss M. A. Carter, Westminster Bank, Abingdon. 8796

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. After tea, Double Norwich practice. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Mr. J. King, 29 Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8803

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at South Scarle, Saturday, May 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea available. Bus leaves Newark for South Scarle at 2.30 p.m.; returns 6.55 p.m. 8790

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5, ringing after. Names for tea by May 16th to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebwo, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 8800

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, May 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8837

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8846

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Tottenhamhoe, six bells, Saturday, May 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 o'clock: bring own food. 8848

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), Saturday, May 19th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable at cafe nearby.—Dennis Scott, Hon. Sec. 8831

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Gainford, May 19th, 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify by 16th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopdale Avenue, Darlington. 8838

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey (6) on Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8851

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 19th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 8828

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, May 19th, Heathfield. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to reach G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, May 16th. 8823

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Egerton (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation. This is a Festival meeting.—E. S. John Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 8825

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m., May 19th. Cups of tea provided. Buses from Piccadilly and Cannon Street. All welcome.—R. Benson. 8850

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Great Hale and Helpringham (6), Saturday, May 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Great Hale 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 8826

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Measham, May 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea, by May 17th, to G. W. Ridgway, 25, Chapel Street, Measham, Burton-on-Trent.—G. W. Hall and J. Cotton. 8854

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 19th. Numbers for tea promptly, please, to Mr. Robert Marsh, High Street, Elmham.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 8849

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, Saturday, May 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, at Plowden Arms, 4.30 p.m. Names, by May 16th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 8821

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (5), May 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea early to W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 8844

SNATH, NEAR GOOLE YORKS.—Dedication of two new treble bells (Mears and Stainbank) by the Archbishop of Doncaster, Saturday, May 19th. Service 3. Tea 5 (moderate charge). Names for tea, on or before May 18th, to Rev. B. A. Ramsler, The Vicarage, Snath. Bells available until 8.30 p.m. 8834

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), May 19th, 2.30 p.m. C.C. Report. For tea, definitely notify Mr. A. S. Woodard, 44a, Thorofare, Woodbridge.—C. W. Pipe. 8847

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Amberley (5), May 19th, 3. Names for tea, by 15th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Ringers' Sunday, May 20th. St. Paul's, Chippenhams (8). Bells 3.30—8.30. Special service 6.30, with handbells. 8841

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting on May 26th, Lymstone. Service 4.30. Tea after. Names, by May 20th, to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 8836

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Meeting at Birchington, May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 23rd, to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

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LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. Gibbons, 7 Canon Square, Melksham. 8827

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Groby (6), Saturday, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by May 23rd, to V. Geary, 30, Ratby Road, Groby.—J. R. Smith. 8840

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), May 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, but only for those who notify by Tuesday previous, Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 8781

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual Shield Contest will be held at Darfield, June 9th. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8816

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Rothbury on Saturday, June 9th. A special bus, maximum seating capacity 38, will leave Newcastle Cathedral Square at 2 p.m. on that day, fare 5/6 each. Please forward names and cash for the fare to me not later than May 19th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 8822

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller details later.—E. K. Fletcher, Acting Sec. 8782

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