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CHESTER

MEMORIES of the Central Council meeting at Chester are likely to remain for a long time in the minds of the members who attended. It was a record Council in many respects. The number of members attending (131), which had never been surpassed, the length of time occupied by the Council meeting, which did not finish until nearly 8 p.m., the fact that the Standing Committee were unable to complete the agenda on Monday evening and had an early meeting before the Council meeting on Tuesday, all combined to make this 54th annual meeting of the Council out of the ordinary. There was another significant pointer: 76 members attended the Communion service in the Choir of the Cathedral on Tuesday morning. As one member said to the Editor, it is the highlight of a meeting when a great body of men and women seek inspiration and guidance from the true font of love.

As to the Council meeting itself, business unfolded itself in an unforeseen manner. Probably the most important was the willingness of Mr. G. W. Fletcher to continue in office for another year as hon. secretary and treasurer to the Council to enable the committee of officers to make a recommendation to the Standing Committee and from them to the next Council at Lincoln. This generous gesture on Mr. Fletcher's part was received by the Council with a sense of relief. Such an appointment cannot be settled in the midst of a very long agenda during an evening sitting. It requires care and thought, as so much hinges on a wise choice. From what the Editor heard in conversation with members there were men at Chester who were willing to accept nomination—men who were conscious of the heavy responsibility. What was equally gratifying was that Mr. E. H. Lewis consented to remain as president during the next three years. There was evidence of real affection as the members received his nomination. And while for a time he will be sojourning in Scotland, the love of bells and ringers is so firmly implanted in his make-up that we feel certain that his permanent residence will eventually be in this country and with his ringing friends.

Probably the biggest surprise to the ordinary members of the Council and to the Editor was the state of 'Ringing World' finances. A profit of £1 12s. 11d. was achieved only after Mr. Fletcher had concluded negotiations with the publishers. The spiral of inflation has hit us severely and unfortunately it has not finished. Before long, when existing stocks of paper are exhausted, added charges will have to be met, wage increases faced and high postage (an item that will cost £81 this year) paid. It is obvious that the paper is now being run at a loss. There was an unfortunate mistake when subscription reminders were sent out last year, as some old forms were mixed with the new. Some 40 subscribers have not replied to Mrs. Fletcher's request to send the additional 3s. We trust they will do so without delay. A new Editorial Committee has been appointed to wrestle with the problem of rising costs and they are seeking an almost impossible solution to maintain the journal at its present standard without increasing the selling price. It is evident that new revenue has to be found. Every additional notice and new postal subscriber reduces the gap. Something like £250 is needed. Unexpected things do happen in life; perhaps it will be forthcoming in the next week or two.

Among the work accomplished by the Council was the revision of Decisions of the Council, a particularly useful and essential piece of work that will clarify the position in regard to peals. These will be published in a new Central Council handbook, the last being produced in 1927. This handbook is wanted and will be a very valuable guide not only to members of the Council, but the Exercise at large. A determined stand was taken against prize ringing in connection with the offer of Mr. Butlin, and there are matters still outstanding in connection with the Festival of Britain, but more anon.

We will end this editorial on a happier note. Nothing could exceed the cordiality of the welcome the Chester Diocesan Guild gave to the visitors. The Master (Mr. F. W. Clarke) was a host in himself, and those who were privileged to be conducted around the Cathedral by him and by the Rev. J. Kingdon had a delightful experience which revealed how an early abbey and monastery had been developed and enriched by succeeding generations to become one of the great cathedrals of the land. The graciousness of the Bishop and the Dean who received the Council and the hospitality of the Chester Diocesan Guild who provided tea in the midst of the long agenda were much appreciated. Lastly, Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, who did his utmost to provide peal attempts for the many visitors, should not be forgotten. For both peal ringers and tower 'snatchers' there was a wide choice.

FESTIVAL PEALS

(Continued)

The following peals were rung to mark the opening of the Festival of Britain:—

FOUR PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN A DAY

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4
TERENCE A. THORNBER	2	WILLIAM J. ROOT	5
ALFRED BALLARD	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
TERENCE A. THORNBER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	TERENCE A. THORNBER	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

DOROTHY M. UDALE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	7
KATHLEEN TILLEY	2	TERENCE A. THORNBER	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*ALFRED BALLARD	9
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 550th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
JAMES S. EASTWOOD	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	HENRY E. GREEN	9
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	RICHARD C. INGRAM	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	11
ALAN ELSMORE	6	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*SYDNEY MERRY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
†KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	8
DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	†FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
†JOHN F. WILKINSON	5	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
C.C.C. No. 77. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	†JOHN F. WILKINSON	8
*SAMPSON WALKLATE	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5	*CHARLES W. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*HAZEL CLOSE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
JOHN HAYES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ALFRED WILKINSON	*Treble*	*DAVID SMITH	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
*ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
A. GORDON LAWRENCE	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	HERBERT J. ELDRED	5
DEREK R. JUDD	2	WILLIAM COOK	6
FREDK. A. FINCH	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	4	ARTHUR HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ELLIS.
First of Major as conductor.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BARRY HANDS	*Treble*	†EDWIN L. CAMPTON	5
FRANK K. MEASURES	2	E. CHARLES TURNER	6
WALTER J. CLOUGH	3	RALPH MAYNE	7
J. EDWARD CLOUGH	4	THOMAS H. CAMPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH MAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	THOMAS KIMBER	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	RONALR G. BECK	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Cambridge.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt.

*PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	*WALTER PERRY	5
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	*STANLEY HONEYBALL	6
*FELIX BENSLEY	3	SAMUEL TWITCHETT	7
*OWEN BALLARD	4	FREDERICK KEMP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	FRED W. ELLIOTT	6
PATRICIA HOLMES	3	CYRIL A. BURGESS	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
WALTER J. LEMON	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	WILLIAM G. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*SHEILA MITCHELL	*Treble*	†RONALD PERCIVAL	5
ALFRED EILBECK	2	*HAROLD WILSON	6
GRAHAM MCKAY	3	STANLEY RICHARDSON	7
*JOHN A. HAILE	4	†HAROLD SOUTHWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal of Triples on the bells.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JEAN STEWART (16)	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES	5
JOHN SAVAGE	2	THOMAS SMELTZER (16)	6
*WILMA HOEY (15)	3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal. First peal in method by all the band and in Ireland. Brithday compliment to John Dunwoody and his baby son, Mervyn.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

*GORDON I. LUCAS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HENRY BRAINCH	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	†BRYNLEY A. RICHARD	6
JAMES BULLOCK	3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	*THOMAS TYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OR BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp,

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal in the method by all.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MAUREEN PINDER	*Treble*	HERBERT LEWIN	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	*HORACE E. SEAGRAVE	6
*S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN	3	*RALPH W. CARLISLE	7
*HERBERT BATES	4	*REUBEN E. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE E. SEAGRAVE.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 35 cwt.

*D. SEVILLE	*Treble*	*D. J. GAY	5
J. T. WALMSLEY	2	V. SYKES	6
*G. R. FAIRNIE	3	P. H. TOCOCK	7
H. BARLOW	4	†T. B. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by V. SYKES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN N. LINDON	5
MRS. MARJORIE JAMES	2	FREDREICK G. BEDDOW	6
CHARLES W. LEE	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD REYNOLDS	*Treble*	EDWARD A. REEVES	5
*ANNIE FOSTER	2	FRANK J. MAUDE	6
*ARTHUR TURNER	3	GEORGE A. BELL	7
FRANK REYNOLDS	4	ARTHUR LEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REYNOLDS.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal on the bells by an all-local band within record.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GIRLING RIGBY	*Treble*	THOMAS W. ROBINSON	5
DAVID MARSHALL	2	A. W. HARTLAND	6
R. ALLEN HICKTON	3	WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	7
WILLIAM T. H. KING	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

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THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*MISS M. L. JEFFREYS	*Treble*	LESLIE KEY	5
†BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	PETER J. KING	6
DONALD COOMBES	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	4	CYRIL H. GODFREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

YOULGRAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

JAMES GARNER-HAYWARD	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	5
E. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

BRIDGET M. TOMLIN	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
KEVIN S. HOHL	2	ROY E. WOOD	6
SIDNEY A. WHITE	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	JOHN T. MEDHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Also a welcome to Rosmary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. White, and a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell, of Tunbridge Wells.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	‡ALAN ELSMORE	5
J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	*ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS	7
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	†MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

AUDREY MORRISON	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	*COLIN A. HOPPER	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Superlative.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*GRAHAM MARSH	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
*JOHN BEARDMORE	2	R. S. ANDERSON	6
*ARTHUR GAUNT	3	GEOFFREY BEECH	7
*H. BULLOUGH	4	ANDREW THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by R. S. ANDERSON.

* First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	†HAROLD MORWOOD	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	HARRY HALL	6
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	JACK BRAY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	FRANK LORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Triples.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5
*GORDON TURNER	2	JOHN PEARSON	6
PAUL BIRKETT	3	HARRY WILD	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WILD.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's first calling in this method.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	*Treble*	ERNEST E. GOSLING	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

GEORGE F. NEWTON	*Treble*	RICHARD BUSBY	5
THOMAS SENIOR	2	THOMAS W. COOKE	6
*DENNIS R. AIREY	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
CAPT. E. F. M. SAMSON	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Capt. Samson.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

J. NORMAN HADLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD SHUCK	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
HENRY HUBBALL	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*ALBERT HEYWOOD	5
*BRIAN TOMLINSON	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
*IAN JONES	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS	5
FRANK BLONDELL	2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	6
MARY JAYCOCK	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
CYRIL A. BURGESS	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 12, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALAN ELSMORE	*Treble*	‡AUBREY M. PICKERING	5
*PETER BERESFORD	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
†ERNEST STITCH	3	†HOWARD HOWELL	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	§MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major. § 100th peal for the Society. Also a 17th birthday compliment to Peter and Dennis Beresford.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 4, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Antelope.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*IAN DAVIDSON	*Treble*	ERNEST PIMLOTT	4
ARNOLD WORTH	2	†ARTHUR STREET	5
†ARTHUR CAMPBELL	3	†JOHN P. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 4, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Law James's arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	PHILIP L. PARROT	4
GIRLING RIGBY	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
*HAROLD TAYLOR	3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents and one 240 of Grandsire, seven extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob, six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and one extent of Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	4
ANSLEY BOWERS	2	GEORGE R. H. SMITH	5
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	*THOMAS S. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.
* First peal for 50 years. First peal in seven methods for all the band.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

J. BEARDMORE	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	4
JUNE M. HENSHAW	2	DEREK OGDEN	5
NEVILLE HAILLE	3	RONALD BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD BARLOW.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 480 each of Chase, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 720 each of St. Dunstan's and London Single, 600 Grandsire and 240 Morris's arrangement, all different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	*Treble*	EDWARD SMART	3
*JACK MALLOWS	2	*FRED HOLLEY	4
HARRY WOODING	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in nine methods by all the band.

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BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD DAWSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR HIBBERT	4
*†MRS. MARGARET FINDLOW	2	*JACK BAGSHAW	5
*JOHN T. MARRIOTT	3	*HENRY KIRK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Treble Bob.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST THORLEY	4
DAVID THORLEY	2	JAMES THORLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	CHARLES THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* First peal, age 10.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of Southrepps, seven each of Place Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED L. GOODACRE	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	3
*ALFRED HINMAN	2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. T. BONSHOR. Witness: H. JONES.
* First peal. First peal in six methods by all the band.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, College Exercise, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

PHILLIP SADLER	*Treble*	*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	4
*MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
DONALD COOMBES	3	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in seven methods.

LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods: St. Clement's, College Exercise, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

BERNARD SADLER	*Treble*	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILLIP SADLER	3	DONALD COOMBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Braintree, Willesden, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise and Norbury (13 methods by C. K. Lewis); (3) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (19 methods by C. K. Lewis); (4) Single Court; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PETER HALLAM	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
*RICHARD E. MANTON	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal in 51 methods. First peal in 51 as conductor.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 of Morris's and 40 extents, ten callings.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
EDWARD J. BOFFEY	2	*J. DEREK SMITH	5
THOMAS P. BARLOW	3	JOHN BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

NEWNHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	*Treble*	VICTOR A. PERRY	4
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	2	FREDERICK W. HANCOCK	5
GEORGE H. HANCOCK	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
Also a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. F. Witham.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
†LOUIS WILDERS	2	*MOSES BILLINGS	5
BERTIE BEE	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of April Day and Grandsire and 22 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*RALPH T. CLARKE	*Treble*	*JOHN G. CHAPMAN	4
ERIC NOBLES	2	*CHARLES T. WINDRAM	5
†JACK HADLEY	3	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

BRIAN COOKSON	*Treble*	BERNAL SHAW	4
GEORGE THORNLEY	2	WILFRED WALKER	5
WM. THORNLEY, SEN.	3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	*JOHN D. NIBLETT	4
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	2	JOHN E. WISEMAN	5
*GEORGE PADGETT	3	*WALTER NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.
* First peal in three methods.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR RHODES	*Treble*	SYDNEY SAGE	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
DOROTHY KIDD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	JOHN E. LYDDEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

In honour of 60 years' membership of the College Youths by Mr. Isaac Emery.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	†REV. J. KINGDON	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOHN BOUTLAND	6
*BETTY GRIFFITHS	3	WILLIAM ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Ascended Lord.

BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*CHARLES BOWER	*Treble*	†LESLIE D. MILLS	5
†JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	†EDWIN C. HYNARD	6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	†ARTHUR J. HAYNES	7
HARRY J. MILLATT	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Thomas Wood, D.Mus., Oxon, chairman, Music Panel Arts Council. First peal on the bells after the completion of the octave by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

SIX BELL PEALS

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN MAWDESLEY	*Treble*	†GORDON HALL	4
†KENNETH EDWARDS	2	*JOHN ASHCROFT	5
†REGINALD PHILLIPS	3	†ROGER A. CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. Rung on the front six. To celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and his wife.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. W. W. Baker, Vicar for 26 years.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD D. COULSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	4
†BLANCHE M. BALL	2	JOHN H. HUNT	5
‡MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN	3	§FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside. ‡ First peal of Minor. § First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The bells of Ecclesfield Parish Church, near Sheffield (8, tenor 15 cwt.) are being rehung with new frame and fittings. The contract has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Carhampton Church, Somerset, have been overhauled and new fittings supplied where necessary. The work is the gift of Major H. J. Cann in memory of his uncle, Canon G. F. Coleridge. A special service of thanksgiving for this and for the restoration and enlargement of the organ (the gift of a former parishioner in memory of her parents) will be held on Monday, May 28th, at 7 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells will preach.

Willesborough, Kent, ringers aim at a quarter or 720 for every Sunday service and to date they have rung 18 quarters and 16 720's in eight methods

Burnham, Bucks, had hard luck in their Festival peal attempt of Treble Bob which was lost in the last half course after 2 hours 50 minutes' good ringing.

The ringers of the sixth in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Edmonton on April 26th was Charles E. Willmington, and not as printed.

Our attention has been drawn to the Editorial on May 4th entitled 'Finding a Secretary.' The views expressed were entirely those of the Editor and they do not coincide with the opinion of the late Editorial Committee.

Mr. Frank Blondell informs us that he is only 81 and not 83 as was submitted in a report. It is therefore obvious that Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, who has rung more peals than any man living, has the honour of being the oldest ringer to score a peal for the Festival.

Following the investiture of the King of Denmark as a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a peal was rung on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle. The peal was also to mark the Festival of Britain.

A noted 'tower-snatcher' and a member of the Central Council visited Christleton while at Chester only to find the belfry door shut. As no local ringers were about, he went to the Vicarage to ask for the key. The Vicar was unable to oblige but produced a large assortment of old rusty keys in the hope that one would turn the lock. Each proved to be of no use. Then someone had the bright idea of trying the door. It had been purposely left unlocked for the benefit of visitors.

The Festival peals at Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stapleton, Nottingham, were rung by the Sunday service band.

Mr. F. Kevon Thompson informs us that the peal of Doubles rung at Barrow-on-Soar on April 14th was one in eight methods and April Day had been omitted from the report submitted. Mary Carpenter is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

We have received, in connection with the Festival of Britain and Whitsun, 146 quarter peals. Many of our contributors will, owing to the limitation of space, be disappointed. Will they please accept our regrets if they are unlucky?

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. T. H. Reeves, late secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on May 18th. An appreciation of his services to the Guild and the advancement of ringing in the Birmingham area will appear in our next issue.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the contract for recasting and rehanging, with new frames and fittings, the ring of 13 bells at Halifax Parish Church, with tenor approximately 27¼ cwt. There will be a semitone between Nos. 6 and 7 to give a light eight. The total weight of the recast bells will probably be just over 132 cwt. The installation is expected to be completed by Christmas.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHESTER

RECORD ATTENDANCE TACKLES LONGEST AGENDA — THE SECRETARYSHIP: MR. G. W. FLETCHER TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR — 'RINGING WORLD' FINANCES CAUSE CONCERN — METHOD EXTENSION: AN IMPORTANT NOTE

CHESTER Diocesan Guild left no stone unturned to make the 26th Council (54th annual meeting) of the Central Council memorable. The Refectory Hall, within the precincts of the Cathedral, with its priceless ceiling, a wonderful example of the craftsmanship of the present age, made an appropriate meeting place for the members of the Council on Whitsun Tuesday.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the president of the Council, presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), the hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) and Mrs. Fletcher received the Bishop of Chester (the Right Rev. D. H. Crick) and the Dean (Bishop Norman Tubbs), who was accompanied by the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke) and the clerical secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon).

The Bishop of Chester, in welcoming the conference to Chester, said that their presence there was the result of the Festival of Britain because they would have been meeting in London but for the tremendous pressure on accommodation caused by the Festival.

As they knew, the Central Council had considerable ties in Chester. Their founder, Sir Arthur Percival Haywood, had a son, young Percival Haywood, who was a friend of his from his boyhood days. When he died, last year, it was a tremendous loss to the public life of Staffordshire and not least to its educational work because he was for years the efficient chairman of the County Education Committee. He had two sons, one of whom was Rector of Tarporley.

Personally, he knew very little about change ringing but he had read Dorothy Sayers' classical thriller, 'The Nine Tailors,' and here they had another link with the Chester Diocese; one of his priests was leaving to become Rector of March in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich and this was the old church mentioned by Dorothy Sayers in her novel.

The Dean added his welcome and said he was enormously impressed by the attendance at the Holy Communion service in the Cathedral that morning attended by 76 of their members. There was an old tradition that bellringers never attended a service but that was all out of date now. They would never let the community down if they held together in that way.

Thanking the Bishop for his welcome, the president said it was a very great privilege for him, personally, to come back to the ancient city of Chester, because for eight years he was a resident in the diocese and he had rung more peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild than any other Guild. Archdeacon Barber was then Master and Mr. Beeston the secretary.

The Bishop had mentioned 'The Nine Tailors.' Some years ago Miss Dorothy Sayers wrote to him and asked if he would explain something about change ringing to a Swedish lady who was to translate her work into Swedish. He took her to St. Paul's and to the tower at Brasted. The first Christmas of the war he received a copy of 'The Nine Tailors' in Swedish. He thanked the Dean for his hospitality in placing the hall at their disposal.

The Bishop, in thanking Mr. Lewis, said it was now 26 years since the Council visited Chester, and the beautiful ceiling of the Refectory was not then in being. The Bishop then opened the Council meeting with prayer.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that the number of Associations affiliated to the Council was now 53, being one less than last year, due to the Barnsley and District Society resigning. The membership of the Council was as follows:—

24	Associations with	four	members..	96
6	,, ,,	three	,, ..	18
11	,, ,,	two	,, ..	22
12	,, ,,	one	,, ..	12
53	Associations with a membership of			148

The Surrey Association had elected three representatives in place of two and there were 17 life and honorary members, giving a total membership of 163. All affiliation fees had been paid.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Application had been received from the Sheffield and District Society for membership. This Society was established in the year 1890 and operates within a radius of twenty miles of Sheffield and covers some of the territory of the Yorkshire Association. The Standing Committee recommended that the Sheffield and District Society be affiliated as a non-territorial Association.

The proposition was moved by the hon. secretary and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris, and carried.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. D. Carlisle, Mr. A. Mould.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. Baker, Miss D. M. Drew, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. C. Sharples, Mr. L. J. Williams.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. E. C. Turner.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. F. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. R. C. Noon, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare,

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Association.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. D. D. Cooper, Mr. F. E. Collins.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. Dallaway, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Life members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. A. Walker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. E. G. Fenn, S. G. Coles, A. C. Sinfield, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, G. L. Grover, A. Harman, J. J. Webb, H. G. Cashmore, B. C. Key, W. F. Judge, F. Precey, G. H. Cross, J. W. Raithby, H. T. Rooke, F. A. Salter, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds, F. Beardsall, G. E. Debenham, T. H. Taffender, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella and the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced to the President:— Messrs. S. E. Darmon (Cambridge University), D. Smith and J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild), D. Carlisle and A. Mould (Derbyshire Association), C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead), F. W. Lack (Ely Diocesan Association), P. E. Baker and Miss D. M. Drew (Gloucester and Bristol Association).

Messrs. P. A. Corby and J. Willis (Kent County Association), Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild), Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, C. Sharples and L. J. Williams (Lancashire Association), E. C. Turner (Leicester Diocesan Guild), T. M. Roderick

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The Central Council—Cont.

(Llandaff and Monmouth Association), T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), R. B. Meadows (Oxford University), B. P. Morris and R. C. Noon (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), A. Hoare (St. David's Diocesan Guild), N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District Society), F. Bennett and L. Stilwell (Sussex County Association), A. P. Cannon (Surrey Association), G. I. Lewis (Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild), W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire and Districts Association), W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire Association).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The hon. secretary moved on behalf of the Standing Committee that Mr. E. H. Lewis be elected president for the triennial period 1951-1954.

The resolution was carried with acclamation. Returning thanks, Mr. Lewis said he felt in many ways in the last few years he had rather let the side down. He had not been able to do all the work he should have done or ought to have done owing to pressure of business. In six weeks' time he would have at least between 50 and 60 hours per week more leisure.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The President: You will see on the agenda that Mr. Fletcher retires and does not seek re-election. That statement was a great shock to us all, though perhaps not altogether unexpected, in view of the great pressure of business that has come to Mr. Fletcher in the last few years. Many of us gave a good deal of thought to the problem of a possible successor and it is not easy to think of one. This was discussed at length by the Standing Committee and Mr. Fletcher made a generous offer that he would carry on for another 12 months on two conditions. One was that the extra work in connection with 'The Ringing World' be divorced from the duties of secretary and that during the next 12 months members of the Council and the Standing Committee think very hard as to what is to happen in the future.

The position of secretary is not easy to fill: we require somebody who is not too old and not too young to be irresponsible. We want somebody in the happy medium and, unfortunately, people of that age are rather scarce owing to the great loss in the 1914-18 War, and of course, we as ringers are affected by that war because during that time there were very few recruits coming forward. That is something to think over. I hope the meeting will accept with real gratitude the generous offer of Mr. Fletcher to carry on for 12 months to give us time to think.

I propose that we re-elect Mr. Fletcher as our hon. secretary and treasurer bearing in mind his desire on those two points. In doing that I cannot fail to pay tribute to our unofficial assistant secretary, Mrs. Fletcher, and when we do our thinking during the next twelve months we have to consider whether in future the job be made permanently double-handed.

There were cries of 'All' when the president asked for a seconder and the resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher: I should like to express my appreciation for the way in which you have received this particular appointment. It is perfectly true that I need a rest, more particularly to-day because of business activities. As I have told the Standing Committee, my average business day is from nine to eight at night.

The Secretary: The Standing Committee recommend that a small committee be appointed to consist of the present officers of the Council, with power to co-opt, to consider the recommendation to the Standing Committee of a secretary.

HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. Harold Poole proposed the re-election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. Hooton, in reply, said he would try to carry on and do what he could. He hoped the Council would realise that libraries did not get any less in weight or numbers with the increase in publications. This might make it necessary to duplicate the office of librarian and appoint someone to assist him. He thought they might divide the actual library from the publications for sale.

HON. MEMBERS

The Secretary: Under a new rule the president, secretary, librarian and past secretary become life members. They were previously honorary members. Mr. C. Dean was now deceased and Mr. Smallwood was now the representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, A. A. Hughes, F. Sharpe, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker, retiring members, be re-elected and Mr. E. Shepherd, Mr. M. Howard, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Dr. Hatcher, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. B. Price and Mr. G. R. Newton be elected members. That would leave four vacancies which should be left for emergencies.

The secretary moved and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin moved and Mr. G. Pullinger seconded, that Mr. J. P. Fidler be elected an honorary member.

The meeting elected as hon. members the names submitted by the Standing Committee with the addition of Mr. Fidler.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The secretary, on behalf of the Standing Committee gave notice of a motion for next year's meeting that Mrs. Fletcher be elected a life member. (Applause.)

HON. AUDITORS

The secretary said that Mr. A. A. Hughes, the present auditor, was eligible for re-election and they wanted a second auditor. The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. Hughes and that Mr. F. Perrens be elected a second auditor.

This was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H Felstead and seconded by Mr. H. Miles and carried unanimously.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The members stood while the president read out the list of the following members of the Council who had died during the past year: Messrs. W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle) 1924-1950; W. Pickworth (Middlesex County) 1909-1911, 1930-1935; H. R. Newton (Ancient Society of College Youths) 1891-1893, 1897-1899, 1924-1950; W. Short (Worcestershire and Districts) 1915-1926; Rev. R. F. R. Routh (Hertford County) 1936-1939; Messrs. C. Tyler (Sussex County) 1891-1893; W. H. Shuker (Lancashire Association) 1927-1950; J. George (honorary member) 1918-1932; O. Sippetts (Sussex County) 1939-1951; C. Dean (Surrey Association, honorary member) 1897-1932, 1933-1950; W. Claydon (Surrey Association) 1936-1939; J. G. Wall (Hereford Diocesan Guild) 1891-1897; Rev. G. D. Scott (Irish Association) 1920-1929.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. Barber were paid by Mr. R. S. Anderson (who was taught ringing by the deceased) and by Mr. Albert Walker, who mentioned that on June 9th a party of College Youths were coming from London to Birmingham to hold a meeting and they were making a special pilgrimage to Mr. Barber's grave.

Mr. F. Dunkerley spoke of the great loss to the Lancashire Association by the death of Mr. W. Shuker, who was for 40 years the secretary of the Association.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden called attention to the death a few years ago of Mr. J. G. Wall, a member from 1891-97, who died on April 28th, 1941. His passing had only just reached the Biographies Committee.

Mr. F. E. Dukes mentioned the passing of Canon G. D. Scott, for 50 years a member of the Irish Association and a practical ringer.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The secretary reported that the minutes of the last meeting were published on pages 252 and 253 of 'The Ringing World.' The Standing Committee recommended that they be taken as read and approved. This was proposed by Mr. F. Hairs and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris.

REPORTS

THE HON. LIBRARIAN'S

The report of the hon. librarian stated that in October last the new book of Major Compositions was ready and a steady stream of orders began. The demand for the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' continued while 'Hints' and the Handbell book remain popular. For the last-named book demand is very steady and a reprint should be considered. Other publications now available are the revised 'Card of Instructions on the Care of Bells' and the new edition of 'Model Rules.' Recently an approach was made to the Council by Mr. J. B. Howes and Miss Howes with regard to the disposal of the stock, blocks and copyright of 'Village Bells,' a popular instruction book. It was decided to purchase this.

During the year there have been several loans from the library and some enquiries for information from the older ringing papers have been answered. He regretted that he had not been able to make much progress with the distribution of duplicate volumes of the books bequeathed by the late J. H. Shepherd.

He hoped that the Council approved the decision to send out such books on permanent loan. They would thus remain the property of the Council and, in the event of accident to a library book, the duplicate could be reclaimed. Each book thus sent out would contain a Council book plate.

The following presentations were gratefully acknowledged:—'Church Bells of Renfrewshire and Dumbartonshire' (R. W. M. Clouston) by the author; Papers belonging to William Taylor, of Penwortham, by A. Tomlinson; 'Church Bells of Ayrshire' (R. W. M. Clouston), by the author; 'The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church' (Shepherd), by E. H. Lewis; 'Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Devon' (Charles Pearson), by G. Edwards; 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' Vol. II. (Sharpe), by the author; 'Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' (Dove) (two copies, one a finely-bound presentation copy), by W. Viggers and the author.

The following books have been purchased:—'Art and Science of Handbell Ringing' (Turner); 'The Reliquary' (19 parts) containing articles on the bells of Cornwall, Derbyshire and Notts (Dunkin and Jewitt).

The accounts of the library showed that 1,752 books or pamphlets had been sold during the year for £109 14s. 2d.

Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report called attention to the purchase of the stock of 'Village Bells,' about 600 copies.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

The Income and Expenditure Account of the General Funds of the Council for the year ending December 31st, showed income: Affiliation fees for 1950, £37 5s.; subscriptions, honorary members, 5s.; balances (profits): 'Ringing World,' £1 12s. 11d.; publications, £9 8s. 5d. On the expenditure side items were: Insurance of library, 8s. 9d.; expenses Biography Committee, £10 16s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £13 0s. 6d.; telephone, £6 6s. 3d.; postage, £4 10s. 1d.; wreaths, £4 4s.; gratuities, annual meeting, £4 0s. 6d.; binding 'Ringing Worlds,' £1 0s. 6d.; additions to library written off, £2 5s. 6d.; diocesan map, 1s. 3d.; excess of income over expenditure for the year, £1 17s. 6d.

The balance sheet showed the following assets:—Goodwill and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; library, £10; stock of publications £186 8s. 2d.; stock of stationery, £1 10s.; debtors, £814 8s. 4d.; insurance in advance, 8s. 9d.; cash at bank and in hand, £1,511 3s. 5d.

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Liabilities: Creditors, £379 15s. 2d.; payments in advance, £406 16s. 9d.; bequest, J. H. Shepherd, £10 17s. 3d.; general funds balance, £1,926 9s. 6d

'The Ringing World' account was as follows:—

Income:—Rolls Publishing Company, £1,686 0s. 2d.; postal subscribers, £1,259 0s. 1d.; advertisements, £208 9s. 8d.; notices, £342 10s. 9d.; sale of 'History of College Youths,' £6 6s. 4d.

Expenditure:—Printing and blocks, £2,575 9s. 10d.; editorial office: rent, £13; editor's fees and expenses, £288 9s. 11d.; clerical assistance, £116 12s. 9d.; postage, £8 17s. 6d.; stationery and sundries, £1 1s. 8d. Postal subscribers: Despatch of copies, £107 2s. 9d.; postage and wrappers, £303 14s. 6d. Accounts Department: Clerical assistance, £52; postage and telephone, £21 17s. 8d.; stationery and sundries, £12 7s. 6d. Excess of income over expenditure for the year, £1 12s. 11d.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, in presenting the accounts, said under the new regulations of the Council which were adopted last year, the accounts were made up to December 31st, 1950, and in future they would be made up to December 31st in each year.

Commenting on 'The Ringing World' account, Mr. Fletcher said the excess of income over expenditure was very small, in fact if it had not been for the sale of the 'History of the College Youths,' there would have been a loss. To give the members some idea he had separated the expenditure under various headings and by doing that they got the items of the three departments.

Turning to the balance sheet, Mr. Fletcher said the item goodwill and blocks of the 'Ringing World' was placed at £200, and last year a member proposed that it should be written off. The Standing Committee suggested it be left there. He had put the library at £10, but he wanted to see if he could pick up any idea of what it cost. Debtors, included in that figure of £814 8s. 4d., was 'The Ringing World' account. They had to carry three months of the Rolls Publishing Account. They had some difficulty in persuading them to give them extra. Creditors of £379 15s. 2d. was made up of £387 in postal subscribers and £19 deposit in notices. There was an item, bequest J. H. Shepherd £10 17s. 3d., which was to ensure that his collection of ringing books did not go astray. The books had been received and were being sorted. The balance on the General Fund was £1,926 9s. 6d.

The Standing Committee recommended that the library's value be placed at £10: that this value be retained during the year and additions during the year be written off: that the value of the goodwill and blocks of 'The Ringing World' remain at £200: that the bequest of J. H. Shepherd be placed in the General Fund.

There was, continued Mr. Fletcher, one other point that had been engaging them for some time and that was the question of income tax liability. It was a question of serious concern if it went against them. The Standing Committee recommended that the account be passed over to a professional firm and Mr. Hughes had kindly offered for his own particular firm to undertake this job.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the accounts. They were very involved and it was a further instance of what they owed to Mr. Fletcher for the vast amount of work on them. He did congratulate him on what he had done.

Mr. Anderson suggested that the Shepherd bequest should be used as some permanent record. The Biographies Committee were proposing to have a loose leaf cover as a memorial.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded the proposition that the Shepherd bequest be used by the Biographies Committee for binding records. This was agreed to and the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes (convener) stated that he had not submitted a written report. The machine was now in first-class order and it was hoped that, before it went back to South Kensington Museum, Mr. Albert Walker would test it by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Walker, in seconding, brought to the attention of the Council the work on the machine by Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Brian Price. The last time he saw it it functioned perfectly.

The hon. secretary said the 1950 report called attention to the necessity of providing a suitable electric motor for the machine. He had not had that account and when he mentioned the matter to Mr. Hughes he said there would be no account. They ought to place on record their grateful thanks to the person who had footed the bill. (Applause.)

METHODS COMMITTEE

The Methods Committee continued its work on the subjects mentioned in last year's report. Although the new Plain Major book was then said to be nearly finished, the settling of many final details proved a longer business than was expected and two actual meetings of the Committee had to be arranged to finish the work. However, we are pleased to report that the book is now complete and we hope the revision will be found useful by the Exercise.

As instructed by last year's Council, we examined the manuscript of the Surprise Methods Book prepared by the last Committee and in our opinion, although it is a monumental work which, as it were, crowned the efforts of that Committee, we fear we cannot recommend its publication at present for the following reasons:—

(a) The cost of printing would be enormous to-day (we agreed it was a great pity that it wasn't published when first produced).

(b) Much of its contents have been given to the Exercise in publications since it was written.

We therefore recommend that it be placed in the library, for even though it remains unpublished, it will always be a reminder of the genius of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope to those who come after.

We have commenced our investigations of Doubles Methods and we are agreed in the first place that methods with one hunt should have a four lead course even though the Plain Bob lead head rule is relaxed. Secondly, we recommend that the type of Bob be fixed for these methods and, thirdly, that no 'mixing' of methods be entertained (e.g., in the past, methods could have identical leads but were named differently as distinct methods simply because they used different kinds of bobs and singles). So far we find that there are about 20 methods possible, observing the above rules and also having either two or four blows at the back or at the lead when the treble is leading or lying behind respectively. There are also about a dozen methods having either two hunts or based on a principle (like Stedman). We are now engaged on working out a further sufficient number of methods to complete 42 different ones to enable peals to be rung. As was said last year, the Council can rest assured that any departures from the usual practice of ringing on higher numbers of bells will be kept to the minimum but it is obvious that some relaxations will have to be made if 42 different methods are to be produced.

We have concluded our investigation of the principles of Method Extension and a separate note is submitted for the Council's consideration to complete the work of which the first part was accepted last time. It seems important to stress most emphatically that we have submitted a report on what we consider **desirable** in extension and not what is **possible.** We have interpreted this as meaning that we should think of the practical ringer—not so much the methematician. Further work is proceeding on how the recommendations affect methods which have been put forward as extensions of the Major in Mr. Corrigan's book—that was the reason for the note of warning in 'The Ringing World.'

NOTE ON METHOD EXTENSION

In the report which we presented to the Council last year we dealt with all the points except lead-ends. Lead-ends are themselves dependent on the pivot bells, a given sequence of pivots from Minor to Maximus producing two alternative sequences of lead-ends, one produced by a 2nds place and the other by an ultimate place. Investigation has shown that any sequence of pivot bells, from Minor to Maximus (3,465 in all), is theoretically correct. This means that a parent method having its lead-ends in a given order may correctly extend to a method having its lead-ends in any order, e.g., a method extended from Minor to Maximus may have its first lead-ends as follows:—

Minor	Major	Royal	Maximus
35264	4263857	907856342	57392E4T608

Although this sequence seems absurd, it is, nevertheless, possible. This can be proved mathematically. But since our task has been to determine what is desirable and not what is possible we have formulated the following recommendation:—

'That the pivot bell shall be the same treble or the same tenor throughout the series of extensions except when the pivot bell in the parent is equally a treble and a tenor when it may be treated as either.'

The trebles (ignoring the treble proper) are those bells nearest to the front in rounds and the tenors those nearest to the back. Thus in Minor (23456) the 2nd and 3rd are the first and second trebles and the 6th and 5th the first and second tenors respectively. The 4th is both the 3rd treble and the third tenor may be treated as either. Similarly the 5th in Major is both the fourth treble and the fourth tenor. The following table shows the sequences of pivots which would be permitted by the recommendation—the sequence to be read vertically downwards:—

	Trebles					Tenors				
Minor	2	3	4					4	5	6
Major	2	3	4	5			5	6	7	8
Royal	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	0
Maximus	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	E	T

Investigation has shown that these are the only sequences which do not produce absurdities.

If this recommendation, together with those presented last year, is adopted by the Council, no alleged extension so far published of London, Bristol or Superlative Major can be regarded as acceptable.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead moved and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Harold Poole said with regard to method extension it occurred to him that it was something that they ought not to jump to a conclusion. It would have a far-reaching effect on many people on the Council and he was going to suggest that the method extension so far as it concerned lead-ends be published as suggested and finally ratified at the next meeting. 'We are more concerned with what is true extension and not what is not.'

Mr. Felstead: The majority of the Committee are agreed to that course.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: We hope that people who object to the proposal will produce evidence to support their views.

Mr. Poole said one of the things that wanted clearing up was the extension of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Mr. Felstead: Mr. Kippin has done a lot of work on extension and he came to the conclusion that there were 18 possible ways to extend from Major to Royal.

It was agreed that the note on extension be left for final discussion next year.

The members of the Methods Committee, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, C. K. Lewis and F. Nolan Golden, were re-elected and the Rev. Felstead elected convener.

(To be continued.)

EXETER AND THE FESTIVAL

350 Ringers Attend Rally

It was among the ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, that the idea of a Festival of Britain Ringers' Rally originated and it was, therefore, most appropriate that a band drawn from the regular Sunday service ringers there should have scored a peal on the evening of May 4th. During that same evening the bells of the great majority of towers in the country were ringing out in honour of the Festival and it is safe to say that nothing of the kind would have been attempted had not the invitation to do so been sent out in the joint names of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Devon Association of Ringers. Incidentally, the proposal for this simultaneous ringing came from the Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, a vice-president of the Guild

The small committee, drawn from both organisations, which arranged the rally in Exeter on the following day estimated the probable number at around 150 but the chance of a ring at the Cathedral was a bigger 'draw' than they realised, and as a consequence nearly 350 were present. The Diocesan Sunday School teachers were also meeting in Exeter during the afternoon with the result that at the service at the Cathedral the nave was filled to capacity. The second lesson was read by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox, and the address was given by the Dean, the Very Rev A. R. Wallace. He compared the teachers and ringers to two auxiliary corps in the army of God, the ringers being the Signals, proclaiming far and wide the Church's existence.

Owing to the large number present two halls had been booked for tea. At the Legion Hall the chair was taken by Prebendary E. V. Cox, who said how delighted he was to see such a happy gathering of method and call change ringers. 'This is a unique event,' he went on. 'Never before have any two organisations combined in this way. Long may this union between the Devon Association and the Guild last and don't let us have to wait for another Festival of Britain for another reunion.'

Ringing began at the Cathedral and at St. Thomas' at 1.30 p.m., continued at the Cathedral until 8 p.m. and at the five city churches until 9 and in some cases 10 p.m. The great attraction, especially as far as the call change men were concerned, was the Cathedral, as never before had the tower been thrown open to them. Owing to the large number wishing to ring, the time allowed for each band had to be cut down to about three or four minutes.

Without advising anyone of their intentions, the B.B.C. sent a recording car to the Cathedral. In reply to an enquiry, they stated that the recording was for possible inclusion in one of their Festival programmes, but no decision had been taken as to whether the recording would be used.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

South Norfolk Branch

Fifty-six ringers and friends attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Pulham St. Mary on May 5th: included were Mr. and Mrs. Seager from Leeds (Yorks) and Mr. D. A. Chapman from Doncaster. The Rector, the Rev. C. G. Kerslake, conducted the service afterwards and tea was served by Mrs. Whiting and ladies of the Parish in the Reading Room.

The Rector took the chair at the meeting supported by the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard. Mr. W. L. Duffield (Branch chairman), Mr. E. Whiting (Ringing Master). Mr. A. G Harrison (Branch secretary) and Messrs. F. C. Roper, W. A. Lock and C. W. F. Phillippo (committee) and ringers from 25 different parishes. James Morley, of Diss, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to visit Kenninghall for the next meeting on July 28th.

The bells of Pulham Market Church were also rung during the evening.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Memorial Dedicated to Mr. Keith Hart

AFTER the afternoon's ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton, the first part of the business at the annual meeting of the Sussex Association on May 5th was the dedication and unveiling of the memorial to Mr. Keith Hart.

The memorial takes the form of a bell-metal tablet, 18 in. by 12 in., with a raised border and raised Roman lettering. The inscription reads: 'In memory of Keith Hart, leader in this tower from 1908 to 1947.' It is erected immediately above the marble tablet which records the ringing in 1927 of the first peal of London Surprise Royal, accomplished by a local band under Keith Hart's conductorship.

In a brief appreciation, the Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, mentioned the fitness of placing the memorial in the tower which had such close connections with the career of Mr. Hart. It was here that he had served the Church for more than 50 years and had been leader for almost 40. The Master also recalled Mr. Hart's character as a first-class ringer and his willingness to give from his wealth of experience, help and encouragement to the less expert. By his loss, the Exercise in general, and Sussex ringers in particular, had lost a good friend. After the tablet had been unveiled by Mr. W. C. Hart, the Vicar of Brighton said dedicatory prayers and at the Association service which followed spoke words of appreciation referring to Keith Hart's character and force of example.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting followed tea in St. Peter's Memorial Hall attended by 120 members and ringing friends. The Master's report and balance sheet were accepted, Mr. R. G. Blackman being thanked for stepping into the work of treasurer at short notice. New members were elected from Cuckfield—Miss G. A. Apps and Mr. A. M. Rowland. The peal secretary reported the ringing of 86 peals during the year, being 80 on tower bells and six 'in hand' with 30 conductors.

A discussion took place, following a motion from the Eastern Division, that printing expenses should be reduced by not printing peal reports in full but by substituting a peal analysis in the annual report. The question of preserving the records arose and it was decided to accept with thanks Miss E. Lonnen's offer of typewriting the peal record. Copies of this are to be held by officers of the Association in separate places for safety. It was further decided to proceed with a manuscript peal book, and the offer of Mr. Donald Smith, of West Tarring, to do this work was gratefully accepted. Miss F. Wyman also was sincerely thanked for her offer of presenting the peal book in memory of the late treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts.

The question of the amounts levied on the Divisional Funds for the expenses of the Central Fund led to a long discussion. Owing to difficulties encountered by the Eastern Division, which had collected many outstanding subscriptions in a year when the levy was high, the acting treasurer had devised a scheme whereby an equal balance could be left in each Division. This had been recommended by the Committee but it met with opposition from many members, some of whom were members of the Eastern Division. As the scheme proposed was definitely against the rule governing the levy, which must be applied in proportion to income, it was finally decided that the full levy must stand but that there was nothing to prevent any other Division making a grant to the Eastern as a gesture of goodwill and friendship if it so desired.

Under the election of officers, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc; other officers were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil: treasurer, M. R. G. Blackman; general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; Central Council delegates, Messrs. F. Bennett, R. G. Blackman, L. Stilwell and F. Dallaway; Central Fund auditors, Messrs. A. W. Bond and R. Overy; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. C. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and F. Dallaway.

In conclusion the Master paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who died in office after being treasurer for eight years Mr. W. C. Hart and Miss Wyman also added their appreciation of Mr. Sippetts' work and character.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD FESTIVAL TOUR

The Festival of Britain celebrations programme arranged for the opening week of the Festival by the Midland Counties Guild of Church Bellringers began on Friday, May 4th, at Netherseal, when eight officers of the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples

On Saturday, May 5th, activities began at the Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, with a quarter peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob Minor, rung by six officers of the Guild. The afternoon programme consisted of a 60-mile bus tour, when 30 members visited each parish covered by the activities of the Guild, and rang for 20 minutes in the following towers:—Rolleston-on-Dove, Repton, Ticknall, Ashby, Measham, Appleby Magna, Netherseal, Lullington, Winshill, Burton All Saints' and Burton Parish Church.

Methods rung during the tour included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. The highlight of the tour was the 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles rung at Lullington by six lady members of the Guild.

On Sunday eight members assembled at the Church of St. Matthew, Overseal, for a peal attempt of Stedman Triples (5,040 changes).

The programme was successfully concluded on Monday at St. John's Church, Newhall, with a peal of Minor in four methods.

'IT GETS IN YOUR BLOOD'

Dear Sir,—How can ringers explain to non-ringers why they find the art of campanology intriguing and wonderful? I think that there is a mysterious answer which evades non-ringers. So long as there is the sound of bells (being well struck), is there not a cascade of beautiful music which only ringers can appreciate to the full extent; for it is only when one is learning to play the piano that one can appreciate and wonder at the intricacies of style and the different ways in which musical composers express themselves.

While a ringer is performing or listening to a tintinnabulation, he may be in an ephemeral ecstacy, for as soon as the bells cease he cannot retain that beautiful echo; consequently he wants to go on, to ring again, to learn more methods in order to be able to express himself in different ways. A ringer, being an officer of the Church, must surely never forget his purpose of ringing—to honour God—not for his own self-satisfaction. Perhaps it is this fact which inspires campanologists.

However oddly non-ringers may regard us, I can say, personally, that there are no half measures about ringing: 'it gets into your blood.' Once it cantures one it does so completely. Perhaps this is because a ringer has the privilege of continuing and handing down one of Britain's heritages in arts. Who knows why each individual ringer cannot withstand the irresistible call of bells? The bells call ringers as the sea calls sailors, and from all walks of life they fulfil that vocation.—Yours faithfully,

Yate, Bristol. JEAN SHELLARD.

ABSON, GLOS.—On May 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cecil Dando (first in method) 1, Miss A. Clarke (first in method 'inside') 2, R. G. Hooper 3, G. Sprules 4, E. Sutton 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6. Rung for St. James' Day.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 5th 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Denyer 1, Mrs. M. Pepler 2, E. Sherwood 3, P. Sherwood (first quarter) 4, E. Pepler (cond.) 5, B. Sherwood (first quarter) 6.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills 1, Mrs. M. Welton 2, J. Wells 3, G. S. Joyce 4, C. Beadle 5, R. Corke 6, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 7, F. Hall (first quarter) 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): J. W. Lowe 1, J. Chambers (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. G. W. Soars 3, G. J. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. For Confirmation service.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Story (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Gorton (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Leavey 3, Mrs. J. Weaver 4, E. F. Gilbert 5, J. Weaver 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, N. Grover 8.

BATH.—At the Abbey on May 3rd, 1,227 Stedman Caters: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, E. J. Fry 4, H. D. Taylor 5, M. Helps 6, J. Hallett 7, P. W. Weeks 8, R. O. Fry, jun. 9, K. Medway and H. J. Merrett 10. First in method by 4, 6 and 8.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's on May 7th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Jeffries 1, B. Harlow 2, B. Cope 3, S. Foskett 4, S. Woodcock 5, K. Spavins 6, P. Chapman 7, D. Thompson 8. In memoriam Leslie Keep, killed on active service.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Price 1, Mrs. R. Price (first quarter) 2, G. Williams (cond.) 3, Miss J. Powell 4, Miss H. Evans (first quarter) 5, G. Flower 6.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Knight 1, J. Gasson 2, G. P. Packham 3, C. Mitchel 4, J. Jeffrey 5, T. Gasson (cond.) 6, F. Godsmall 7, Joe Gasson 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 8.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sheppard 1, J. Roast 2, Miss K. Knight 3, H. Egglestone 4, A. Bartholomew 5, W. Barrett 6, L. Joslin 7, A. Everett (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4.

BOURN, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, C. Hurst 2, E. G. Hibbens 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. W. Smith 5, T. R. Dennis 6, J. W. R. Quinney (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At St. John's on Ascension Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Mitchell 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, M. Best 3, Miss J. Gibbons 4, R. Hurst 5, J. Hartless 6, G. Evenden (first in method as cond.) 7, P. Hunt 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. — On May 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Lindsell (first in method) 1, L. Wiffen 2, H. Pratt 3, H. G. Felton 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, G. Wiffen (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Riches (cond.) 1, Miss S. Arnold (first quarter) 2, P. Gregory (first quarter) 3, C. Brimble 4, H. Payne 5, A. True 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris (first away from tenor) 1, N. Jenkins 2, P. Nash 3, S. L. Smith 4, J. E. Rootes 5, L. J. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, E. North (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Mr. P. G. Kirby (assistant organist) and Miss J. Cobb.

CAMBRIDGE. — At St. Andrew's on April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. D. Edge 1, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 2, A. R. Guy 3, J. Rowsell 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, C. M. P. Johnson 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, A. S. Watt 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the King and Queen to Cambridge.

CARLISLE.—At the Cathedral on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Porter 1, J. Porter (longest touch) 2, M. J. Trott (first quarter) 3, Miss A. Bousfield 4, A. Hodgson (first quarter 'inside') 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. Rung with 1-2 in front, tenor covering.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM. — On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Henderson 1, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 2, A. Cowan 3, Miss J. Lewis 4, W. Tyson 5, P. D. Draffan 6, R. Oliver 7, R. B. Skelton 8.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—On May 5th, 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Pepler 1, B. Sherwood 2, E. Gardner 3, T. Denyer 4, E. Pepler (cond.) 5, C. Wells (first of Doubles) 6.

DEAL, KENT. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Milner 1, Miss J. Wells 2, Miss A. Fagg (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. Ruck (first quarter as cond.) 4, A. Rye 5, M. Milner 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. E. Thompson 1, Miss K. Tivey 2, F. R. Lowe 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, C. Walklate 5, H. Taylor 6, J. B. Stennitt 7, S. Walklate 8, J. Wilkinson 9, M. Barker 10. First quarter by all except 3 and 10.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTRY, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. Gambrill 1, W. Goldup 2, P. Newing 3, T. Wickens 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5. First in two methods of Doubles for all the band.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Carter 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, F. S. Limb (first quarter) 4, F. Ridgwell 5, C. Saywood 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, E. Piper 8. In memoriam Ernest Bowhill.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. Groves 1, H. Smith 2, F. Fox (first quarter) 3, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 4, G. Bird (first quarter) 5, H. C. R. Vine 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On May 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Strawford 1, J. Hutt 2, F. Wheeler 3, H. E. Taylor 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, E. Cadle 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Belcher 8. Longest touch in method for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 5th (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 540 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): R. Mills 1, R. Woods 2, A. Gasson 3, L. Hallett 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, K. Treweek 6. The first quarter in three methods by all the band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. T. Allum (first of Major) 1, W. E. Maulden 2, L. C. Wightman 3, W. W. Miller 4, C. W. Beecroft 5, R. Parker 6, W. Ruffles 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET. — On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Scull 1, W. Gregory 2, H. Scull 3, P. H. Hull 4, G. W. Stitch (first as cond.) 5, C. Evans 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Preb. J. H. Townsend, on retirement.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On April 24th, quarter peal of Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain): P. W. Newstead 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, C. Parnell 3, M. J. Ling 4, A. Wigmore (cond.) 5, J. Denton 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. Peter G. W. Newstead.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Gadd (first quarter) 1, N. Matthews 2, F. Robinson 3, E. Brede 4, J. Hobden (cond.) 5, F. E. Blackman 6.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain Bob): T. H. Blunt 1, Miss J. S. Bailey 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, P. C. Ridgway 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, F. T. Blaygrove (cond.) 6. First quarter on bells since restoration. All participants under 21 years.—On May 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells and 720 Durham): Agnes E. Price 1, P. A. Lawrence 2, T. H. Blunt 3, G. Dodds 4, T. Price 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6.

HANBURY, STAFFS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibbs 1, G. L. Roden 2, L. Chamberlain 3, N. Brain 4, H. F. Harrison 5, E. Buckley 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, G. Wetherall 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

HANBURY, WORCS. — On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Seagers 1, Miss E. R. Partridge 2, E. G. Cairns (cond.) 3, J. F. Nash 4, Mrs. L. J. Birch 5, Rev. L. J. Birch 6, A. J. Poultney 7, R. C. Nash 8. With 4.6.8 covering.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, J. Wells 3, C. Beadle 4, G. S. Joyce 5, Rev. K. C. Davis 6, C. W. Denyer 7, G. Nobbs (first quarter) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. King (first quarter Plain Bob) 1, Miss J. Dodson 2, J. King 3, Miss P. Collis 4, H. Colcombe 5, F. J. Dodson 6, J. Brent 7, W. Simmonds (cond.) 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Slemming (first quarter, 83) 1, Miss G. Goulding (first quarter, 15) 2, M. Page (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, D. Woodward 4, G. Page 5.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Jukes 1, C. Peakman 2, A. Peakman 3, H. Morgan 4, B. Morgan (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—1,540 Bob Minor: Miss A. Worrall (first quarter) 1, S. Hough, jun. 2, Miss A. D. Edwards 3, R. Hough 4, N. Hough (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. Hough, sen. 6. Rung for the May Day Festival.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Preece 1, D. W. Barr 2, P. A. Sheldon 3, P. G. Golder (cond.) 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. Fairey 6. First quarter by a local band. First quarter by all except the conductor.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Price (first quarter) 1, W. Huish 2, R. Price (first quarter) 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, J. Westcott 6, J. Evans 7, J. Westcott 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: J. Wright 1, R. Avery 2, C. Jones 3, Q. Cooper 4, R. F. Jones (first as cond.) 5, J. Cooper 6, H. Perrett 7, H. Trollope 8.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A/C B. I. Kingsnorth 1, Cpl. L. Discon 2, A/C G. Francis (cond.) 3, A/C G. I. Collett 4, A/C R. D. Skinner 5, A/C I. Barrance (first quarter) 6. Rung for Festival of Britain by ringers from R.A.F. St. Athan.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE. — On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. E. A. Davies 1, A. E. Jones (cond.) 2, T. W. Nash 3, W. Nason 4, H. Jones 5, W. Cox 6, A. C. Nason 7, T. E. Nash 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering.

LUTON, BEDS. — On April 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: June Gladman (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, A. Smith 3, A. King 4, J. Rushton 5, H. Burton 6, L. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10.

MARDEN, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, M. A. Tomlin 2, P. Carter 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, P. Heasman 6, T. Pert 7, C. M. Claeys 8. With 7.6.8 covering.

MARGATE, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, R. Dadds 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Measures (first quarter peal) 1, F. Wallington 2, W. Wallington 3, C. Windram 4, G. Hollick (cond.) 5, E. Measures 6, E. J. Sharp 7, J. W. Rawson 8.

MONGEHAM, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Court 1, Miss A. Fagg 2, Miss J. Wells (cond.) 3, A. Rye 4, G. Ruck 5, J. Penfold 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Combes 1, W. J. Burt 2, I. McRobert (first 'inside') 3, A. Cross 4, D. Stone 5, R. Franklin (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, G. Coussins 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (14) 1, N. B. Davis (13) 2, I. T. Read (15) 3, F. C. Davis 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, B. Cheeseman (16) 6.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire): P. J. Came 1, Miss K. Knight 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, J. West 4, P. Childs (cond.) 5, D. Temple (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods by all.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sharplin 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, J. Sunnucks 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. James 6. A birthday compliment to E. J. Baxter, now serving with H.M. Forces in Malaya.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX. — On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tony Mitchelson 1, J. Mitchelson, sen. 2, W. C. Parker (85) 3, F. G. Fairhead 4, E. Butler 5, L. Knowles 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. A welcome home to Tony Mitchelson, who is in the Merchant Navy.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Cattell 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, A. Wenban 4, T. Clark 5, F. Cattell 6, W. Wenban 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean A. Brooks 1, Audrey Mansfield 2, Mary C. Payne 3, A. Mansfield 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne 7, C. Saunders 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 3 and 5.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Foster 1, A. S. Smithson 2, H. Draycott (84) 3, T. Radford 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal; Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip 1, G. W. Slack 2, A. T. Carter 3, K. W. Mackintosh 4, A. Agar 5, C. A. Hughes 6, J. R. Kemp 7, A. Boyack 8. J. G. M. Scott 9, A. J. House (cond.) 10. First quarter on ten by 4, 5, 7 and 9.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On April 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss J. Smith 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First quarter Surprise for 1 and 2.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Godwin 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin, jun. 3, K. E. White 4, H. Gearing (cond.) 5, H. Chamberlain 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—On May 8th, at St. Luke's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. L. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. D. Holden 2, S. Birch 3, A. D. Collins 4, T. Reynolds (cond.) 5, E. E. Speake 6, H. Griffiths 7, A. R. Agg (first quarter on eight) 8.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On May 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green (first quarter) 1, J. Colley 2, W. J. Gethin 3, E. W. Colley (first as cond.) 4, L. Colley 6, D. A. Passant (first quarter) 6.

WYE, KENT. — On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss D. Cozens (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Pendrill 2, Miss M. Hobbs 3, J. Thomas 4, G. Medley (cond.) 5, C. Hayward (first quarter) 6, G. Bonnett 7, W. Curtis 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. Driscoll 1, E. A. Price 2, P. H. Marshall 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. H. Brice 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First quarter by 1 and 6. First quarter on the restored bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

OBITUARY

THE REV. A. R. GODFREY

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. A. R. Godfrey, of Itchingfield, Sussex, who passed away after an illness of six months. He was responsible for building up a keen band of young ringers and although he could not often find time to attend Association meetings and therefore was not widely known, he will be missed by those who knew him.

KILLED IN IRAQ

Involved in a transport accident at Habbanya, Iraq, on May 1st, Aircraftsman Leslie John Keep, a Bedford National Service man, and a regular member of the St. Paul's band of ringers, was killed. He was an accomplished pianist and since an early age had been a member of the choir at the above church.

It was exactly a year ago since he was conscripted, going overseas two months later. An only child, he was 20 years of age and lived with his parents at 225, Castle Road, Bedford.

C. E. J.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's Grave

Continuing the policy of holding at least one meeting per year in the provinces, the Society is this year holding its meeting in Birmingham on June 9th.

London members will travel in strength from Paddington by the train leaving at 9.10 a.m. and will be met on arrival by Mr. Albert Walker and other members from the Midlands.

Transport has been arranged by Mr. Walker and the party will proceed to Sutton Coldfield to visit the grave of W. H. Barber, where a belated ringers' tribute will be paid to his memory.

The party will return to Birmingham for lunch at 1.30 at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row. This will be followed by ringing at the Cathedral, and afterwards at St. Martin's, and a business meeting at St. Martin's Parish Hall, Dean Street.

A social hour at the Tamworth Arms will complete the day and it is expected that Midland members of the Society will be present in large numbers to meet the London members.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Visiting an Outpost

'Once in six years we have this: the Ringers' Festival and the Confirmation following each other!' So said the Rector of Semley when the Salisbury Branch held their quarterly meeting here on May 5th. The coincidence, however, was accidental and if Semley were more easily accessible the ringers would probably have visited it more often.

The bells, a fairly heavy, musical ring of six, were kept going in rounds and standard methods until tea in the Infants' Schoolroom next to the church. A short business meeting followed at which the Guild annual meeting was discussed and a donation voted towards the very heavy cost of producing it for this year. Arrangements were also outlined for a competition to members of the branch at the next meeting, this being a new experiment.

The Rector, the Rev. J. W. N. Nind, conducted the Guild service in church and gave an address, quoting from Ephesians 4: 'And he gave some evangelists . . . .' and St. Paul might have added '. . . . and some bellringers'! Mr. H. A. Roles, the branch chairman, was at the organ. Ringing was kept going for some time, one party going on to sample the fine eight at Gillingham before returning to Salisbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A very happy and enjoyable quarterly meeting was held at Milton-next-Gravesend on April 21st. Over 60 members and friends took advantage of a fine day to meeting at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Johnson) assisted by the curate (the Rev. K. C. Stuart). Features of the service were the inspiring address by the Rector and the very hearty singing.

For many years whenever the District has visited Milton, that great stalwart of the County Association, Mr. Fred Mitchell, together with his wife, have always invited the ringers to tea, and this meeting was no exception. Upon entering the schoolroom, adjoining the church, a grand sight of rows of heavily-laden tables met the eye and full justice was done to the sumptuous tea.

Before the start of the business part of the meeting, members stood in silence in remembrance of Mrs. C. Belsey, of Rainham, and Mr. W. Collishaw, of Frindsbury, two old members who had died since the last meeting.

The chairman (the Rector) paid tribute to the oldest member of the Milton band, Mr. G. Morrad (86) and said that although he had now been forced to give up ringing he had insisted upon being present that afternoon and, with the aid of a bathchair, this was successfully accomplished.

Eight non-resident life members, one honorary member and seven ringing members were elected.

Mr. G. H. Spice, the general secretary of the Association, asked that a very special effort should be made by all bands to ring their bells for the opening of the Festival of Britain on Ascension Day ,and later, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting so enjoyable, he spoke of the very great debt of gratitude all members owed to Mr. Mitchell, who had for over 40 years been an officer in the Association.

B. W. M.

A BRISTOL WEDDING

The wedding of Mary, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bennett, and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davey, took place on May 5th at St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Bristol.

The bride wore a white dress and veil and carried a sheaf of red roses. She was given away by her father and the bridesmaid was Miss Moira Davey, sister of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom who is a regular soldier, was in uniform and the best man was Mr. J. Tillin. The service was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. J. Ragg, and was attended by a large congregation. During the signing of the register the choirboys rendered the anthem 'Let the bright seraphim.'

The bride and groom are both ringers at the above church and the best man a former ringer. The bride's father is the present secretary and former chairman of the Bristol City Branch and her mother is a well-known member of the Bristol Rural Branch and Ladies' Guild.

Many ringing friends of the bridal couple and the bride's parents were present at the ceremony and the eight bells in the tower were ringing merrily as the happy pair emerged from the church.

A short honeymoon was spent in South Wales.

YOUNGEST QUARTER PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query from Little Baddow, Essex, in Belfry Gossip of May 11th, may I point out that a quarter peal of Minor was rung at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks, on June 27th, 1949, by six boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 13 years. For report and photograph, see 'Ringing World' issue dated July 22nd, 1949. With best wishes to all young ringers everywhere.—Yours sincerely,

Thorne, Doncaster, Yorks. JAMES THORLEY.

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ENGAGEMENT

RAPLEY—LONNEN.—The engagement is announced between Edgar Richard Rapley, of 92, Butcher's Row, West Grinstead, Sussex, and Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lonnen, of Sundale, Downview Road, Felpham, Sussex. 8899

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. E. H. Lewis' private address will in future be Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll. 8900

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bowdon, May 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon. —C. K. Lewis. 8880

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Special meeting, Duffield, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea (2/- or 4/6) 5. Names to Maurice Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 8883

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

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 26th, Crich (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Tor Cafe, Crich, 2/6 per head. Names to J. W. Price, No. 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield.—J. H. Price. 8894

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Joint meeting, Histon (6), May 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8892

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A practice meeting will be held at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, May 26th, at 5.30 p.m. All members are welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8862

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. Division. — Meeting at Great Yeldham (6), May 26th, 2.30 —4.30. Service, tea and meeting afterwards.—H. A. Pratt. 8873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Esher, May 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at various cafes. Business meeting after tea.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 8835

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham (8), May 26th, 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. —S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 8858

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 to Miss B. Solly, 12, Old Crossing Road, Margate. Gentlemen also welcomed. 8829

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Horton (6), Saturday May 26th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8872

OXFORD GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Burford (8), Saturday, May 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Taplin, 4, Brasenose Villas, Chipping Norton, Oxon. 8876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Smith, 34, Old High Street, Headington, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 8891

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, May 26th Tower open 2.30. Tea for those who notify, by 24th, P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8895

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Sharnbrook, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Visitors note—good bus service. Special methods, Sandal, Disley. — Michael Stephens. 8915

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—H. W. Howard. 8922

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. —Northern District. — St. Nicholas', Cramlington, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. Hart, 3, Blagdon Terrace, Cramlington. 8908

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting on June 2nd at South Weald (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, The Bays, Bentley, Brentwood. Meeting essentially for learners. Rounds upwards. 8897

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—June 2nd. St. Matthew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business. Notify before May 30th.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol, 5. 8911

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—Quarterly meeting, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. 8909

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Elland, June 2nd. Visit of the Rev. Theodore Mathieson (Founder-President). Past and present members specially invited. Ringing from 3. Tea 5. For tea, kindly notify me by Monday, May 28th.—F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, Yorks. 8907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Seal and Seal Chart (both 6) on June 2nd. Service and tea at Seal at 4.30 and 5 o'clock respectively. Names for tea to G. Acott, 2, Zion Cottages, Seal, near Sevenoaks. 8860

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ash, Saturday, June 2nd. Usual times Tea at 1/9 per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Monday, May 28th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea, at invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m. Names, by May 31st, please, to Miss D. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, W.13. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8867

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints' Church, Otley, Yorks, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 8913

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Silverdale, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Silverdale, via Carnforth. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Secs. 8920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by first post, Thursday, May 31st, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton.—J. H. Foster. 8919

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 2nd, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify, by May 30th, Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall.—J. Burns. 8918

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District). —Joint meeting at Bingham, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 30th, to Mr. W. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham.—J. H. Cook and S. P. M. Lewin. 8890

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Duke's Head 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, May 28th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8916

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Garden fete, Timberland, June 2nd, in aid of Bell Restoration Fund. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Please support.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8914

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, June 2nd, All Hallows', Chertsey Road (rehung 10), 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, St. Mary's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. J. M. Lovell, 10, Victoria Road, Twickenham. St. Mary's (8) after meeting, if available. Twickenham (S.R.), 667 T.-bus, 33 bus.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 8923

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ranworth (6), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, the latest Wednesday, May 30th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 8865

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Swynnerton, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8896

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8879

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Brownlow Hall 5 p.m. Notify, by May 28th, Mr. L. D. Millard, 4, Appletree Cottages, New Road, Bracknell.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, June 2nd. Names for tea, before May 29th, please, to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8904

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—On Saturday, June 2nd, a practice meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, Weir Road, S.W.12, 6.30—8 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8912

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 30th.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 8924

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Longbridge Deverill (8), June 2nd. Bells from 3. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8910

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 8868

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Southwold (8) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea essential, by May 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 8885

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Helmsley (8), June 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley.—Edward Hudson, Hon Sec, 8927

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's grave, Birmingham, June 9th. Train, Paddington, 9.10 a.m. Coach leaves Snow Hill 11.30. Ringing St. Martin's and Cathedral. Names, by May 29th, to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.—A. B. Peck. 8926

COLTISHALL, ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S, NORFOLK.—Rededication of bells (6) after rehanging, Saturday, June 9th, by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3 p.m. Tea and ringing afterwards, by kind invitation of Rector and churchwardens. Make this a great occasion. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Coltishall Rectory, Norwich. 8870

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Sandford, near Crediton, Saturday, June 9th. (Bus leaves Crediton 3.45 p.m.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by June 4th. Crediton available 6.30.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8902

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8845

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild will be held at Mablethorpe on June 9th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to H. C. Count, 65, St. Andrew's Road, Mablethorpe. 8903

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Mursley, June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting following.—E. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow. 8906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stonesfield on Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 7th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 8921

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Piddington, June 9th. Names for tea by June 5th. **This is definite.**—Mr. E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8917

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea, by June 5th, to Mr. A. Eastland, Church Cottage, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 8905

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —A ringing meeting at Leiston (8) on June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 5 p.m. Names, by June 7th, to P. S. Bedford, 37, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 8898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Vale of the White Horse Branch

After 20 years of loyal service as hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, J.P., has tendered his resignation to the Branch. Tributes were paid to his services at the annual meeting at Faringdon on May 5th by the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford) and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg).

Officer elected were:—Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford; hon. secretary and treasurer, M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon; Ringing Master, P. Anger; branch representatives F. Whipp and P. Anger. Mr. C. Sherman, of Ashbury, was elected a life member.

The service was conducted by the branch chairman and the address given by Canon W. J. Dennis, of Faringdon. The meeting was well attended, those present including visitors from Gloucester and Bristol and Salisbury Guilds. Ringing extended from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

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