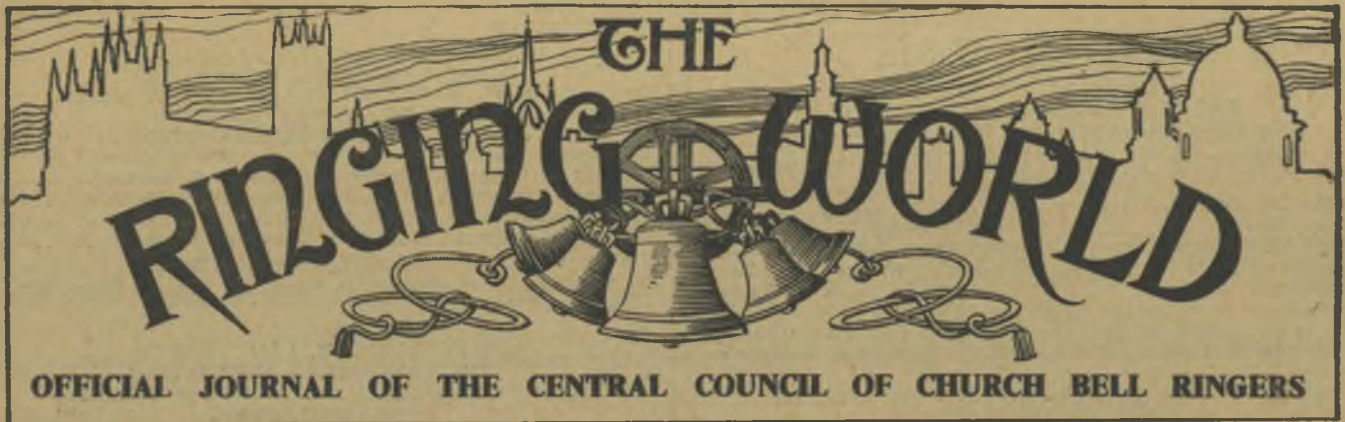




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THE COVERING BELLS

THROUGHOUT the Central Council meeting at Chester there was a strong measure of sympathy with the inexperienced band, particularly in relation to cover bells. It should be clearly understood that while the Central Council legislate, and rightly so, as to what constitutes a peal, it does not in any sense say that for service or practice ringing the use of cover bells is forbidden. In their own belfry a band can ring just what it likes, and we know full well that there are many immature bands in eight-bell towers ringing Doubles with three cover bells. They argue that with the ability of the ringers at their disposal this is the limit of their performance and that it would be better to ring eight bells than six. So extensive is this practice that on special occasions these companies essay a peal attempt: 5,040 Doubles are rung with three cover bells and it is a disappointment to them when the Editor points out that their performance is not acceptable in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' The crux of the matter is that the Decisions of the Council are not fully known, the old copies are out of print, and the bands are not conversant with the position.

One of the important things accomplished at Chester was the revision of the Decisions of the Council. They were debated thoroughly and they will be published in full in 'The Ringing World' when the various amendments have been checked. Later they will be incorporated in the Central Council handbook. The two significant rules of much concern to these inexperienced companies relate to Doubles and Minor. The accepted rule for Doubles reads:—

A peal of Doubles shall consist of either 42 extents of 120 changes, rung without interval, or any arrangement of changes in which each change occurs as many times as 120 is divisible into the total length, or any combination of these. Extra 120's or arrangements fulfilling the above conditions may be added to lengthen the peal, and if any shorter touch is added to obtain a special number of changes, it must be added at the conclusion of the completed extent.

Although the ideal way is to ring Doubles on five bells only, one covering bell may be used if desired. This bell, in all cases, to be the tenor.

The same principle applies to Minor, reading 720 for 120 and seven for 42 extents. Here it is expressly stated that six bells only shall be used.

Technically speaking, the same principle that applies to a peal should apply to a quarter peal, and some readers might question why, for example, we published quarter peals in our last issue from Carlisle, Hanbury, Longbridge Deverell, Ludlow, Marden and Wye, which in each case introduced cover bells. Of course, anyone ringing the second or third cover bell cannot claim the performance as a quarter peal, as they are just ringing rounds for the 1,260 changes. Our reason for publication was for the encouragement of the band in the hope that at an early date there will be the accomplishment of a true quarter. We feel that this is in accord with the wishes of some members of the Central Council, who were desirous that such miscellaneous performances should receive acknowledgment. We might say that they have been published to the exclusion of other genuine quarter peals. The number rung for the Festival and also for Whitsun has far exceeded the space we are able to allot, and care has been taken to ensure that during the last three weeks the same tower has not appeared twice. Some towers we know make a practice of ringing a quarter regularly each Sunday, and we feel sure they will accept the exclusion with good grace in our endeavour to make the page as representative as possible and to give the maximum amount of encouragement.

We know that there are readers who question our wisdom in devoting, as we have done in the last three issues, a page to quarter peals to the exclusion of other reading matter. It must be remembered that in many towers the privilege of ringing a peal is barred or permitted on rare occasions. There are also a very large number of ringers who for various reasons cannot ring peals. We feel that they should have some recognition in our journal and that their friends should know that their tower is alive and making a contribution to change ringing generally. 'The Ringing World' is not only the journal of the peal ringers, although they number among our staunchest supporters, but of the great body of change ringers, who through their Guilds or Associations are affiliated to the Central Council.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TWERTON, SOMERSET.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Apr. 10, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. BROWN Treble	*REV. PETER ROBINS 5
BETTY SPICE 2	*PETER BORDER 6
*RUTH M. K. HOW 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
*W. GLYN THOMAS 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First in the method for the Society. Rung to celebrate the wedding
of Miss D. M. Roberts and Mr. E. F. W. Seymour at Wantage on
March 29th.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
ROBERT J. MUNNINGS 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
ERNEST W. PYE 3	FRANK W. BETTS 7
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

A first birthday compliment to Ann, daughter of Ernest W. Pye.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

RALPH BIRD Treble	T. MARK WHITE 5
*PHILIP A. CORBY 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 50th peal of Yorkshire Major.

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	T. MARK WHITE 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
RALPH BIRD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 50th peal of Double Norwich Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LEA Treble	†THOMAS ROBINSON 5
*JAMES ROBINSON 2	*JOHN ROBINSON 6
JOHN ROBERTS 3	*WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH 4	THOMAS W. HESKETH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the election of Mr.
F. O. Richards and Mr. T. Lunt as churchwardens at the above
church.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	HAROLD E. HARRISON 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	GEORGE L. RODEN 6
ALAN FOSTER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
NOREEN BRAIN 4	*GEORGE WETHERALL Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
JOHN ROBERTS 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
ROGER C. PRESTON 4	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

50th peal as conductor. In memoriam Thomas Butler, sen., of
Ellesmere, Shropshire.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.
*CLIFFORD COOPER Treble	CYRIL BYAND 5
RONALD BAGNALL 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
HARRY SMETHILLS 3	ALFRED LOMAS 7
NORMAN TOMKINS 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung for the Festival of Britain and 250th anniversary
of S.P.G.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., May 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JOAN COTTON Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 5
WILLIAM G. HAIR 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
WALTER G. SOAR 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
SIDNEY H. JONES 4	HENRY C. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDK. W. BUDGEN Treble	*WILLIAM G. COOK 5
*JAMES W. EDEN 2	*FRANK I. HAIRS 6
†BARBARA A. MITCHELL 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
*JOHN O. WELLER 4	*WALTER J. LEMON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Union Triples. † First peal of Triples.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., May 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the 6th anniversary of V.E. Day.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	*ARTHUR FIDLER 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	†DENIS H. BURNETT 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. A 21st birthday compliment to Winifred M. Burton and Arthur Fidler.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
*GERALD NICHOLLS 2	LESLIE W. FISHER 6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	HERBERT FIELDS 7
‡REV. B. F. SHEPPARD 4	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Major on tower bells. ‡ 100th peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON 2	CHARLES J. CAMM 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
CYRIL TANSELL 4	GEORGE E. LARGE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

An 82nd birthday compliment to William Ranford.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
BRIAN S. COPE 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 3	†SYDNEY FOSKETT 7
BRYAN F. SIMS 4	DONALD THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALAN PENDLEBURY Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
JOSEPH THORNLEY 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD 6
FRED BROWNLOW 3	VINCENT MARTIN 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Trueman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDK. J. CULLUM Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD 5
HARRY PARKES 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 7
*WILLIAM G. COOK 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

* First touch in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

*HERBERT J. HUNT Treble	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS 5
MISS R. GIBBONS 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
MRS. F. A. PENN 3	FREDK. S. SLATFORD 7
†GRAHAM EYLES 4	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

BROMBROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
HENRY O. BAKER 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
C. HENRY HARDING 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 250th tower for a peal.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE Treble	*JAMES W. METCALFE 5
DOROTHY SCHOFIELD 2	BRIAN SEDAN 6
WILFRED BOLTON 3	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE 7
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 4	ROLAND ECCLES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

NORTON (EVESHAM) WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Ewain,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON Treble	JOHN BRAMLEY 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung in honour of the wedding of John R. Smith and Elizabeth Faulkner, which took place at Desford earlier in the day.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

AUDREY EWINS Treble	*KENNETH CURTIS 5
*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
*BRIAN TAYLOR 3	A. JAMES GLASS 7
JAMES BROOKS 4	WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

* First peal of Major.



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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Apr. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. BROWN Treble	*JOHN B. GUY 4
*SHIRLEY RYMER 2	PETER BORDER 5
*RENATE BUCHTHAL 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal in more than one method.

HAZELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE 4
EDMUND C. ATYEO 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO 5
FREDA M. POOLE 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

A 21st birthday compliment to Freda M. Poole.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*ANNE HOLMES Treble	†MICHAEL FULLER 4
†WILLIAM A. HUGHES 2	JOHN E. CANNELL 5
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*SYLVIA BISHOP Treble	†HARRY J. GAYLARD 4
*BRIAN GRINTER 2	THOMAS J. HILL 5
JACK W. DREW 3	THOMAS W. VICKERY Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal. † 25th peal. A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vickery.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT BRIDGES Treble	NORMAN KING 4
†SIDNEY KING 2	HARRY KING 5
SIDNEY STEVENS 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A welcome to Rev. B. F. Adeney, M.A., who was instituted Vicar on April 26th.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 April Day, 960 Plain Bob, 960 St. Simon's and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	†ALFRED WILKINSON .. 4
†DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 2	DAVID SMITH 5
HENRY PARKER 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
*EDWARD COX 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal away from treble. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on April 16th, of Lord and Lady Exeter, of Burghley House, near Stamford.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOAN SMITH Treble	DONALD CHADWICK 4
*†JEAN HAYNES 2	†FRED FLINT 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DAVIS Treble	*C. WILLIAM NUTT 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
LESLIE EVANS 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. In honour of the wedding of Laurence T. Mainwaring, member of the Eardisland band, and Miss Frances Stringer, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Kent and 1,440 Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RAYMOND TALBOT .. Treble	*GEOFFREY PAGE 4
ROBERT LESTER 2	MAX PAGE 5
*DEREK WOODWARD .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX PAGE.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung for Rogation Sunday and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Page.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY MARSHALL .. Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS 4
ALBERT W. BARBER .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
JOHN S. BARNES 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RUTH TABRAHAM .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 4
*BRIAN TAYLOR 2	†DAVID H. PEARCE 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	JAMES BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all except ringer of 4th. Rung half-muffled for Mr. E. P. Cross, churchwarden for 20 years, and a very good friend to the ringers.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*DENNIS BOWEN Treble	FREDK. R. HARRIS 4
GEORGE BARKER 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER 3	WILFRED NORGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, of LyonsHall, and for the silver wedding of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barker, of Kington.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
*DONALD C. ANDREWS .. 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 5
†FELIX H. ERITH 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, York, Durham, Norfolk, Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich.

FREDK. FRENCH Treble	CECIL WADE 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	*FRED BRIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN 3	ALBERT SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung for the Festival of Britain.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER FOSTER Treble	†NOREEN BRAIN 3
†HAROLD HARRISON 2	†ALAN FOSTER 4

GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE L. RODEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal of Doubles as conductor. Believed first peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

ERNEST H. MASTIN Treble	JOHN E. FOX 4
CECIL EBBERSON 2	EDWARD BARKER 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

MICHAEL FULLER Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL 4
LESLIE W. G. SKINNER .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 callings.

ERNEST F. SHERN Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
*MARY P. HILLIAR 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

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On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).
FREDERICK D. A. BOAM Treble | *MRS. F. D. A. BOAM .. 4
*ALFRED TOMLINSON .. 2 | FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
ARTHUR S. SMITHSON .. 3 | ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All Sunday service ringers.
A Festival of Britain peal.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*BETTY GRIFFITHS .. Treble | *REV. J. KINGDON .. 4
*JOHN BOUTLAND .. 2 | GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
*SHIRLEY GOLDING .. 3 | HENRY O. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George F. Sperring and his sister.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.
HAROLD MORWOOD .. Treble | MARY ATKINSON .. 4
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2 | G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 5
† WILLIAM BAINS .. 3 | GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells 'inside.' † First peal 'inside.'

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.
*TIMOTHY COBB .. Treble | WILLIAM HARRIS .. 4
*JACQUELINE EVANS .. 2 | *DAVID KING .. 5
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3 | LESLIE BARRY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford, two of Single Court, one of Double Court and one of Plain Bob, 42 Singles.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*HUGH LONGLAND .. Treble | † HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4
*DONALD H. METTAM .. 2 | † FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 5
† DENIS A. FRITH .. 3 | † JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.
§ First peal in four methods 'inside.'

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)
On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Carlisle and Northumberland, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) London and Wells, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Treble | *A. TREVOR SUTTON .. 4
*JAMES M. PEMBERTON .. 2 | *STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 5
† ALFRED W. CUSICK .. 3 | † ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY D. SUTTON.

* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spliced Minor. ‡ First peal of Spliced Minor away from the treble. First peal as conductor. A 78th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Pemberton, grandmother of treble and 2nd ringers. Also a farewell peal to J. M. Pemberton, leaving to join H.M. Forces.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.
CYRIL J. STEVENS .. Treble | WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 4
ROBERT W. SHIRE .. 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL .. 5
*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON .. 3 | *WESLEY MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble | FRANK W. LACK .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 2 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
R. FRANK BAKER .. 3 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A Festival of Britain peal. Mr. Peacock has now circled this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.
*JOY WHITEHEAD (8) .. Treble | LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. 4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 2 | MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD .. 5
† GEORGE HANCOCK .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
HERMAN J. OLIVER .. Treble | DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 4
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2 | RICHARD VALENTINE .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. M. W. and Mrs. Lesser, the former having been instituted and inducted as Rector the previous evening.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT RELFE .. Treble | LUTHER HONESS .. 4
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 2 | LEONARD W. GILES .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS .. 3 | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Margaret Pilbeam, a former (now honorary) member of this tower.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.
ARCHIBALD GRIMWOOD .. Treble | EDWARD EADE .. 4
*RONALD BENNETT .. 2 | PETER OSTLEY .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3 | WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal and first attempt.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
*PETER V. HARRUP .. Treble | JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4
CHARLES W. COOK .. 2 | † DENNIS E. PEPPER .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3 | JOHN W. WARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)
On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, two
720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
*KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Treble .. BERTIE O. SODEN 4
†BERNARD E. FROST .. 2 .. WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 5
*IVOR J. DICKIN .. 3 .. ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT, 30, HENLEAZE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*DIANA M. PANTING 1-2 | M. ELIZABETH ROE 5-6
†JOHN B. GUY 3-4 | WILFRID F. MORETON 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' and first
peal of Bob Major.

DUBLIN, EIRE.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*MRS. F. E. DUKES 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES 3-4
MRS. S. BALDWIN 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First handbell peal away from tenors. Rung after the marriage
of Miss Ada C. Dukes, conductor of the local society, to Mr. T. E.
Bolton, in this church.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT, 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 1-2 | *FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7-8

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as con-
ductor.

LAMPETER, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN G. HENRY 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON 3-4
KENNETH H. WILLIAMS 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung for Ascension Day. A Festival of Britain peal.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of St. Nicholas, 480 each of St. Dunstan's, Reverse College,
St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure,
and 600 each of Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*J. NEVILLE HAILE 1-2 | †ERIC NIXON 3-4
†DEREK OGDEN 5-6

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

* First peal in ten methods 'in hand.' † First peal in ten methods.
First peal in ten methods for the Guild. A 21st birthday compliment
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Norfolk.

EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Featured in the journal that in Sweden cor-
responds to our 'Radio Times' was a descrip-
tive illustrated article on Chichester, with special
reference to the training of ringers by Mr. R.
G. Blackman, and of the bells in the Cathedral
Campanile.

When the Archbishop of
Canterbury visited the roof-
less church of St. Lawrence,
Hawkhurst, he commented: 'I thought I was
to see another ruin. But then the bells rang
out from the undamaged tower and I knew the
church was alive.' So impressed was the Arch-
bishop that he climbed the tower and spoke to
the ringers, telling them of his high regard for
bellringers and their very real contribution to
the life of the Church. Every Sunday the bells
of St. Lawrence's call people to worship at the
newer church of All Saints, half a mile away.

Joy Whitehead, of Leicester, has rung her
first Minor peal at the tender age of eight. The
light six at Loughborough Bell Foundry proved
'just right' weight for her and she rang the
little treble perfectly throughout the peal.

The band at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks,
which started from scratch about two years ago,
have just rung their first 720 Plain Bob Minor.
They are Margaret Graves 1, Mrs. M. Graves
2, Mrs. S. Smith 3, D. Smith 4, E. Smith 5,
W. Graves (conductor) 6.

Mr. Albert J. Lancefield writes a cheery
letter from Hobart, Tasmania, where he has
been training a number of lads in the rudiments
of change ringing on the five Simpson-tuned
eight at St. David's Cathedral. He hopes that
before he is due to leave the area in July, he
will manage to encourage the 'head boy' to
shoulder the task of administration.

The peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Worcester,
on May 9th, was rung on the 82nd birthday of
Mr. W. Ranford, Suckley, who rang the treble.
'Father,' as he is known to his colleagues, has
over 50 years' unbroken membership of the
Worcestershire Association and at the Easter
annual meeting was made a Freeman. He
finished the peal as fresh as those 40 years his
junior.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Albert Walker asks
us to state that there is no
accommodation in the
coach for Midland members of the College
Youths attending the pilgrimage to Mr. W. H.
Barber's grave on June 9th, or for the luncheon.
They are advised to make their own arrange-
ments for transport by Midland Red Bus No.
107 from New Street to Sutton Coldfield
Parade. To make adequate arrangements for
ringing at the meeting, will Midland members
and friends notify him early, by post, at 86,
Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.

The peal at Bidston, Cheshire, on May 10th,
was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Minor on
the bells and was rung by members of the Sun-
day service band, all of whom have learnt to
ring since the lifting of 'the ban.'

Will Mr. P. C. Wright, of Bury St. Edmunds,
please send his full postal address to Ernest
Morris, The Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's,
Leicester.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at
Berkeley, Glos. on May 5th, should read 'in
3 hours and 22 minutes' and not as submitted,
'2 hours and 22 minutes.'

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, secretary of the Lan-
cashire Association, flying a Miles Mercury,
won the fourth annual Goodyear Trophy air
race at Wolverhampton on Saturday at an
average speed of 160 miles per hour.

A Tunbridge Wells reader writes that the re-
ception of the Evercreech and Swindon broad-
casts on May 8th and 22nd was perfect in his
locality and the programme was well worth
listening to. He much enjoyed the ringing.

Extending his congratulations to the band
that rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob 14 at
Leicester and especially to the three youths on
the back end, Mr. L. Turner, of Kempston,
Beds, wonders if rings of 14 and 16 bells will
be installed in towers of the future.

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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN: POSITION OF ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD — RECORDS COMMITTEE'S BUSY YEAR — WIDER INTEREST IN RINGING — 'RINGING WORLD' DISCUSSION

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN REPORT

THE hon. secretary said the Festival of Britain Sub-Committee's report had been published and the Standing Committee recommended that the Sub-Committee be given powers to continue their actions.

The President: It would be better to leave it to Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Spice to act. The Korean war has cooled down the ardour of some of us but they have done some very good work. I propose the Standing Committee's recommendations—that they should be asked to carry on.

Mr. Spice: Exactly what is required of this committee?

The President: In the first place when we discussed this we felt it desirable to clear up the mess at the Festival Church and the working out of a plan for handbells in the Festival Gardens.

Mr. Harold W. Rogers: May we know briefly what this committee has done? You mention handbell ringing in the Festival Gardens and arrangements are already made. May we know what information has been given to the Exercise at St. John's, Waterloo Road, because we don't believe what was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 27th has taken place. The person in charge of the ringing there has no knowledge of the information published and certainly no peal was envisaged on May 3rd as it was categorically stated. If that information is wrong, can it be withdrawn? And, finally, can we know why no London ringer has been invited to handle the ringing in London? Why is it being done from Maidstone?

Mr. F. I. Hairs: Can we leave all these questions to the Sub-Committee?

The President: I think I might clear up one point. I think it was in January that Dr. Hatcher and I met the Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, together with the Director of Religious Services and one of the officials of the Festival. We were told by the Vicar of St. John's that there would be two peals—one by his own men on May 3rd and another possibly at the termination of the Festival. He also stated that it might be possible for ringers from the churches sending choirs to sing in the Festival Church to ring, but apparently the whole of that arrangement has broken down and that is the point we are trying to clear up. It will require very delicate handling and the least we say the better. With regard to handbell ringing, if they have been made we are very pleased.

The report was adopted.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles said two years ago he had the honour of being asked to compile the Roll of Honour of ringers who fell in the last war. The closing date was September 30th when the total was 221. Since then he had other names and the total was now 289. The Council had to decide whether the Roll should be incorporated with the previous one or bound up separately. He had taken advice both in London and Oxford. At London he consulted the librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral, Mr. Ball, and he advised against it being bound up with the present Roll of Honour of the 1914-18 war. He asked what the cost of writing and binding would be and was told that to write the names on vellum would be £75. He then consulted Mr. Clarke, of the Oxford University Press. His estimate for printing on hand-made paper and binding in morocco was £60.

Upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was decided to accept the latter estimate.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report stated: During 1950 a total of 2,724 peals has been recorded in 'The Ringing World'.

These comprise 2,362 on tower bells and 362 on handbells. The tower peals are made up as follows:—Maximus—31 in 11 methods with peals of Spliced Surprise in four, three and two methods; Cinques—50; Royal—86 in 18 methods; Caters—89; Surprise Major—490, with 52 different methods, and Spliced Surprise up to 22 methods; Other Major—448; Triples—298; Minor and Doubles—870.

The outstanding performances were undoubtedly the 21,600 of Bristol Surprise, the 8,032 Spliced Surprise in eight methods (both by the Chester Guild) and the peal in 22 Spliced Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild.

On handbells, the Lincoln Guild have broken records with Spliced Major peals of 27 and 36 methods; the Leicester Guild have achieved the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to be rung on handbells; the Hertford County Association have accomplished the first peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major 'in hand,' and the Middlesex County Association nine Spliced Surprise Major methods.

To the conductors and bands concerned we offer our congratulations.

Will those who send up peal reports please ensure the facts are correct? If a non-Association peal, please say so; do not leave it to the Committee to guess what Association, if any, the peal was rung for. Would conductors of multi-method peals please say how many methods they rang—we are bad counters!!!

Mr. W. Ayre moved and Mr. P. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report.

The Committee—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles—were re-elected and Mr. W. Ayre was appointed convener.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following records, new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year ended December 31st, 1950.

TOWER BELLS

Nov. 4, 21,600 Bristol S. Maj., Chester Dio. Guild. This is the record length in any method yet rung.

NEW METHODS

Jan. 21, 5,024 Banstead S. Maj., Guildford Dio.; Feb. 4, 5,152 Somerset S. Maj., St. Martin's; Feb. 16, 5,056 Bolton S. Maj., Middlesex; Feb. 18, 5,184 Lindum S. Maj., Oxford Dio.; Mar. 23, 5,280 Solihull S. Max., St. Martin's; Mar. 27, 5,024 Wakefield S. Maj., Yorkshire; Apr. 1, 5,040 Pontefract S. Roy., Yorkshire; Apr. 11, 5,184 Trinity C. Bob. Maj., Norwich Dio.; Apr. 20, 5,020 Solihull S. Roy., St. Martin's; May 3, 5,152 Hallam S. Maj., St. Martin's; May 13, 5,040 Wembley S. Roy., Lincoln Dio.; May 22, 5,280 Bristol S. Max., Leicester Dio.; June 10, 5,120 Radlett S. Maj., Middlesex; July 3, 5,280 Rutland S. Max., Leicester Dio.; July 4, 5,280 Pontefract S. Max., St. Martin's; July 10, 5,152 Dorney S. Maj., St. Martin's; July 15, 5,184 Jersey S. Maj., St. Martin's; July 22, 5,120 Bradford S. Maj., Yorkshire; July 22, 5,056 Stanmore S. Maj., Middlesex; Sept. 16, 5,024 Derby S. Maj., Kent County; Sept. 21, 5,058 Eastbourne S. Maj., Middlesex; Oct. 14, 5,060 Plain Bob Cinques, Suffolk; Oct. 27, 5,056 Truro C. Bob. Maj., Norwich Dio.; Dec. 30, 5,088 Maulden S. Maj., Bedfordshire.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

Apr. 7, 12,740 Plain Bob Royal, Essex; Nov. 4, 21,600 Bristol S. Maj., Chester Dio.; Dec. 30, 8,032 Spliced S. Maj., Chester Dio.

HANDBELLS—NEW METHODS

Nov. 14, 5,040 Yorkshire S. Roy., Leicester Dio.; Nov. 22, 5,120 Spliced S. Maj., 9 meth., Middx;

March 11, 5,040 Spliced Major, 17 methods; April 12, 5,040 Spliced Major, 21 methods; Apr. 14, 5,040 Spliced Major, 22 methods; May 15, 5,004 Spliced Major, 26 methods; July 7, 5,016 Spliced Major, 31 methods; Nov. 11, 5,100 Spliced Major, 36 methods, all Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The report was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall. They were both re-elected to the Committee, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES

The President reported that the Committee during the year had given advice in 40 cases, of which Mr. Sharpe had been responsible for the majority (25). Mr. Osborne 9 and he had dealt with six. There was nothing out of the ordinary except perhaps a specification for two bells to be rung in the English manner in New York. One of his cases was Handley, the best example of a tower vertically split from top to bottom in the east and west walls. The tower was going to be tied together with concrete and all the bells were to swing east and west.

Mr. F. Sharpe, who seconded, said his cases ranged from Cumberland to Hampshire and from Norfolk to Carmarthen. Most of them were ordinary cases of rebanging, two were acoustics, and another oscillation. In two cases old bells were preserved.

Mr. W. Osborn said some towers were over-doing louvre blocking. They made expensive bells and then complained if they made a noise.

The report was adopted and Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and F. Sharpe were re-elected as members.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee stated: The subject of bellringing has figured prominently in the press during the past 12 months. Parish magazines, which find their way into many thousands of homes all over the country, generally contain an inset supplied by one of the London firms of publishers. Of such insets two of the most widely used are 'Home Words' and 'The Sign.' In June and July each of these publications contained well-written articles on the art of ringing, with good illustrations. On May 31st, 1950, 'Punch' most unexpectedly blossomed out with a two-page article on 'Tintinnabulation.' Later in the year the casting of the Freedom Bell and other operations at the Croydon Foundry figured conspicuously in the 'Illustrated London News' as well as in 'John Bull.' Another journal drawing attention to the art of ringing is the 'Children's Newspaper,' which produced a most interesting article.

The attempt at a record length at Debenham and the subsequent achievement of breaking all record with a peal of 21,600 changes at Over naturally received mention in 'The Times' and other national newspapers. It was only to be expected that in such instances journalists would be tempted to give free exercise to their imagination, but while effusions and comments of an amusing character did make their appearance, a number of journals gave the actual facts quite correctly.

For obvious reasons it is in the provincial press that the activities of ringers find the most frequent mention. The East Anglian journals devote considerable space to such activities at centres like Norwich, Ipswich, Lavenham and, more recently, Grundisburgh. The Midland newspapers have published many reports and articles of this nature. As Lord Mayor of Birmingham, a member of this committee has naturally attracted the close attention of local journalists and his associations with the belfry

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The Central Council—Cont.

have brought the ringers' art prominently before the public. The 'Shropshire Magazine' has been publishing a notable series of splendidly-illustrated articles on 'Shropshire Bells and their Ringers.' Last September the 'Leicester Evening Mail' allocated two columns to an article by Mr. Ernest Morris on 'The Message of the Bells.'

The Irish press gives marked prominence to news connected with bells. 'Church Bells of Dublin' was the title of an article in the 'Evening Mail.' In one case a picture of handbell ringing featured in an advertisement. Further afield, a Vancouver magazine published an article of outstanding interest under the—to us—familiar title of 'Ringing World.' In Australia, 'The Ringing Towers' continues to stimulate interest throughout the Dominion. Its August number contains a spirited criticism of the authorities responsible for the carillon at Canberra. Mention may well be made here of a similar publication in England. 'The Belfry' makes its quarterly appearance with interesting news of the Maidstone District.

With regard to the B.B.C. there have been a fair number of broadcasts of ringing before Sunday services. In some cases well-struck changes have been duly brought into rounds, but there is a marked tendency to cut short even the one and a half minutes normally allowed for ringing. Bells from various towers were broadcast both at Christmas and Easter, but much of the ringing on Christmas Day was quite unworthy of its purpose. Really good ringing at Easter stood out in refreshing contrast. Those responsible for arranging such broadcasts need to take competent advice in order to ensure that the towers selected have capable band of ringers. On one Sunday the 'Country Magazine' broadcast included a very interesting account both of ringing and bellfounding. Handbells have at times been introduced in Children's Hour and elsewhere: a delightful rendering of 'Linden Lea' on handbells came over from Puddletown in Dorset. Television has brought the public into close contact with the operations of the Whitechapel Foundry, where lucid and practical demonstrations were given of the tuning, sound and motion of bells.

Just as this report is being completed, there comes to hand a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' new book 'Bells of All Nations,' a veritable microcosm of bell lore, with fine illustrations. Ringers the world over will find it a work of absorbing interest.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said just before the meeting there was put into his hand an interesting paper from Sweden giving an account in Swedish of the ringing of Chichester Cathedral bells with photographs of the ringers.

In regard to broadcasting just after the report had been completed the B.B.C. gave a splendid broadcast of Oxford bells and there was also a recording of the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury. In the Western Region a series of seven programmes had been initiated at about fortnightly intervals regarding ringing from various towers. The voices of two well-known members of the Council had already been heard in the series. They cordially congratulated Mr. Morris on his great contribution to ringing literature and thanked the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, who during the past 12 months had made good use of opportunities to give publicity to their art.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood seconded and the report was adopted.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. A. Walker and Alderman A. Paddon Smith were re-elected with the Rev. Edwards as convener.

PEAL BOARDS

A verbal report of the Peal Boards Committee was presented by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said that approximately 160 records had been typed and filed and there remained another 150 to be dealt with. This would take some time. They felt sure that there were many old peal boards which had not been recorded. He appealed to

local and district secretaries to forward any they came across giving the exact wording and the condition of the boards. He expressed thanks to Mr. W. G. Wilson for typing out and sorting the particulars.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if the Council could be told the date of an old board.

Mr. Walter Ayre: Up to and including 1825. I can think of ten that have not been sent in.

The committee elected was Mr. J. E. Clarke, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. J. D. Fidler with Mr. Clarke as convener.

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report stated: The work of the Biographies Committee during this year has gone steadily forward. In previous reports we have explained that for a very good reason we give particular attention to the collection of biographic information concerning those who were members of the first two or three Councils, many of whom have long since passed to their rest. There are some successes but there are still eleven names of members of the first (1891) Council of whom we know nothing.

We have now 130 complete records of past members and the stage has been reached when we consider that our results should be presented to the Council in tangible form. Last year we showed the Council a layout for a loose-leaf biography sheet and permission was granted to print a supply. This has been done and we have written out three specimen sheets for your inspection.

Your Committee thought that while the sheets might be purchased by the Council, a suitable loose-leaf cover could serve as a memorial to some prominent ringer. The cost would be about £25 for a really good leather cover suitably gold blocked, which could form a fitting and lasting memorial. If any Guild or Association would like more details we will be glad to furnish them.

Mr. A. Hazelden, in moving the adoption of the report, said there were eleven names of the 1891 Council of whom the Committee knew nothing. They were F. E. Paul, J. C. Buchanan, A. H. Cox (author of 'The Bells of Buckingham'), T. W. Pressy, B. T. Copley (Bolton), the Rev. Pitt Aidken, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffin, E. A. Nunn (Kent County), H. Reeves (possibly Editor of 'The Bell News'), Canon Latham, and N. E. Snow (who began his career in Lincolnshire and was ringing a good deal at Newark).

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded and the report was adopted.

The new committee consists of Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and E. A. Barnett, with Mr. Hazelden as convener.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The President: 'The Ringing World' Committee's report really consists of the accounts you have already adopted. You will see, if you look at those accounts, that we did not quite break even on the year as costs were rising during the year. It means that there must have been a profit in the first half of the year and a loss at the end of the year. There is to be an increase quite shortly in the price of paper and production. The postage rate is going up from 1d. to 1½d. and we feel very strongly we have not come to the top of the spiral. The retiring Committee feel that the new Committee should go very seriously into prices and in discussion last night the Standing Committee recommended the election of a committee of two members who have practical experience of the printing business and journalism. The names we suggest are Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and Harold Poole, with the idea that they should go into the question of this increase of cost and give them powers to act in any necessary increase in price to cover our rising costs. I put that recommendation forward.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Does that mean that all the existing officers are resigning from the Committee?

The President: Yes.

Mr. Corby: I don't know how you are placed and if you could continue.

The President: I feel I will not be of much use as for a long time I shall not be accessible. In my house in Scotland I am nine miles from the telephone, 60 from the railway station and 21 from the nearest steamer, so it would be much better if we turned it over to a new committee.

Mr. Fletcher: The other members of the Committee are not seeking election. My wife and I ask to be excused. That does not mean we have lost interest. We shall place our experience at the disposal of the Committee and give them every possible help we can.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Harold Poole: Before you go any further, I am not so sure it is a very enviable job you have given us. You have heard we have got to put up the price.

The President: Two of the members have experience in printing and they may be able to put forward suggestions, and two have broad shoulders to take some of the raps when they come.

Mr. F. E. Haines: Is the Committee limited to four? Mr. Edgar Shepherd, of Solihull, is interested in 'The Ringing World' and he would be quite pleased to take an interest in it. He is an accomplished writer and if there is room I should like to nominate him.

The President: This new committee have power to co-opt.

Mr. W. Ayre: Before we go any further I should like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for negotiating 'The Ringing World' so successfully through its very difficult birth stages.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the report was adopted. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was elected convener for the Committee.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced that the officers and conveners of committees were ex officio members of the Standing Committee. The retiring members were Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, H. W. Poole, A. H. Pulling, A. Paddon Smith, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker, with three vacancies.

Mr. Fletcher moved that these nine members be elected members of the Committee.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded and this was agreed to.

For the three vacancies the following were nominated: Messrs. J. Bray, R. S. Anderson, John Freeman, John Worth, E. C. S. Turner, Nolan Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis. A ballot was taken which resulted in the election of Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, C. K. Lewis and R. S. Anderson.

(To be continued)

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GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Thoughts on a Wessex Association

THE Lord Bishop of Winchester presided at the fifth ringers' rally and George Williams commemoration dinner held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on May 5th. A company of 75 ringers and friends was present. The Bishop was supported by the Mayor of Christchurch, the Rural Dean of Bournemouth (the Rev. A. L. E. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, Canon R. P. Price (Christchurch), Mr. G. Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and the churchwardens of Christchurch.

After an excellent meal, and the loyal toast had been honoured, the Bishop called upon Mr. G. Pullinger to speak to the memory of the late Mr. George Williams. Mr. Pullinger recalled that Mr. Williams was born in Droxford. He felt it very appropriate that the late Master of the Guild should have been born in what is now the Diocese of Portsmouth and finally laid to rest in the Diocese of Winchester, for he did so much to hold Hampshire ringers together.

When the old Diocese was divided in the early twenties, Guildford decided to form their own Guild but Mr. Williams used all his influence to keep the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth united as far as ringing was concerned. There was some discussion at the time of forming a 'Wessex Association' but when the proposals were closely examined, it was found that Hampshire only formed a part of the old Kingdom of Wessex.

Mr. Pullinger said he knew Mr. George Williams for over 40 years but there were those who knew him longer, such as Mr. George Preston who was present with them that evening.

IMPORTANCE OF INSTRUCTION

Bournemouth, continued Mr. Pullinger, had a large number of ringing instructors at work in the district. Mr. Williams was a great teacher and his work in the Bournemouth area had been followed up by the sterling service of such men as Mr. George Preston and Mr. Frederick Townsend. The best way he thought to commemorate the life and work of Mr. Williams was to see that instruction was carried on without ceasing in the belfries of the Guild.

The Mayor of Christchurch in a happy speech proposed the toast of 'Bells and Bellringers' and Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne, responded. As he looked round the company, Mr. Lockyer felt he had missed many happy years by not taking up ringing earlier in his life. He had been a ringer for nearly 25 years and did not quite know how he first took an interest in the art which was so typical of this country. He seemed to think it was in connection with ringing the curfew at Wimborne that he first entered a belfry; afterwards he became associated with Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. George Preston, who did much to help him progress in the art of change ringing.

He had had the privilege of ringing some 20 peals with the late Mr. George Williams. He did not wish to start a further controversy in 'The Ringing World' upon the question of 'which century,' the fact remained that he was born on May 5th, 1901, and could think of no better company in which to celebrate the anniversary.

In the ringing paper they occasionally heard of ringers being asked to serve the Church as choristers, servers, church councillors and the like, sometimes ringers even became churchwardens. Mr. Lockyer felt that this should not be an exception but that it should become more of a rule. (Note: Mr. Lockyer is a churchwarden of Wimborne Minster and there are ringers as wardens at Christchurch and at Poole.)

Canon R. B. Price then welcomed the visitors to Christchurch saying that Christchurch was a

very lively community over which the Mayor presided with charm and dignity. They were glad to welcome ringers from so far away as Birmingham, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Kent to lovely Christchurch; he hoped they would all take away happy memories and resolve to come again. He coupled the name of the Lord Bishop with his toast.

BISHOP'S BELFRY IMPRESSION

The Bishop of Winchester, who replied, spoke of the special pleasure it gave him to be with them that evening. For the last five years he had been coming to their Festival dinner but always there had been something to prevent him. Many times he had felt he would like to meet the ringers. When he had arrived at a church unusually early he had felt it right to try and see them, but when he put his head through the outside curtains he found they were ringing and from the look on their faces he had not dared to intrude, knowing that such intrusion would seem like sacrilege to them—like the interruption of divine worship—so he gave them a fatuous smile and retired to the vestry. He hoped they would take his effort at trying to see more of them as having been done, for after the service they had either gone home or embarked upon another three hours' ringing, when he was usually at home.

Ringing, concluded the Bishop, was very much a part of their English heritage. Often

when driving at night to a church and not being sure of the direction he had stopped and listened and heard the bells ringing and had known which way to go.

During the evening there were songs by the Rev. R. Thickness and some amusing sketches by Mr. John Neale and Miss Gillian Edmunds, of Christchurch, also a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Spliced Major on handbells. A peal attempt at Bournemouth failed during the afternoon but some good ringing took place at the Priory and at St. John's, Surrey Road.

The company present included Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Miss Barnes, the Rev. and Mrs. S. Culverwall, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, Miss P. Cartwright, Mr. W. Cheater, Miss Chick, Miss Childs, Miss Crofts, Mrs. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Miss Fletcher, Mr. R. Rex, Mr. D. Reed, Miss Sparshott, Mr. Albert Ward, Sqdn.-Leader A. York-Bramble, Mr. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. W. Glasspool, Mrs. Horne, Mr. Hartless, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Miss J. Gibbon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Matkin, Mr. Marlow and Mrs. Marshall.

The organising committee consisted of the Revs. C. A. Phillips and R. P. Price, Mrs. Marshall, Messrs. A. F. Martin Stewart, J. M. Turner, H. A. Mitchell, W. G. Young and A. V. Davis (hon. secretary).

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Easter Bristol Tour

THE 1951 tour began on April 5th, when about 15 members of the Oxford University Society assembled at an hotel in Bristol for what proved to be a very enjoyable week. The numbers increased considerably over the week-end and altogether about 23 members attended.

Three peals were scored:—Seven Minor methods at Radstock on April 5th, rung by six members who were cycling to Bristol: Plain Bob Major 'in hand' on Sunday, 8th, and Rutland Surprise Major at Twerton the following Tuesday. An attempt for Bristol Surprise Major unfortunately had to be abandoned after 2 hours 50 minutes and also another for Plain Bob Major 'in hand.' Besides the standard methods, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Ashted Surprise Major were rung and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

Our first ringing was at the City practice at SS. Philip and Jacob's on Thursday evening when we had our first experience of the warm hospitality extended to us throughout the tour by the Bristol City ringers.

The first day was marked by extremely bad weather. By the time we arrived at the second tower even the veterans equipped with cycling capes and sou'westers were fairly wet—the rest were quite saturated. But we had some pleasant ringing at seven towers West of Bristol and especially enjoyed the fine eight at Wraxall.

On Saturday ringing took place at towers in and near Bristol. The weather again was doubtful so the men travelled by bus—and the women by cycle. The latter were badly caught, but they arrived first at every tower and rang the bells up; and then, owing to the infrequency of the bus service, were invariably left to ring them down again. The heavy six at Westbury and the eight at Henbury certainly 'sorted them out.'

On Sunday there was ringing at various towers in Bristol, of which the outstanding one was St. Mary Redcliffe. To those who had previously never rung there, this was an unforgettable experience. In the afternoon the handbell peal and peal attempt took place in two separate rooms at Peter Robbins' home, and here we must acknowledge with special gratitude the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins

who not only provided facilities for the handbell ringing at this time and later in the week, but had entertained the whole party on a lavish scale the previous evening and provided tea for the handbell ringers of the sort to which the Oxford University Society always does full justice.

The next day we were joined on our coach trip by several of the Bristol City and University ringers and visited six fine towers of which the most notable were Wells Cathedral, Queen Camel and Yeovil. Those whose tastes ran to architecture as well as bells, found rich delight in Wells Cathedral and, be it added, at many other churches visited during the week.

Ringing the next day centred on Bath. Those not ringing in the peal spent a pleasant hour at Corston and the party then split up to explore some of the sights of Bath, meeting again for ringing at Weston and Bathampton. Later we rang the fine heavy ten at Bath Abbey and returned to Bristol for the practice at St. Mary Redcliffe where we managed to muster an all Oxford University Society band for Cinques.

Our route on Wednesday lay north-west; towers visited included the heavy six at Yate and the pleasant eight at Thornbury, where a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods was successfully brought round.

The last day we travelled south. It was marked by several accidents and if one member had hurt himself as much as he hurt his bicycle, few people would have recognised him on his return to Oxford. We visited some delightful small churches, and even continuous rain during the afternoon and evening could not spoil our enjoyment of the ten at Wrington and the glorious eight at Long Ashton—our last tower and one we shall always remember. And, after all, we were used to the rain by then.

Our thanks are due to all clergy who gave us permission to ring; to the many local ringers who came to lend us a hand; to the Bristol ringers who made us so welcome; to the Master of the Society, Gwyn Thomas, who coped with the organisation of ringing and had, perforce, to deal with the intricacies of the census; and above all to Betty Spice and Peter Robbins, whose careful preparations ensured our comfort and whose choice of towers proved so admirable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct a statement claimed in a footnote to a quarter peal rung at the Festival Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on April 29th, published on page 320.

These bells were rung to changes at a special service attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth one Sunday a few weeks prior to the ban on ringing in 1940.

The belfry was visited by the Mayor and Mayoress while ringing was in progress.—Yours faithfully.

ELLEN E. DAVIS

Balham.

COPT OAK'S PROGRESS

Dear Sir.—My attention has been drawn to a portion of the account of the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting that is rather misleading. The report is on page 298 in the issue dated May 11th and the particular passage is in the part dealing with Copt Oak's progress.

The report states: 'The result was only accomplished after very hard work by the band who had met for practice as many as four times per week.' The facts are as follows:—The band did not normally practise more than once per week. Some weeks, due to members of the band being unable to attend, no practice was held. Four attempts were, however, made in one week for the 105 method peal.

I apologise for the error in reporting and the band would be obliged if you would please make the necessary correction.—Yours faithfully.

W. A. WOOD, Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—I wonder if any of your readers could tell me of any objections to the practice of making the single in Stedman Doubles in the fourth and fifth changes of a six instead of the usual third and fourth changes?

We practise the single quite a lot at St. Maurice's, Winchester, although we have not rung a peal with this type of single. I have examined a 120 of Stedman Doubles closely, using these singles, and can confidently state that the 120 is true in so far that no changes repeat. Unfortunately, I am not sufficiently well acquainted with the rules and decisions of the Central Council to know whether this is unrecognised.

Such a single gives the advantage that a call may be made immediately after the go off as is common in Stedman on higher numbers of bells.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. C. KING.

Winchester.

SPliced RINGING

Dear Sir.—On behalf of those of us who struggled hard to put 'spliced' ringing on the map 30 years ago, I send hearty congratulations to the band which successfully rang the peal of Minor in 105 methods at Copt Oak. Mr. Roland Beniston's achievement as the conductor cannot be allowed to pass without notice and he deserves every praise for his successful effort.

When we rang the 35 method peal at Norbury on December 4th, 1923, we thought we had achieved something and though we knew that a greater number of methods could be rung in 5,040, we never dreamed of 105. So much for something that was once considered 'freak stuff'!

May I take this opportunity of thanking those who have written to me or approached me personally re the book 'Method Splicing,' and to inform those who intend writing that the book is out of print.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER

Loughborough.

YOUNGEST PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Re the query in Belfry Gossip concerning the youngest band to ring a quarter, a complete peal was rung here on April 21st, 1934, in which the average age of the band was 15 years and 2 weeks. If, however, it is thought that a peal isn't the same as a quarter, the same band, on February 10th of that year, did ring a quarter after losing a peal. The average age then would have been 14 years 10 months. This was not, of course, a local band, but it is not clear whether this enters into it.—Yours sincerely.

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GUILD.

Dear Sir,—Can any reader of 'The Ringing World' tell me whether the Royal Air Force Guild of Ringers is still in existence?

The reason for my asking this is that I propose to arrange a peal attempt by R.A.F. personnel, and if the Guild is alive, I feel that the peal should be associated with it.

Would anyone interested please communicate with me, giving full details of their ringing abilities?

The attempt would, of course, be arranged to take place at a tower most convenient to the majority of the band.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, A.C.I.
C.D.O., S.H.Q. R.A.F.,
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PRISTON (SOMERSET) BOY RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. H. Sanger's letter re 'Evercreech's Example' in your issue of March 23rd, I feel he should be congratulated upon his success in training such a young band of ringers in his tower.

I know the spade work he has had before him as I have experienced the same in my tower at Priston. As we are rather an isolated village, with no buses or railways, we rarely see visiting ringers on practice nights unless I run my car to and fro. Nevertheless, I have trained a band of six young boys to ring, their ages varying from 9 to 13 years. The striking of the bells is very good and they have learnt, so far plain courses of Grandsire Doubles.

I am very proud of my young band; they are very keen and have rung in several other towers. Other ringers have envied them and remarked how much they would like them in their own particular tower, and have congratulated them upon their ringing and striking. How many towers can boast of such a young band, which may be the youngest in the country?

These young boys, although sometimes a 'bundle of mischief,' are the right material to instruct in the art of change ringing and to carry on when older ringers retire.

The spade work I have put in I shall never regret; it has been worth it, and in the near future I am hoping to arrange for my young ringers and Harry Sanger's young band to meet in the Priston and Evercreech towers.—Yours sincerely,

E. F. CONNOCK, Ringing Master,
St. Luke's, Priston.

Camerton, Bath.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir.—There is no such thing as a formula for producing 'methods by the bushel,' as stated by J. A. Trollope in 'Ringing World' on June 6th, 1924 and substantiated by the Rev. E. S. Powell a week or so later.

The two gentlemen mentioned 'climbed down' at the Central Council meeting on June 26th, 1931, as reported in 'The Ringing World' of that time and why Trollope should again have reiterated the statement made in June, 1924, in the booklet on 'Variation and Transposition,' published in 1936, passes my comprehension.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER

Brighton

MARRIAGE OF MISS MARY P. HILLIAR

Well-Known Bristol Ringer

The marriage took place on May 19th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, of Miss Mary Patricia Hilliar, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, of Bristol, to Mr. Desmond Guy Mayell, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Mayell, of Brentwood, Essex. The bride, attired in a richly embroidered gown, attended by three bridesmaids, was given away by her father, the best man being Mr. Bert Goddard, of Bentley, Brentwood, a fellow ringer and a friend of the bridegroom.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann. A large gathering of ringers and friends attended the service.

The reception was held at Redcliffe Hall, where 75 persons were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of 27 congratulatory telegrams, which were read by the bride's brother, Mr. Arthur Hilliar.

After the usual toasts were honoured, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. E. F. Hancock 1-2, the bridegroom 3-4, the bride 5-6, the bride's father 7-8. Canon Swann remarked that he had heard of many wedding bells but had never before known the bride and bridegroom to ring their own wedding bells. A toast was honoured to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, whose wedding took place 28 years ago that day.

Mr. Hancock, captain of St. Mary Redcliffe ringers, spoke in appreciative terms of Miss Hilliar's capabilities as a ringer and was glad she was marrying another ringer and hoped they would have lots of good ringing together.

Mr. Harding (chairman, Bristol Rural Branch), also spoke of the excellent work put in by Miss Hilliar, whilst secretary for three years of the Bristol Rural Branch, as by her splendid organising ability she was largely instrumental in placing the Bristol Rural Branch in the position it held in the Association.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe were rung at the ceremony by the Bristol ringers. The honeymoon was spent at Swanage, Dorset, after which the happy couple returned to Brentwood to take up residence, and we wish them every happiness in their future life, and may they have lots of good ringing together.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

North Berks Branch

For the first time since 1947, the annual meeting of the North Berks branch was held at Abingdon, May 19th. Ringing took place at St. Helen's (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) prior to the service which was held at St. Nicholas' Church and conducted by Dr. A. M. Farrer, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Cross, Vicar of Aston Tirrold.

A business meeting in the Roysse Rooms followed tea. Owing to the death of Canon Evans and the absence of the vice-chairman, the chair was taken by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, until the election of the Rev. C. F. Cross as the new chairman of the Branch. There were present the general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; the librarian, Miss M. R. Cross; and the Revs. J. V. Pixell, F. C. Coles, W. B. Goodchild, N. Hope, G. E. Bussell and a company numbering 110.

After the election of officers, at which the Rev. G. E. Bussell was appointed vice-chairman, 37 new members were nominated, a record for the Branch.

The secretary, Mr. A. E. Lock, reported that the Branch was now the second largest in the Guild with a membership of upwards of 280, embracing 26 affiliated towers.

In the evening local towers of Culham, Drayton, Steventon, Radley, Sunningwell and Sutton Courtenay were open for ringing.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Batt (first quarter) 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, B. Williamson (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, W. Viggers 5, Miss E. Stewart 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Williamson 8.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Skelton (first quarter) 1, H. Hatfield 3, Joanna Chase 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggott 5, C. Stockley 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

BILTON, RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 540 Grandsire): Miss E. Burnell 1, H. R. Leach 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, J. A. Toile 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First quarter peal by local Sunday service band.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Groves 1, Miss Reid 2, Miss Solly 3, H. Luck 4, T. Ellender 5, T. Russell (cond.) 6.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Goodridge 1, Miss A. J. Holloway 2, Miss P. Manning 3, Miss M. J. Skinner (first quarter as cond.) 4, Miss M. E. Richards 5, B. Bladon 6, W. W. Daniell 7, J. Durham 8.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On May 3rd, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Leyland 1, J. W. Kay 2, Miss L. Dunn 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, G. Oliver 8.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wiggins 1, M. L. Baughan 2, M. Northway 3, B. Wakefield (first quarter peal) 4, G. J. Hearn (first quarter peal as cond.) 5, E. Brant 6.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On May 12th, 1,680 Grandsire Doubles: S. W. Fitkin 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Tomlinson 6. Longest length for 1 and 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Oliver 1, W. Tyson 2, A. Cowan 3, P. Draffan 4, R. Skelton 5, T. Dodd (cond.) 6, E. Henderson cover bell.—Also on May 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Henderson 1, W. Tyson 2, Miss J. Lewis 3, A. Cowan 4, P. Draffan 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, T. Dodd (cond.) 8.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 12th, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. J. Fowler 1, G. Martin 2, R. Riggs 3, W. Welling 4, F. J. Borcham 5, P. H. Tocco 6, W. Lee 7, E. E. Gosling (first quarter as cond.) 8.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, Miss M. L. Hannam (first 'inside') 2, C. J. A. Brown (first 'inside') 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, A. Baker 2, D. Whatmore 3, A. Cope 4, C. R. Godfrey 5, E. E. Speake 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. T. Davies (first quarter, age 14) 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, R. F. Davies 3, E. W. Colley 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. F. Willcox 6.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Howard 1, B. Holden 2, P. H. Barnwell 3, G. Pinfold 4, A. J. Stuart (cond.) 5, C. Osborne 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Gwendoline Salmon (first quarter T.B.M.) 1, R. Boykett 2, Shirley Barringer 3, A. Perry 4, A. Little 5, Dr. L. Castleden 6, G. Schlueter 7, G. Saunders (cond.) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, Daphne Boulton 2, W. A. Godwin 3, Joyce Morse 4, Eileen Morse 5, A. C. Wenban 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. A. Heath (first quarter) 1, J. Wells (cond.) 2, T. Denyer 3, C. W. Denyer 4, E. Gardner 5, C. Beadle 6, J. Heath 7, C. Wells 8.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joyce Lewis 1, June Ainsworth 2, E. N. Harrison 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, J. Hedley 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Sear 1, H. F. Sargent (cond.) 2, I. Hutchinson 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Bournemouth 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam 7, A. R. Haynes 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, L. Beale 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Hayden 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, W. Wheeler 8. First in method by 3, 5 and 6. To commemorate the official opening of Harlow New Town by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Local Government and Planning.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On May 13th, 1,253 Grandsire Caters: S. Huckle 1, D. Hiscock 2, Miss Mary Cornell 3, D. C. Price 4, D. L. Cull 5, A. R. Ager 6, R. A. Cochran 7, E. Edmondson (cond.) 8, A. F. Cull 9, L. Cull 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 5, 6 and 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, T. W. Kimber 6.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral on May 9th, 1,280 Bob Doubles on the back six: A. R. Wilson 1, D. Lucas 2, L. Lucas 3, S. W. Smith 4, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. Stopps 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Australia.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, A. Holway 2, W. D. Ashdown 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter 6, J. Salway (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Retter on their first wedding anniversary.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Woodley 1, M. Harding 2, L. Bosley 3, C. Bennet 4, D. Woodley (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Bowles (first quarter 'inside') 6.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Richardson (first quarter) 1, C. Hone 2, G. Francis 3, I. Gumbrell 4, L. Weller (first as cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rector of Itchingfield, the Rev. A. R. Godfrey.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Stephens (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Cowley 2, P. Inskip 3, R. Stephens 4, R. Piron 5, W. Izzard 6, M. Stephens (cond.) 7, C. Izzard 8. Rung before the 7 a.m. Communion service.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On May 13th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Benedicta Whistler (first on 10) 1, Anne B. Stockdale 2, R. F. B. Speed (first of Grandsire Caters as cond.) 3, Jacqueline Evans 4, D. J. King 5, D. W. Beard 6, L. J. Fox 7, T. G. Fox 8, B. D. Threlfall 9, W. A. Theobald 10.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. P. T. Peters 5, W. G. Newberry 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by 4, 5, 6 and 7.

LISS, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Wheeler (first quarter) 1, H. E. Tice (50th quarter) 2, C. A. Pound (first 'inside') 3, H. J. Newman 4, A. Betsworth (first as cond.) 5, P. Heath (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by local band.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Daphne Keeley 1, C. E. Teit 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitehead 5, R. Keeley 6, N. Mallett 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Frazer 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, D. Searey 4, W. Vince 5, S. Casley 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. H. R. Soper (a member of the band) and Miss E. M. Worthy, who were married this day. 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung the following evening for service and also as a compliment to Mr. G. Herbert, a former member, on reaching his 70th birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Farey 1, W. Atherbury 2, E. Foster (first quarter) 3, W. J. Allen 4, W. J. Dove (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 5, W. Robinson 6, F. W. Brown 7, F. Farey (first quarter) 8.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Stedman, 240 of Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Miss R. Buchthal 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, A. Elliot 3, D. Woodley (cond.) 4, K. M. Grayson 5, J. Homfray (first quarter) 6.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Varnam (first quarter) 1, S. Pinder 2, R. W. Carlisle 3, H. Seagrave 4, Patricia Lewin (first as cond.) 5, R. E. Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. Crisp (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sheppard 1, C. Turner 2, J. Arbury 3, L. Hine 4, C. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Marks 6, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 7, R. Wood 8.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton (10) 1, H. Carter 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, W. F. Woodward 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, W. Brooker 8. Rung for the christening of John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quimby.

OXFORD.—On May 5th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Renate Buchthal 1, Elizabeth Roe 2, K. M. Grayson 3, N. G. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. Border (cond.) 6.—Also at Carfax Tower, 1,260 Oxford Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Single Oxford and Double Oxford: Susan Brown 1, Shirley Rymer 2, Diana Panting 3, J. B. Guy 4, E. H. Edge 5, F. P. Wright (cond.) 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents each of April Day, Norfolk, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): R. Youdle (first quarter) 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. J. Jones 3, J. Holbrook 4, F. Carter 5, D. Youdle 6.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, 240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, and 300 of Grandsire): P. D. Norman (16) 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner (15) 5, T. Kendrick 6. First quarter in six methods by all except the conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Bob Minor: O. Cripps 1, Sheila Kilbourne (first 'inside') 2, W. E. Simpson 3, Mrs. I. Simpson 4, T. E. Measures 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Butler 1, P. Saunders 2, J. Horsman (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Hunter 4, L. Hunter (cond.) 5, K. Girdler 6.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On April 30th, 1,340 Bob Major: D. Goodridge 1, Miss B. M. Stange 2, Miss B. J. Stange 3, Miss M. Skinner 4, V. Griffin 5, A. R. Peake 6, B. Bladon (first as cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.—Also on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (being 2 six-scores each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and 24 Grandsire), 4,6,8 covering: Miss P. Partridge 1, B. Bladon 2, E. Anger (cond.) 3, W. Ayres 4, E. Boardman 5, M. Collins 6, P. Anger 7, F. Pearce 8. Rung following the Confirmation of Miss P. Partridge.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's on May 4th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: O. N. Curtis 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, P. Page (first on ten) 3, Mrs. J. Kippin 4, Miss J. Cox 5, W. Glasspool 6, R. Brown 7, A. York-Bramble 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, D. Longman 10.—Also at St. Mary's on May 13th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. Richmond (first quarter) 1, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, D. Cecil Williams 4, Miss J. Cox 5, R. W. Rex 6, W. Glasspool 7, E. Brown 8, O. N. Curtis 9, D. Longman 10.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on May 6th, 1,248 Spiced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Watford, Wembley, Rutland, Ealing, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge): R. H. Begrie 1, R. F. B. Speed 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, D. W. Beard 4, W. Williams (cond.) 5, N. J. Diserens 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First quarter in nine methods by all except 2nd.

SOULTON, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willington 1, D. Reeks 2, W. Seldon 3, J. Dunster 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Riddiford 1, B. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, Miss D. Sheppard 4, T. Price 5, T. Wits (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, W. Brunt 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Sharpe.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Rowsell 1, F. Chedzey 2, W. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, S. Jarman 6. First quarter Doubles 1, 2, 4.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pym 1, G. Bagg 2, H. May 3, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 4, R. Coles 5, W. Gibbins 6. A compliment to Harry May, who has been a member of the Devon Guild for 50 years.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On May 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (two extents of 720): R. Ferris 1, J. Rainford 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey 4, A. R. Botting 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6. In honour of the jubilee of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Mulford (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fulbrook 2, K. Leach (first quarter) 3, H. Gregory 4, C. Lester 5, H. White (cond.) 6, H. C. Mulford 7, A. R. Wood (first quarter on eight bells) 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Bishop Shedden.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On May 13th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 600 Cambridge): Miss Doris Marshall 1, R. T. Flint 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. O. Fry, jun. 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, P. W. Weeks 4, W. F. Webb 5, E. Sutton 6. Each ringer conducted two six-scores. In honour of the wedding of Mary Bennett and John H. Davey, both ringers at Bristol.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, K. Mary Cowley 2, G. E. Green (first quarter as cond.) 3, A. H. Hinton 4, W. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts 7, F. C. Case 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 4.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 13th, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. C. Smith 3, R. G. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, H. Parker (first quarter in the method) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Edwards 1, Miss B. Succamore 2, W. Mellin 3, S. Bones 4, W. S. Butler (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. Bright 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN NEAL

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Neal, a valued member of St. Martin's Guild, who passed away in a Birmingham hospital on April 11th, in his 86th year.

He commenced ringing at Moseley Parish Church in 1883 and later joined John Carter's band at St. Philip's Church (now the Cathedral). In 1888 he left Birmingham for Skipton, Yorks, where he rang his first tower bell peal and returned to Birmingham in 1899, rejoining St. Philip's band.

In July, 1903, he became a member of St. Martin's Guild and was a regular member of St. Martin's Sunday service band until 1935, when failing health compelled him to give up ringing for the following eight years and finally, in 1948, he had to cease ringing altogether.

John Neal was a man of fine physique and very pleasing personality. He was a very good heavy bell ringer, having rung the tenor in Guild peals at Southwark and Hereford Cathedrals. At Exeter Cathedral, on July 5th, 1924, he rang the tenor with the late James H. Shepherd as strapper to a peal of Stedman Cinques, being the first peal on the augmented twelve bells.

He rang approximately 350 peals on tower- and handbells, about 100 of these at his beloved St. Martin's, he having 'circled' the old twelve and the first eleven of the recast twelve. He succeeded the late Frank Banks as tower-keeper at St. Martin's; also at St. John's, Deritend (now demolished), he did good work in teaching others to handle a bell. His peals range from Minor to Cambridge Maximus; he also conducted one peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral. On handbells he rang the tenors to several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques and was always very willing to give his services and help to others. His last peal was Bob Major at Edgbaston Old Church in 1935.

He leaves a widow, now in her 85th year and, unfortunately, since his death in the same hospital; and to her and his four sons the deep sympathy of his many friends has been conveyed. St. Martin's loses a very old and valued friend.

MR. A. H. HAYWARD

Ringling in North Devon has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. A. H. Hayward, after a very short illness, on May 12th. The Combe Martin bells were rung muffled for services on Sunday, May 13th, and after the funeral on May 16th.

Mr. Hayward had been chairman of the North Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers since February, 1949, to which office he was appointed when he retired from the office of secretary and treasurer after 26 years of enthusiastic service.

The Combe Martin band have lost a fine leader, friend and instructor, no less than four of the present band having been amongst the ringers originally instructed by him in the art in 1921. They mourn the loss of a good companion who was the core of all their ringing. His high standard of craftsmanship had maintained the bells in excellent order since 1923 when, largely owing to his efforts, they were recast as a ring of eight. He also beautified the ringing room with panelling and, with a small bell hung from the wall, in full working order, the frame and wheel of which were of his own making.

Before coming to Combe Martin, Mr. Hayward had been an active ringer in the Taunton area, especially at Wilton, where he learnt to ring nearly 60 years ago, and at Wiveliscombe. He took part in a number of peals, often as conductor, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

MR. A. ADAMS

The death occurred on May 12th of Mr. A. Adams, of Walsall, of the age of 61 years. He had been a member of the St. Matthew's band for 42 years and the Staffordshire Society since 1910.

His death came after a long and painful illness and after undergoing a serious operation from which he never fully recovered. Not a great peal ringer—his total was 23—he rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall by an entirely local band.

The funeral service was held at St. Matthew's prior to cremation. The ringers present were Messrs. Smith, Walker, Higgins and Eastwood.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung on May 17th as a token of respect.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

The following names are added to the Ringers' Roll of Honour of those who fell in the 1939-45 war:—

Truro Diocesan Guild.

COUCH, W. T., St. Breock.

GARD, J., St. Breock.

Lancashire Association.

RICHARDSON, J., Middleton.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting and Diocesan Festival

In accordance with the revised rules the annual business meeting and diocesan festival were combined and held on May 5th this year at Liskeard, with the neighbouring towers at St. Cleer, St. Ive, St. Keyne, Menheniot and St. Neot. The new plan was quite successful, although several of the older members preferred the old order of things, one reason being that now there is little time for ringing.

The service was held in Liskeard Church, with its fine but hard-going ring of eight, and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Parsons, and the Guild secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella. In the course of his sermon the Vicar confessed that he had never learnt to ring although he was brought up in Oxford, a city that contained more rings of bells than any in England.

At the meeting Miss E. Symons, the president, who took the chair, handed the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, a large photograph of the Dr. Symons' memorial bell now hanging in Madron tower, in appreciation of all he had done in raising money to provide the bell. Mr. Roberts, thanking Miss Symons, said this came as a pleasant surprise and suggested that an annual ringing day might be held at Madron to keep green the memory of the Doctor.

The officers were all re-elected and Messrs. J. Northey and R. Trestain, both unattached members, were added to the general committee.

The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a balance of £27 6s. 4d.

The peal secretary, Mr. C. Lanxon, said that 15 peals had been rung for the Guild in 1950 and that the number of peals now rung for the Guild was over 200.

Canon Peeke sent a form of certificate which he suggested might be awarded to ringers who had done long service. The number of years of service required and the exact form of the certificate were not decided. When the diocesan secretary has put in the number of years required, he will do what some ladies over 70 do about their extra tea, not take it.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting festival at Truro on Saturday, May 7th, 1952, and to ask the new Bishop to give the address at the service.

NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Couzens 1, R. Allcock 2, F. Beals 3, A. Leet 4, R. Owen 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Lentell 1, A. J. North (first 'inside') 2, E. B. Barrington 3, G. J. Gammon 4, F. W. Slocome 5, G. Walford (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, D. M. Bellamy 8. First of Major for 1, 4 and 5. Compliments to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Lentell on the birth of a daughter.

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MEETINGS

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

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. 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.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 8886

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

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. 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. St. Mary's (8) after meeting, if available. Twickenham (S.R.), 667 T.-bus, 33 bus.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 8923

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. 8924

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road Station) on Monday, June 4th, at 7 p.m. Festival visitors welcomed.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8940

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. Meeting at St. Martin's Hall 5. Social Hour Tamworth Arms 6.—A. B. Peck. 8926

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8953

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hessele, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all those who notify, not later than Tuesday, June 5th. Mr. J. Poole, 6, Oatlands Drive, Hessele. 8963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names by 6th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 8961

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Prestbury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. First-class cafes in the village—make your own choice. Short business meeting to follow. Visitors most welcome.—Wilfred Stevenson, Hon. Branch Sec. 8954

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby (8), June 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 6th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8957

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

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 8959

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), June 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. Names by June 8th, to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 8942

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

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, June 9th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8950

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8935

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton, June 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 8945

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 6th.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 8949

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, June 9th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 8930

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting at Bilton Church, near Rugby, on June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying, by Wednesday, June 6th, Mr. W. E. Burnell, 18, Plexfield Road, Bilton, near Rugby. 8951

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea, by June 6th, to W. Starr, Woolley, near Bath.—Mrs. H. Parfrey, Hon. Sec. 8956

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, June 9th. Bring own food. Buses from Chorley 367 at 2.26; Preston 113 at 2.5.—L. Walmsley. 8938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 9th, at Halewood. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.30 (price 2s. 6d.). Names to Mr. J. Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 8958

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Tudor Cafe; afterwards Old Woodhouse. Names, by June 6th, to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield.—C. W. Hall. 8937

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 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by June 4th, to H. C. Count, 65, St. Andrew's Road, Mablethorpe. 8903

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn Bridge, on Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business; tea at local shops.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 8941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Mursley, June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. 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. 8928

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stalbridge on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 8928

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) and business meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than June 2nd.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 8934

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddham, June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names essential, by 5th, to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 8955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, June 6th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8943

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Notify for tea, by June 12th, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 8933

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, at Harwich (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by June 12th, to W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich.—R. Duesbury, Dis. Sec. 8925

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, June 16th, 3 p.m. Bells available. Names for tea to reach Mr. R. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, near Godalming, by the 13th.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 8964

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—June 16th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8952

LADIES' GUILD FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN MEETING.—Join West Midland, Midland, and Lancashire Branches, Nottingham, June 16th. St. Mary's bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing and social evening. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham. All ringers and friends welcome.—Jill Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 8875

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Festival of Britain ringing. Newbury (10), June 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. **Demonstration Lecture** on ringing given by Mr. A. York-Bramble at 6.30, with slides and handbells. Object—to interest the general public in our art. Please give your support and bring prospective recruits. Tea 5, for those notifying, by June 13th. Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67 King's Road, Newbury. 8946

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. S. Osborne, Newnham, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 8947

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 2.30. Tea 4.30 in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Bells—Cathedral 2.30–3.15 and 6–15—7 o'clock: St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8944

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norwich on Saturday, June 30th. The following bells will be available: St. John de Sepulchre's 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.30. Tea in St. Clement's Hall 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, June 23rd, please, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers welcome.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8936

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and **BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Taunton Deanery).—Preliminary Notice! Joint meeting, Silverton, Saturday, July 7th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8962

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