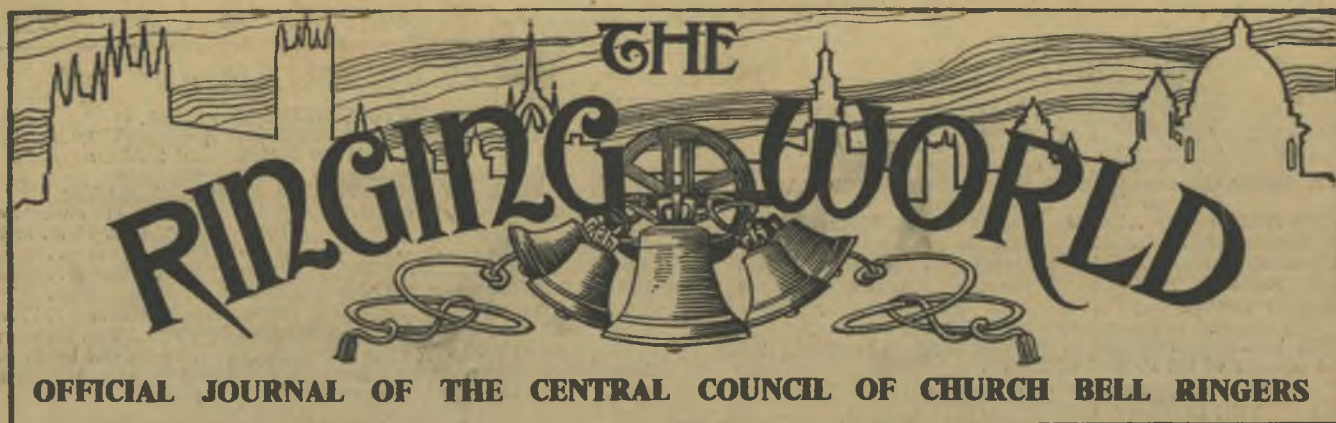




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HISTORIC CHURCHES AND BELLS

THE Church of England is faced to-day with many problems and among them is the preservation of its churches. Some prominence has been given in the Press recently to the dire need of many of the ancient churches, which, apart from the fact that they are in each parish the House of God and the place of worship, are also part of the nation's heritage. The Pilgrim Trust, which in the past has done so much for the preservation of particular churches, has indicated that it is not prepared to continue making grants for such purposes until the Church has found some general policy for grappling with this problem. While there is no lack of evidence that churchpeople have subscribed generously for the maintenance and repair of their ancient churches—a practical example is Chester Cathedral—the position to-day is that there are many great buildings crying out for restoration, which it is entirely beyond the capacity of the inhabitants to meet. Probably the most striking examples are to be found in East Anglia, where great buildings serve tiny and somewhat impoverished populations.

One of these examples from another part of the country reached the Editor this week from the Rev. A. S. Midgley, Vicar of King's Sutton, near Banbury. His parish has a population of 1,500 and he has to find a total of £9,000 for a new church roof, a sum of £6 per head of population. So dangerous is the present structure that the bells have been silenced and no more ringing can take place until the existing roof has been demolished. King's Sutton has one of the few rings of eight bells in South Northamptonshire and it has a keen young band of method ringers. As things are to-day, the only hope for King's Sutton people is outside assistance, and if any of our readers are desirous of helping, their contributions should be sent to The Secretary, Church Restoration Fund, c/o The Vicarage, King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxon.

The Church Commissioners are in the process of trying to collect the necessary information in order to see what the existing needs of the country are. In the Guildford Diocese a questionnaire has been sent to incumbents, and we hope that in making their returns they will state whether their bells are silent because of lack of repair. 'The Ringing World' feels that bells should be included in this nationwide survey. The purport of this return is that the central authorities of the Church should know

what has to be faced in order that they may consider whether the time has come to ask the State to take a share in the upkeep of these buildings, which are, in some degree at least, the property of the nation and not merely the possession of the inhabitants of the parish who belong to the Anglican Communion.

We are reminded that a church building that remains in use as such can never become an 'ancient monument.' That was established in 1913, when the first Ancient Monuments Bill was before Parliament. But the law from which the churches were excluded still did a great deal to encourage the preservation of the English parish church; for when Archbishop Davidson succeeded in having the churches taken out of the Bill, he promised that their own machinery should be set up to see that maintenance and repair should not be neglected or carried out on the wrong lines. It is unlikely that the State will come to the rescue of church buildings unless they come within the provision of the Ancient Monuments Bill and the existing law is amended. On the other hand, unless State assistance is forthcoming, there seems little prospect of saving many of the country's priceless heritages. There is no lack of expert advice on the work that is necessary. The Central Council for the Care of Churches has just issued its eleventh report, and while the Council is not directly able to assist dilapidated churches with funds they need for repairs, it can at least ensure through its statutory relations with the diocesan authorities that, as building and repairs become possible, the worst of the old mistakes that were once too common shall be avoided.

It is important that we as ringers should watch the trend of events. Every Guild and Association should periodically make a survey of the bells in its territory and present to the diocesan authorities a statement showing the exact state of bells in its area. The information, if collated, would be very valuable. The report should be as comprehensive as possible, and where rings of bells are defective, the main reasons should be given. We have cases similar to King's Sutton of good bells in unsafe towers. These should be duly noted. Where recent surveys have been made, as in the case of Oxfordshire by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the information is readily available, but there are many areas where information is somewhat scanty. Mr. R. H. Dove, in his 'Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain,' gives a certain amount of information, but it is important that this should be brought up to date.

TEN BELL PEALS

INVERARAY, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 5, 1951, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

*EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 600th peal. The first peal of Surprise Royal in Scotland. Rung for the opening of the Festival of Britain.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*CHARLES R. GODFREY .. Treble	SAMUEL BIRCH .. 6
HENRY HUBBALL .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES .. 7
HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 8
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 9
†DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 5	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'
First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Guild.
A Festival of Britain peal.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. Treble	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	*LEONARD RODMELL .. 7
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER .. 8
*JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 4	*CHARLES BARKER .. 9
†COLIN HARRISON .. 5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT CHEIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	PETER O. LAFLIN .. 7
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. 9
JACK BRAY .. 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. The conductor's 400th peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	ALLEN MORGAN .. 8
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
*WM. H. A. COMPTON .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a 78th birthday tribute to Mr. Ernest Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 2,752 Cambridge, 2,304 Superlative, with 114 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

JOHN BEARDMORE .. Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE .. 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
RONALD BARLOW .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by ALAN CATTELL.

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

First peal of Spliced for the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a welcome to Mrs. J. J. Hall, donor of the bells, on her return to The Hall, Broughton.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 5
*WILLIAM WENBAN .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PATRICIA M. WAREHAM .. Treble	†DONALD NIBLETT .. 5
†RENATE BUCHTHAL .. 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 6
M. ELIZABETH ROE .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 7
†ALASTAIR ELLIOT .. 4	†JOHN B. GUY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN B. GUY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. § First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE .. Treble	GEORGE SKINNER .. 5
FRANK N. BASTIN .. 2	WILLIAM REEKS .. 6
JOHN L. P. GLANVILL .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
WILLIAM A. WILLS .. 4	*H. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

* First peal. Heavitree's contribution to the Festival inauguration. Also a farewell to the tenor man, who is shortly leaving the district.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY J. SPICE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 5
JAMES BENNETT .. 2	WILLIAM PACKER .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
SYDNEY W. BALL .. 4	JACK DAFTERS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

A Festival of Britain peal. Also as an 89th birthday compliment (May 14th) to Mrs. Wm. Spice, mother of the treble ringer.



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NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY Treble	*HAROLD G. SMITH 5
FRANK BARNARD 2	HERBERT SUTTON 6
FREDK. S. SUTTON 3	JOHN E. BROUGH 7
GEORGE A. PACKER 4	STANLEY SUTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung for the induction as Rector of the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	†PERCY D. BALBOCK .. 5
†RONALD RUSSELL 2	*FRANK W. LACK 6
†LESLIE WITTEN 3	JOHN H. BLUFF 7
HERBERT GOAKES 4	BRIAN WARWICK Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. The conductor's first peal of Treble Bob and 50 peal as conductor. Festival of Britain peal.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	RONALD BARLOW 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 13, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 67 lb. in F.

JOHN LUNHAM Treble	THOMAS R. HAMMOND .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. 7
ERIC J. GILBERT 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT 5
CANON C. CAREW COX .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT 6
ROGER KEELEY 3	HENRY G. KEELEY 7
J. LEONARD GLYDE 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival and also the Festival of Britain. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE, N. WALES.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5
W. NORMAN PARK 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	HENRY O. BAKER 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS and
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

*TIMOTHY COBB .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	THOMAS PRICE 6
GEORGE CASE 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 7
WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	ALBERT H. BOOTH 5
*MARY DREW 2	ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HENRY PARKER 7
DAVID SMITH 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Major away from treble. Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Noah Smith, a local ringer.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen, Witton,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5
C. HENRY HARDING 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2	THOMAS SIMMONS 6
ERNEST A. HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
JACK BAILEY 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 6
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY .. 3	*HAROLD TAYLOR 7
*MAURICE BAILEY 4	MARK J. BARKER Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES W. JONES .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
FRED C. LYNE 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
†JAMES CORBETT 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 7
CLIFFORD J. DARKE .. 4	†A. JAMES COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Lee, to the living of St. Mary's.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

CECIL W. PIPE .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
A. ERNEST LONG 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
WALTER R. FARROW 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON .. 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	*HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 50th peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	*ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung for the installation of Canon George Vaughan, B.D., Rector of Farnon, Hon. Canon of Chester Cathedral.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Turley.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GIBSON JACKSON Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK P. WRIGHT Treble	PETER BORDER 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 6
*SUSAN M. BROWN 3	JOHN B. GUY 7
*DIANA M. PANTING .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. Treble	WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
JOHN HILL 3	WILLIAM THORNTLEY, JUN. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on tower bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	ALBERT PRYKE 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	FRANK V. GANT 6
*COLIN E. WRIGHT 3	HARRY TURNER 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	JOHN H. STICH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung with the best wishes of the company to Mr. D. G. Mayell and Miss M. P. Hilliar, whose wedding was solemnised at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday, May 19th.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HORACE O. OVER Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method.

CURRY RIVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

F. Dexter's Variation.	
JACK DREW Treble	*PHILIP W. WEEKS 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	ROGER O. FRY 6
HARRY J. GAYLARD 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
GEORGE PRESCOTT 4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary P. Hilliar and Desmond G. Mayell.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Eastern Division.)

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 5
*RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY .. 3	*ROBERT W. PERCY 7
†GEORGE BEENEY 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. Rung for the birth of Charles Robert and Susan Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Percy.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WILLIAM G. HAIR Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
PETER MARRIOTT 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Festival of Britain peal.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES E. F. EASLEY .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON .. 4
J. MARTIN PAGE 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. 5
F. STEDMAN POOLE .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal, aged 13. A Festival of Britain peal.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS Treble	CHARLES NORTON .. 4
*ALAN WEARE 2	WILLIAM CAVILL .. 5
*GWILYM G. SALMON .. 3	FREDERICK SANDY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVILL.

* First peal. Festival of Britain peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Treble	JOHN A. HILTON .. 4
*JEANNE N. ROBERTS .. 2	PETER NEWING .. 5
DEREK J. WILSDEN .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal. An 18th birthday compliment to Peter Newing.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Bartholomew, St. Dunstan, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	RONALD F. COLLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to mark the 23rd anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
*DENIS R. WOODS 2	CYRIL WANDER 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	H. REGINALD WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Festival of Britain peal.

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DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's of St. Simon's and twelve 120's each of Grandsire, Canterbury Reversed and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*MICHAEL PARKINSON .. Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3
†MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 | MOSES BILLINGS .. 4

W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor in four methods.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble | C. WILLIAM NUTT .. 4
MONICA DAVIS .. 2 | JOHN J. WEBB .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. 3 | REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE. THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. Treble | †DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
*BRIAN HARRIS .. 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY .. 5
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK R. MITCHELL .. Treble | DENIS A. FRITH .. 4
DONALD H. METTAM .. 2 | BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5
HARRY BARNES .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble | THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 4
*K. MARY COWLEY .. 2 | WILLIAM YATES .. 5
*GEORGE E. GREEN .. 3 | †GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two combined extents of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble | *SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 4
JANET S. BAILEY .. 2 | *TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 5
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal in seven methods.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP BARNES .. Treble | *THOMAS RADFORD .. 4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 2 | FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 3 | ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal. The conductor's 25th peal for the above Association.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HORACE HILLMAN .. Treble | F. GEORGE BAILEY .. 4
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 2 | WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
FRANK SHARP .. 3 | *ARTHUR YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

* First peal in two methods.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Hereward, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. 2 | LEONARD DERRICK .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 3 | RONALD G. BECK .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*ANDREW J. H. SCOTT .. Treble | STANLEY D. SUTTON .. 4
A. TREVOR SUTTON .. 2 | *FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5
A. LENNARD SHEPHERD .. 3 | †ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. L. Shepherd.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble | HENRY PARKER .. 4
MARY DREW .. 2 | ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
DAVID SMITH .. 3 | *HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* 150th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. The quickest peal on the bells.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY COMMINS .. Treble | TOM HANCOCK .. 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 2 | *ARCHIE GALE .. 5
CLAUDE TARR .. 3 | †WILLIAM WINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

NEWINGTON (HYTHE), KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*JEANNE N. ROBERTS .. Treble | *PETER J. H. SMALL .. 4
PETER NEWING .. 2 | THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3 | WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Hereward, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Treble | VICTOR SAVAGE .. 4
A. GEORGE CLARE .. 2 | †LEONARD DERRICK .. 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 3 | RONALD G. BECK .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Thurs., May 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
At 52, RICHMOND ROAD,***A PEAL 5079 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, a touch of 39 changes. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 3-4

WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A Festival of Britain peal.

DROGHEDA, EIRE.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Fri., May 4, 1951, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,**At 26, WILLIAM STREET,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Mrs. F. E. DUKES .. 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4

*ROBERT W. SMYTH .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES. Witness: MISS A. HENNESSY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 5-6.

COVENTRY.**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., May 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,**At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,***A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

H. ERNEST SIBLEY .. 1-2 | PAUL WILLIAMSON .. 5-6

FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3-4 | FRANK E. PERVIN .. 7-8

HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY. Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,**At GLYN GARTH,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN E. ALLEN .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. 5-6

CYRIL WANDER .. 3-4 | STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,**At THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

*TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4

LAURENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: HOWARD N. GREGORY.

* First peal away from the tenors. Birthday compliment to Diana

M. E. Goodman, sister of the conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2 | *DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Witnesses: ETHEL FLETCHER, ALBERT H. WARD, and ARTHUR G. JAMES.

* 150th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,**At 52, RICHMOND ROAD.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER .. 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4

WALTER R. BEEBE .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

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for publication in 'The Ringing World,'
should be addressed to the retiring secretary
of the committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The
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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Last year we recorded
that the ringers of All
Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W.,
had rehung their tenor on ball bearings, with a
steel headstock. On April 24th a fracture was
discovered in the axle of the treble and the
company decided to rehang the remaining five
with ball bearings and steel headstocks at their
own expense. The steel, with difficulty, has
been obtained. The work is being carried out
by Bruce Dunbar and George Williamson with
Bobby Ferris as labourer.

Mr. W. A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks, rang
his 70th peal on his 70th birthday (May 17th)
and 'completed the circle' of the tower.

Mr. J. Swindley, one of the oldest members of
the Chester Diocesan Guild and for many years
captain of the Cathedral band, died on May
25th, aged 78. A memoir will appear in our
next issue.

Mr. Leslie Evans, of Eardisland, is the new
Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. A
report of the successful annual festival at Leo-
minster on Whit Monday will appear in our
next issue.

There was a scene after a combined practice
at Wonston, Hants, recently, when a well-known
Bosham and Winchester ringer found that the
'apple of his eye,' his brand-new motor-bicycle,
had disappeared. Practical jokes have their
limit!

The peals rung at Radstock and Binegar
(Somerset) on Whit Monday were the result
of an attempt to ring three peals during the
day; the first, at Chilcompton, being unsuccess-
ful. Last August Bank Holiday, the first peal
was scored and the other two were unsuccessful.
However, third time lucky!

BELFRY GOSSIP

In recognition of his ser-
vices to the Essex Associa-
tion, Mr. G. L. Joyce has
been made a life vice-president of the Associa-
tion. A report of the Association's very suc-
cessful annual meeting will appear next week.

Having passed her Girl Guide Bellringing
Badge test some weeks ago, Miss Jill Vernon, of
Stoney Stanton, Leics, rang her first peal in her
local tower on May 19th and received the con-
gratulations of the band for the way she rang
her bell throughout the peal.

The birth of twins to Mrs. Percy, the wife of
Mr. R. W. Percy, was commemorated by a
peal at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on May 19th.
The peal was rung at the second attempt, the
first lasting over one hour. A wit of the party
suggested an attempt for the peal for each of
the twins.

Mr. E. Percy Thomas, whose gifts to his
parish church of Claines, Worcester, include
five new bells and an electric clock, had a 78th
birthday compliment paid to him in the form
of a peal of Stedman Caters rung there on
May 18th. His interest in bells and ringers
is well known in Worcestershire and elsewhere,
and when the Cathedral bells were recast in
1928, he played a large part in the scheme.

Admired at the social evening that followed
the Central Council meeting at Chester was the
case of tankards that accompanies the Chester
Diocesan Guild special company when they
attempt new records or go for special peals.
Each ringer has his own tankard with his re-
cord engraved on it. One member has five
such peals recorded. We could get no satis-
factory explanation why Mr. Walter Allman's
was of quart size and the others just modest
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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

A progress report on the preparation of a Central Council handbook was submitted by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. The price of the 1927 edition was 1s. 3d., so allowing for a rather larger book, a present-day price of 5s. would not be excessive.

Proposals for the handbook were:—

1. Title: Handbook of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, 1951. Naming present officers on title page (possibly with frontispiece photograph of Canon G. F. Coleridge).

2. Preface. If Mr. E. Alexander Young were invited to contribute a short preface, this would provide continuity with the 1927 edition. It would be countersigned by the present president and secretary.

3. The Council—its history, aims and procedure. This section to be re-written, and could be divided into sub-sections dealing with the three main aspects mentioned. This account should include mention of the more important actions of the Council in the past.

4. Rules of the Council—as adopted 1950.

5. Decisions of the Council—as to be adopted 1951.

6. Members of the 21st Council (1951-1954).

(i) Honorary and life members—alphabetical order.

(ii) Representative—classified under affiliated associations and guilds.

It would be a great asset if addresses could be given. Old and new members should be signified.

7. Active committees of the Council. Each member to be described, with names of convenor and other members.

8. Publications of the Council. This should include guiding notes where appropriate.

9. The Council's Library. The Librarian to be invited to prepare an account.

10. The Council's Journal. A concise history, with details appertaining to the policy and production of 'The Ringing World.'

The above would form the main body of the handbook and following this would be a group of factual appendices.

APPENDICES

(a) Annual meetings of the Council since its foundation.

(b) Past and present officers of the Council.

(c) List of members of the Council, 1891—1950.

This would be an alphabetical list covering Council 1—20 but excluding the current Council. Having been compiled, this list need not further be revised (except to indicate subsequent deaths) but a new list should be commenced covering Councils 21 onwards which would first appear in the next edition.

Each name in the list would occupy one line of print only, giving the following details:—

Name, initials and title, year of birth (and death, where applicable), period(s) of membership of the Council, symbol or abbreviation to indicate guild or society represented or if honorary, finally an indication of continuing service in the 21st Council.

The total number of names would possibly be of the order of 750, which, at 50 to a page, would require 15 pages of text, not unduly heavy in demand on available space, and a most worthy record.

The Biographies Committee would doubtless have this information readily available.

TRIENNIAL SUPPLEMENT

At the beginning of each new Council, i.e., every three years, a supplement would be published giving the names and addresses of members of the new Council, and any alterations in work or constitution of the committees.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee recommended that the Committee be authorised to go ahead with the production of a handbook on the lines suggested.

This was agreed to.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Will readers please substitute the following report for that which appeared on page 345 under this heading.

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 number of names was 221. Since then he had had other names and the total was now 289. The Council had to decide whether the Roll should be incorporated in the previous one or bound up separately. He had taken advice both in London and Oxford. At London he consulted the librarian at St. Paul's Cathedral (Mr. Gerald W. Henderson) and he advised against it being bound up with the present Roll of Honour of the 1914-18 war. He put him in touch with Mr. Ball, and his estimate for writing 280 odd names on vellum, and binding was £75. He then consulted Mr. Charles Batey, printer to the University Press at Oxford, and his estimate for printing the Roll on hand-made paper, and binding in morocco was £60.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee considered this question and the estimates given by Mr. Ball and the Oxford University Press and certain advice given by Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild) and they recommended that Mr. Clarke be co-opted to this committee with a view to making further enquiries and in obtaining estimates in other directions.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved this recommendation which was accepted by the Council.

NEXT MEETING

The secretary announced that the Council had been invited to visit Lincoln next year and an invitation to Newcastle had been received for the following year. The Standing Committee recommended that the invitation to Lincoln be accepted. This was agreed to.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, said: 'It is 29 years since the Council were last in Lincoln and we are very pleased to hear that they have voted in our favour. We shall do our best to give you a hearty welcome.'

BARRON BELL TRUST

Mr. C. W. Pipe said at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild he was instructed to seek information concerning the Barron Bell Trust. He should like to know how an application was made and whether it was likely to be successful.

Mr. Clarke: I have had occasion to write to the Barron Bell Trust three or four times and each time there has been no answer.

Mr. W. Pullinger: That is the position. The present trustee is Mr. Hopkins, whose last address was at Christchurch. A number of applications have been made and the letters are unanswered. I wonder if the proper thing is not to take the matter up with the Charity Commissioners so as to ascertain the position. I believe the Charity must be registered.

Mr. G. Harding said a tower in the Swindon branch recently had a very substantial grant. Another tower made an application but had no reply. He had a word with the person from the successful church and it appeared that Mr. Hopkins took no notice of any correspondence or circulars from begging bellringers but if the person in search of the grant met Mr. Hopkins personally he might be successful. It was no use writing.

Mr. J. W. Jones: I know of several cases of persons writing and receiving no reply.

The President: I think the answer is that for any one to be successful he should go to Christchurch and meet Mr. Hopkins. If Mr. Hopkins did not like the church or the vicar's face then there was no grant.

BUTLIN'S CAMP RINGING

The President: There is a question I want to raise concerning a ringing competition in connection with Butlin's Camps. Mr. Pugh, who is head chaplain of Butlin's Camps, got into touch with me and, with Mr. Hughes, I interviewed Mr. Pugh. Mr. Pugh had already communicated with the Diocesan Bishops and told me that Mr. Butlin was willing to give a prize to be rung for in a national competition with finals at Skegness. He (Mr. Butlin) understood that ringing was a dying art and he wished to do something to revive it. Mr. Pugh is a very energetic man who has done a good deal to improve the religious life in the camps. Except in very few districts we cannot say that ringing is a dying art or there is a lack of young ringers.

With one or two exceptions, the Bishops seemed to be in favour of the national competition. For that reason we could not turn the thing down stone cold although that was my first inclination. I asked Mr. Fletcher to circulate a letter to the Standing Committee and about a dozen members replied and in practically every case they were against the competition.

After all the Associations have done in the last 70 years to get rid of prize-ringing we thought it was a very retrograde step. I propose to write within the next day or two to Mr. Pugh pointing out that we very much appreciate Mr. Butlin's generous offer but the whole idea is based on a false conception of the fact that we do not consider that there is a dearth of young ringers or that ringing is a dying art and that the idea of a competition is repugnant to all the Societies affiliated to the Central Council. At the same time there are certain ways Mr. Butlin can help ringers going to camps. One is that a set of handbells be provided in each camp and a notice displayed inviting ringers to get in touch with the chaplain who would try and get facilities for ringing. I am also suggesting that the chaplain get in touch with the Diocesan or County Association and meet the local secretary and ascertain times of Sunday ringing in the locality and practice nights, so that any stray ringer should get some ringing.

Another thing, which is more important. We should send a copy to all Diocesan Bishops pointing out the reasons for turning it down because I feel it is a good opportunity to educate the Bishops. I feel certain they do not realise the feeling of ringers with regard to prize-ringing.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I propose we ask our president to write that letter.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

The action was approved.

RINGERS' SERVICE BOOK

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had been in correspondence with the Guildford Guild during the last few weeks about the production of a new service book. They wanted to print a new service book and had rather shelved the idea because they wanted a better selection of ringing hymns and an intelligent service. Norwich was interested and he was wondering how much further they could induce the Central Council to let this book be a nation-wide service book for ringers. He hesitated to suggest that it should be the service book to be used all over the country as Elizabeth Tudor found to her cost. At any rate it might be convenient to a considerable number of Guilds.

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The Central Council—Cont.

They had duplicated advance copies which were available for anyone interested. It might be that the Central Council could persuade the S.P.C.K. to produce a new manual for ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

Mr. T. Butler submitted a plea that the 'Ringing World' should publish all true extents of 5,000 with two or three cover bells, to be given under the heading of miscellaneous or unauthorised performances.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis sympathised with Mr. Butler and thought that such performances should be published.

Mr. C. Kippin: I am going to support that. A peal of Doubles with a cover was put in 'The Ringing World' under the heading 'A New Band's Encouraging Start.' I thought it was the title of a cynic!

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I recommend the Committee of 'The Ringing World' should consider this point in their deliberations.

Mr. T. Butler: Does it mean that you will lose 12 months?

The President promised that the Committee would take note of the point.

Mr. Atkins said a peal of Doubles was rung in Essex with covers and the band did not know any better. It upset all their members that it was not published. He suggested that such performances be published.

THE ATTENDANCE

The Secretary reported that 33 associations were fully represented at the meeting, 17 associations partly represented and four not represented. There were 118 representative members, four life members and nine honorary members present, making a total of 131 with 35 absent. This was a record attendance.

VOTES OF THANKS

The President: It is usual for me to propose an omnibus vote of thanks. I want to include the Bishop of Chester for giving us the welcome he has; the Dean for all arrangements in connection with the Cathedral and for arranging the service this morning; the Chester Diocesan Guild, particularly mentioning the master and the secretary, who had done a great deal of work; Mr. Edwards for arranging peals; and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the resolution was carried.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed a vote of thanks to the president, to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the way they had carried out the business of secretary, to Mr. Hooton and Mr. Hughes and also to Mr. White, editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The vote was carried with acclamation.

A report of the revision of the decisions of the Council will be published when the various amendments have been checked by the convener of the Sub-Committee.

The representatives were most hospitably entertained to tea by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The thanks of the company were expressed by the president and acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Clarke, the Master of the Guild.

A social evening followed at the Blossoms Hotel, when some very good handbell ringing was demonstrated by bands from Lincolnshire and Leicester.

JOINT MEETING AT MEASHAM

About 40 ringers and friends attended a joint meeting of the Midland Counties Guild and the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Measham on May 19th.

During the afternoon and evening this light, handy ring of eight was kept going to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise.

An excellent tea was served in the school-room; this was very kindly prepared by the local ringers and friends.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. J. W. Cotton and Mr. A. E. Rowley, the two respective Central Council representatives, made a short report on the recent meeting at Chester.

J. A. U.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL AT INVERARAY

Peal Saved by Presence of Mind

THE origin of this peal began with a chance remark that several of the band had rung a peal on the first and third rings of ten in order of weight of tenor and was followed by the suggestion that the trio should be completed. It was decided that the opening of the Festival of Britain would be an admirable opportunity and by the beginning of the year permission had been obtained and a band briefed. It was, of course, necessary to take ropes and each man was asked to be responsible for finding a suitable rope. The band arranged to travel in two parties, one of seven to leave early on Friday and the second of three on Friday afternoon.

The first party left their rendezvous at Saddleworth early on Friday, May 4th, and proceeded via Bradford, where they picked up the three Yorkshire members, to Carlisle for lunch. After lunch, the journey continued through Glasgow, at rush hour, via Loch Lomond to the shores of Loch Fyne and the town of Inveraray. Here, after an excellent dinner, handbell ringing was indulged until bedtime. Meanwhile the rear party was on its way with an additional member, who came to listen, and proceeded via Kendal where the fell-walking enthusiast was picked up, to Carlisle for dinner. From there they had a windy journey to Lanark where they spent the night. Early next morning they were on the way again by the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond to Inveraray, arriving just in time for lunch.

While they had been travelling, the advance party had not been idle, for they had thoroughly examined the bells and fittings and, ably led by Ralph Edwards and Walter Allman, had seen to it that the bells were all properly greased, ropes fitted, pulley blocks in order and all the hundred and one items necessary to ensure success. In this they were greatly helped by the kindness of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in sending a tin of suitable grease and a grease gun by post, to await them.

The bells were raised before lunch and several minor adjustments made so that everything should go smoothly in the afternoon. A very cheerful party sat down to a substantial meal and afterwards wandered in the direction of the tower, not many yards distant. This tower is a fine structure and was built specially to house the bells and at the same time it was intended to build the church on to the tower but it seems that interest in this project has now died with the death of the Duke. The bells themselves are an excellent ring of ten with a tenor of 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. and the frame is one of the best the band had ever seen. In view of the absence of ringers there, the condition of the frame and fittings is adequate testimony to British workmanship.

Soon after 2.30 the band assembled in the tower made the last few final adjustments and at 2.40 the conductor called 'Go.' For the first few minutes the noise in the ringing room proved a little troublesome, particularly to the light end, but soon everyone was comfortably settled down and some excellent ringing resulted. After about 55 minutes' ringing a loud crack was heard as something hit the floor. The thoughts of the band at that moment showed in their faces. Was something coming apart? Was someone outside throwing stones at the boarding on the west side of the tower? Had some irate Scot taken out his shotgun and was taking pot shots at the tower?

PRESENCE OF MIND

All speculation was silenced ten minutes later when the iron ceiling boss on the ninth slid swiftly down the rope and gave the ringer (Mr. Ralph G. Edwards) a smart crack on the knuckles. Fortunately it occurred as he pulled off at backstroke so, letting go the end, he allowed the boss to slide off the rope as he caught the sally. His presence of mind undoubtedly

saved the situation and, apart from a badly-cut knuckle and three of four bad blows, the whole incident passed off without upset. Needless to say, for the rest of the peal many an anxious eye was cast ceilingwards by the other members of the band. In fact the ringer of the ninth afterwards remarked he was glad it was his boss which had come adrift for he did at least know where it was.

The peal proceeded to an uneventful end except for perhaps a little troublesome sunshine during the last hour or so which affected the third and fourth mainly. The ringing throughout was of an excellent character and when, at 6.42, the bells ran into rounds the band had the justifiable feeling that their efforts had not been in vain. Reports from our outside observer confirmed the inside impression and a visit from some of the local people who said how much they had enjoyed it confirmed our perhaps biased opinion. It is, however, only fair to record that the waiter at the hotel, who had been told to listen to the Sassenachs said with emphasis that he could have done better on the bagpipes! All attempts to get him to try proved unavailing, nevertheless.

THE CHRISTENING

At dinner that evening, at which the guest was the Rector, a happy party pursued its way through a somewhat lengthy menu, for Englishmen at any rate, but which appeared to be the usual thing for the Scots. We can recommend Scottish meals. Handbell ringing in the lounge provoked many questions from interested guests and the high spot of the evening was the 'christening' of certain drinking utensils of which more will be heard on future occasions. One member found his so limited in capacity that he had to replenish it five times before he thought the ceremony concluded.

At a late hour a tired but happy band of ringers retired to rest having accomplished another self-imposed task. Next morning an early start was made and at 9.30 the return journey was commenced and the two cars set off for Lockerbie where lunch had been arranged for one o'clock and, needless to say, they arrived there with ten minutes to spare. From Lockerbie the convoy continued to Kendal where the two cars parted company, one to go into Yorkshire and the other to Lancashire and Cheshire.

The peal could not have been accomplished without the fullest co-operation of all concerned and thanks are due to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the attempt. Taylors for their help, to Ralph Edwards for his hard work on the bells, to Walter Allman for his organisation and the car drivers and owners for the transport. Things we would like to know are:—

(1). What 'Beautiful Thought' did some of the party harbour?

(2). Who was the driver who changed his 'political' label as he grew more accustomed to a strange car? From 'conservative' through 'liberalised' to 'socialised'.

(3). Who was it who, at two o'clock on Monday morning, decided he had ridden far enough and decided to walk the rest of the way (3—4 miles) home. (Moral—look at the petrol gauge next time.)

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A beautiful day on Whit Saturday and a fine ring of bells made the Society's meeting at North Cave very enjoyable. The Rev. C. M. Oswell met the visitors, gave them a hearty welcome and later conducted the service. A feast of home-cooked dainties was provided by local ladies for the tea in the Temperance Hall.

At the business meeting, Hutton Cranswick was selected for the annual meeting in July. In the evening some good touches of St. Clement's, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. HARRY KILBY

The death of Mr. Harry Kilby, at the age of 72, on May 23rd, removes from Middlesex one of the most respected of ringers. Throughout his ringing career he was associated with the Willesden tower. His first peal was one in four Minor methods in 1898 at Willesden and was rung for the Society of Cumberland Youths. There was for many years a flourishing six-bell band at Willesden and before the bells were augmented to eight in 1915 they succeeded in ringing extents in all the known Minor methods.

Mr. Kilby was an accomplished ringer and enjoyed nothing better than ringing the seventh to a peal in a Major method. It was most unusual for him to make a mistake in a peal and he took pride in the way he struck his bell. In all he rang 235 peals, ten of which he conducted. Of this total 164 were rung at Willesden. He took part in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in five to twelve methods, conducted by the late William Pye, and also in a number of other methods rung for the first time at Willesden.

He was tower secretary of St. Mary's, Willesden from 1914, when the band joined the Middlesex County Association, until he retired from active ringing a few years ago. During that time many ringers received from him encouragement and opportunities for ringing in the more advanced methods. In 1939 he was elected Master of the Middlesex County Association and held that office for the following five years.

He was interred in Willesden Churchyard on May 28th. Those present included Mrs. H. Kilby (widow), Mr. E. H. Kilby (son), Mr. G. M. Kilby (brother), Mr. R. G. Kilby (nephew), Messrs. A. Cutler, A. W. Coles, H. C. Collier, H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. E. C. S. Turner and Mrs. L. Bowler. There were many wreaths and in addition to those from the members of his family, there were others from the Willesden ringers, the Middlesex County Association, the staff of the Royal Academy of Music, where he was employed for many years, and the Almora Cricket Club.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Messrs. A. W. Coles and H. G. Hart. The tower bells could not be rung as the tower is under repair but a half-muffled quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in the evening at Harrow Weald. E. C. S. T.

An Appreciation

Mr. Harry Kilby, captain of the band at St. Mary's, Willesden, for a number of years, was a gentleman whose unsaid motto was 'I serve.' He was a ringer whose conduct and ability was of a very high order and would have been more well known but for his retiring nature and desire to remain behind the scenes.

Mr. Kilby set an example of punctuality and perseverance and was as happy in helping someone not so far advanced as in performing himself.

Many will attribute their progress and success in eight-bell ringing to Mr. Kilby's unfailing interest, deeply regretting the loss of a true friend, but confident that God will welcome him with 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

T. J. L.
K. M. L.

MR. G. N. IVES

We regret to record the death of Mr. George N. Ives, aged 40, of Rayne Road, Braintree, Essex, who died in hospital on May 19th.

The funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, Braintree. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. At Cavendish, Suffolk, his native village, where he learnt to ring, the bells were rung half-muffled in the afternoon.

MR. THOMAS H. REEVES

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Henry Reeves, suddenly, at his home, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, on May 18th, aged 67.

He had been in failing health following a seizure while on business in Sheffield and, after leaving hospital there, was able to return to his home with fairly high hopes that he would eventually recover. Only a week before his death, he had been to his office in the city and had intended going again on the day he died but was persuaded not to by his wife, who had so carefully nursed him. Now his family mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father, and the St. Martin's Guild a vice-president and a good and faithful servant. He served as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild for 20 years and ably maintained the high tradition of service handed down to him by his immediate predecessor, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, who served in the same office, also for 20 years.



MR. T. H. REEVES

As many know, the duties involve the arranging of the annual 'Johnson Dinner,' and these he successfully carried out to the satisfaction and comfort of all who attended and his familiar figure and cheery voice will be missed by his many friends not only in Birmingham, but throughout the ringing Exercise and they, with we of St. Martin's Guild, mourn the loss of a very dear friend.

Tom, as he was familiarly called, was the son of a famous ringing father, the late Samuel Reeves, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and for many years parish clerk at Christ Church, West Bromwich, where he was also in charge of the 12 bells. Here he taught his son to handle a bell and later conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Hartlebury in 1903. A few years later Tom conducted the same composition at Christ Church. He, with his father, took part in the silent, non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Christ Church on November 20th, 1909, no mean performance for one so young. His peals totalled 283 and were in a variety of methods on six to twelve bells. He was also an excellent conductor, having called peals on eight, ten and twelve bells. Tom was also a prominent Freemason and in the Craft had attained high provincial rank. He had rung in several Masonic peals.

The first part of the funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Sparkhill, where he and his family had attended for many years, and was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Tetley. A good number of Freemasons were present and the St. Martin's Guild was well represented. The Vicar, in his address, paid a very high tribute of his services to the Church and as a bell-

ringer at St. Martin's and as an excellent husband and father. A Masonic tribute followed, after which a course of Triples was rung on handbells by J. F. Harvey, A. Walker, E. C. Shepherd and G. E. Fearn. The cortege then proceeded to Perry Barr Crematorium, and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his memory at St. Martin's, where he had been a Sunday service ringer for many years.

Truly it can be said of Tom Reeves: 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' A. W.

MR. V. R. HITCHMAN

We regret to record the death of Mr. V. R. Hitchman at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on May 13th, aged 76.

He was a member of a Harwell family and in recent years lived at a small village in the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild. His last pull was at Great Tew about three years ago, where he had rung for the last 12 years.

Mr. Hitchman was a good striker and Stedman was his favourite method. He had not rung many peals, but he rang a peal of Stedman Triples with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at Wantage on April 26th, 1900.

The funeral was at Harwell on May 16th. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was lost in the last five minutes, through a rope breaking, at Great Tew. It was attempted as a token of respect to a grand old gentleman.

R. T. P.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The monthly practice meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Weston-in-Gordano (six bells, tenor 12 cwt.) on May 19th.

The tower is situated on the south side of the church, which is very unusual in this part of Somerset. The porch contains the remains of a gallery, where the choirboys used to sing on Church Festivals, and a pre-Reformation Sanctus bell hangs in a turret where the chancel and nave meet, this being rung from the Rector's stall.

Ringers were present from Abbots Leigh, Clapton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Publow, Winford and Wrington. A wide variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Stockport

THE Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual festival on May 19th at the church of St. George, Stockport, when some 140 members and friends were present at the service. The service was conducted by the hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon, and the address was given by the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick, Vicar of St. George's, perhaps more widely known as 'the parson who calls.'

In his opening remarks the Vicar said he was rather ignorant of the details of their art but that was not the fault of his band of ringers: they had tried many times to get him into the belfry but the many demands upon his time at the hours when the ringing took place made it impossible for him to take an active part in it himself. He referred to the need for a Ringing Master in the tower to direct the efforts of the rest, and said that if men and nations were to live together in peace and amity we must have a Master and a plan.

Referring to the different tones of the bell which he said must all be in harmony if the sound of the bell was to be perfect, and also to the different kinds of metals needed to make a perfect bell, Mr. Garlick went on to say that many people were under the impression that only one note need be correct and only one kind of metal need be used to obtain the perfect bell. But just as we know this was not correct for bells, so we must realise that it was not true of the perfect 'Bell of life.' There was a need of a correct proportion of 'tones' and 'metals' in the Christian life. God had shown them that they were body, mind and spirit, each part serving neither more nor less than the others. He thought that there was no theoretical formula for the perfect bell but that it was an accident into which the skill of the founder entered. In life, just as in bells they must have the overtones blended and sometimes they thought that the overtones were overpowerful.

Turning to the ringer himself he said he considered the parable of the sower most applicable to ringers. The ringer must have the same qualities as those required for the Kingdom of God. An ability to make a mistake and check and correct it, a most important thing in being a Christian. He reminded the congregation of the Roman Catholic bishop who said: 'The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.' The sound of the bells, he felt, reminded people of the voice of God, calling them back to Him, and in this way the ringers were taking their part in the redemption of mankind, and the clergy and people were glad to have them as colleagues.

A feature of the service was the use of handbells, rung by the Norbury Handbell Ringers.

for all the hymns and as voluntaries. The impressive array of some hundred or so handbells on tables at the foot of the chancel steps was equalled by the excellence of the playing of the dozen members of the band.

Tea in the nearby Parish Hall followed the service and some inconvenience was caused by the large number of people who had failed to send word for tea. However, the difficulties were overcome by the expedient of two sittings, the caterers fortunately having sufficient food to cover the needs of the increased numbers.

After tea the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, supported by the Rev. W. Garlick. The statement of accounts and annual report were adopted as printed in the report, and he said this would require effort by all.

A report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. D. Smith, and the Master made special reference to certain items, in particular the Butlin scheme.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner in Chester on October 13th, the place to be arranged by the Master and general secretary. The meeting showed its appreciation of and confidence in its officials by electing them for another year and also expressed its thanks to the Vicar and wardens of St. George's for their ready and able assistance, to the handbell ringers and the local band for their work. It also thanked the Rev. J. Kingdon for his special efforts to make the Central Council meeting a success and Mr. R. G. Edwards for his efforts to arrange peals for those visiting ringers who wanted them, a most unenviable task.

It was decided to place on record the Guild's appreciation of the performances of 21,600 Bristol, and also the peal of silent Spliced Surprise, records of which the Guild was proud. On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Leicestershire band who have just rung the maximum, so far as is known, number of methods which can be spliced into seven extents of Minor. The thanks of the meeting were also extended to the printer of the annual report for the production of the report in a new form in time for the Festival. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. John Worth.

During the afternoon and evening ringing was enjoyed on the bells of Cheadle, Norbury, Stockport St. Mary and Bredbury churches as well as St. George's.

The annual festival for 1952 will be held at Bromborough on the Wirral peninsula when it is hoped a large gathering will be able to hear of the further achievements of the Chester Guild.

DEDICATION

SNAITH, near Goole

The Church of St. Lawrence, Snaith, Yorkshire, belonged, in the 12th century, to a Benedictine Monastery. It is a large and elegant structure 172 feet in length, chiefly in the Early English and Perpendicular styles.

The bells, six in number, cast in 1778 by Pack and Chapman, of London, have now been augmented by the addition of two new treble bells recently completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, the gift by the late Mrs. Jane Shearburn in memory of her husband, the late Roderic Bryant Shearburn. In addition a chiming apparatus has been installed.

The dedication service took place on May 19th. A large congregation assembled in the church to a service conducted by the Archdeacon of Doncaster, assisted by the Rev. B. A. Ramsker, Vicar of Carlton and Snaith, and the Rev. C. Norton, Vicar of Cowick, and other clergy.

The bells and chiming apparatus were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Doncaster, the ropes being handed to the Archdeacon by Messrs. L. Holmes and E. McClure (executors). Immediately following, the bells were rung in rounds by Master D. Smith 1, Mrs. B. A. Ramsker 2, Mrs. W. Graves 3, Mrs. E. Smith 4, G. Pickering 5, W. Graves 6, L. M. Woodhead 7, R. Coldwell 8.

A very instructive and interesting address was given by the Archdeacon, who emphasised the necessity of team work being applicable not only in bellringing but in the Church at large. He also drew attention to the difference between chiming and ringing the bells.

At the conclusion of the service the first touch on the bells, Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung by L. M. Woodhead 1, H. Drake 2, C. W. King 3, W. A. Hudson (conductor) 4, J. Martin Thorley 5, F. Terry 6, J. Waud 7, R. Coldwell 8. Ringers were in attendance from Selby Abbey, Goole, Thorne, Leeds Parish Church, Ledsham, Rawmarsh, Hemingbrough, Carlton and Snaith.

Tea was provided by the women members of Snaith Church. The bells were again rung until 8 p.m., all those participating were pleased with the excellent manner in which the bell-founders had completed their work.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Biennial Tower List Recommended

The new list of visits to towers was started with a meeting at Batley on May 26th. This tower is a very popular one with members as the bells are easy to handle and hear, the ringing room is on the ground floor and only requires two steps to be negotiated.

Ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and tea was served in the Church House, where over 20 members sat down to enjoy one of the best meals arranged at a ringing meeting for some time.

At the business meeting, held in the adjoining schools, the new president (Mr. J. W. Ben-ton) presided. The usual business details were effectively cleared and one new member (Mr. E. Lofthouse, of Armley) was elected.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was very ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson, who included the Vicar of Batley, churchwardens, local company and the ladies for service at the tea-tables: this was seconded by Mr. A. Cole. Mr. Senior acknowledged the thanks and in his reply said he hoped all present had enjoyed their visit to Batley and, if so, he was amply repaid.

The next meeting is due to be held at Kippax on June 30th, 1951.

Under the heading of any other business the date of the September meeting was discussed and it was decided that it should be the 22nd to avoid clashing with the Snowden Dinner at York, on September 29th.

Methods rung were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Duffield.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

To all Secretaries of Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies

Sir,—In the course of the Chester meeting, it became clear that some Associations still hold copies of Central Council publications on a 'sale or return' basis.

Many years ago an attempt was made to ascertain how much stock had been distributed in this way, there being no official record owing to loss of some papers after the death of the librarian: but two replies only were received then.

I should be grateful if secretaries or other officials responsible would either return all Central Council publications on 'sale or return' or send me a complete list of those held.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian.

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ANNIVERSARY REMEMBERED

To commemorate the opening of the bells at St. Nicholas Church, Wickham, Hants, in May, 1768, 720 Plain Bob Major was rung recently by J. Partridge 1, W. Linter 2, H. W. Merritt 3, E. Whiteman 4, G. E. Chappell (conductor) 5, R. W. Handley 6.

The following extract taken from the 'Salisbury Journal,' dated May 2nd, 1768, is of interest:—

'A new peal of six bells, cast by Mr. Robert Wells, of Albourne, Wilts, for the Parish Church of Wickham, Hants, was opened a few days ago by a set of ringers from Bishops Waltham with a Grandsire, which they performed with great judgment and dexterity. Afterwards another set of ringers from Portsea rang the favourite peal of Plain Bob. The bells are very harmonious and so exactly in tune and gave great pleasure to the inhabitants.'

Four of these bells remain to-day. The present treble was hung in 1887 and the fourth, which had become cracked, was recast early in the present century.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 12th, 1,296 Minor (120 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court, 216 of Kent Treble Bob, also 240 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise): L. Woollard 1, P. S. Bedford 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 5, Wm. Smith 6.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marshall 1, F. Blondell 2, J. G. Nash 3, R. Charge 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. W. Coles (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Langley 8. An 81st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. Medway 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, T. F. King 4, E. J. Fry 5, M. Helms 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, H. D. Taylor 8, P. W. Weeks 9, R. O. Fry (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by all except 2, 4, 8 and 10. First quarter of Royal on the bells. Rung for the inaugural service for the Bath Assembly Festival of Arts.

BIDDEHAM, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Church 1, Miss E. Steel 2, L. Williams 3, M. Stephens (cond.) 4, E. Jeffries 5, A. Church 6. First quarter by 1 and 6, both of the local band.

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

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—On May 17th, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: A. Tomlinson (cond.) 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, J. A. Tomlinson 3, J. Skeats 4, A. Swindlehurst 5, L. Henrys 6, F. Heyes 7, T. Wilson 8, H. Anderton 9, J. Benson (first quarter) 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters for First quarter of Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

BLACKROD, LANCs.—On May 1st, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): A. Greenhalgh 1, E. Baldwin 2, T. Turner 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Crook, sen. 6. In memory of Canon Pugh, a former Vicar.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 29th, 1,440 Bob Major: S. Slaney 1, A. B. Cooper 2, L. Coo 3, D. Cooper 4, H. Jackson 5, W. Dickinson 6, J. Saxton 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes 1, J. Eldridge 2, G. Martin 3, W. Judd (cond.) 4, G. Lister 5, D. Poole 6, E. Gosling 7, K. Tuck 8. For the official visit of the Mayor and Corporation on Festival Sunday.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. James 1, A. C. Baker 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, F. J. Sampson 4, F. Skidmore 5, N. Denison 6, R. G. Hooper (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. For the marriage of Miss A. Mary Bennett to Mr. John H. Davey.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Hendry (first quarter) 1, J. Walklate 2, G. E. Watson 3, C. Everitt (first 'inside' 4), B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's on May 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Price (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hannington 2, H. Cassell 3, F. J. Bailey 4, L. Hulbert 5, R. E. Coles 6, T. Yeomans 7, W. Dare (cond.) 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKs.—On May 6th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 City Delight, 720 Wragby): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon 6.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 Old, 240 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): G. Sugg 1, R. G. Beck (cond.) 2, J. Fowler 3, E. J. Chivers 4, E. J. Targett 5.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. Bowden 2, G. A. Pafsons 3, J. G. Nash (cond.) 4, H. Miller 5, W. D. Prockson 6, M. Fensom 7, F. Miller 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 6.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Boulton 1, Eileen Morse 2, C. Roberts 3, Joyce Morse 4, Miss F. M. Hop 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Layland 1, W. Holding 2, H. Edge 3, W. Kerr 4, R. T. Holding 5, H. F. Holding 6, G. A. Packer 7, W. Edge 8, R. D. Langford (cond.) 9, F. Stenson 10. Rung for the centenary service of the A.E.U.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkstone Variation): Miss R. Hopkins 1, J. Fleetwood 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, J. Armstrong 4, I. Campbell 5, C. E. Wright 6, A. R. Chaplin 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on May 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Bond 1, H. Fletcher (aged 79) 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, J. W. Grew (aged 70) 4, W. Lancaster 5, W. Steen 6, W. Shaw 7 (covering). Rung for Confirmation service.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Atkins 1, Ruth C. Russell 2, J. Eaton 3, W. Mumford 4, J. F. Harvey 5, Joan Ashton 6, J. N. Lindon 7, W. C. Dowling (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Fuller 1, Miss Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, W. Bowers 5, S. Atkins 6, T. Staggs 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Lord Elveden.

FISHTOFT, LINCs.—On May 5th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Jessop 1, A. Dixon 2, F. Dewey 3, J. P. Morris 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, D. White 6.

FYLINGDALES, YORKs.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Alexander 1, C. Haslop 2, M. Cooper 3, J. S. Bedlington 4, T. S. Jefferson 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, A. V. Coates 8.

GODSHILL, L.O.W.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman Slow Course, 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Westmore 1, L. Bailey 2, E. Thorne 3, C. J. Champion 4, C. H. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. First in four methods for 1 and 4.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stringer 1, A. Gambrell 2, W. Goldup 3, J. Walter 4, S. Walter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newson 1, W. Hill 2, A. Dockerill 3, L. Coburn 4, Mrs. L. Coburn 5, A. Day (cond.) 6, F. Jacklin 7, G. Curi 8.

HATFIELD, YORKs.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. H. Shaw 4, G. Jackson 5, A. Shaw 6.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. White (first away from tenor) 1, A. Bowers 2, R. Wilson 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, E. Treagus 6, E. Charman 7, F. Jackson (first quarter Triples) 8.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints' on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Downes 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Davies 3, W. H. Symonds 4, L. Evans 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, A. W. Davis 7, A. T. Wingate 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to C. L. Sadler, a former ringer at this church.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKs.—On May 6th, 1,097 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Pearce (first quarter on 10) 1, Sylvia Coker 2, F. Hayes (cond.) 3, E. Markham 4, Doreen Coker 5, P. Baldwin (first Grandsire 'inside' on 10) 6, A. Clutton 7, W. H. Plumridge 8, R. Coles 9, C. Wilkinson 10.

HINCKLEY, LEICs.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Mellor 1, N. Marklew 2, A. Jordan 3, W. Aldridge 4, G. Charlton 5, A. Ballard 6, W. H. Duncombe (cond.) 7, B. Ridgeway 8. A farewell to F. Mellor, who is leaving shortly for service overseas.

HITCHIN, HERTs.—On May 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, P. W. Croft (first of Major 'inside' 2), A. E. Symonds 3, C. V. Hare 4, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Todd 6, E. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Hollingsworth 1, E. E. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, R. F. Harman 4, E. Hoare 5, W. A. Theobald 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. A birthday greeting to Miss M. Prockson.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. T. Howes 1, H. B. Bull 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: J. Newman 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whitford 3, G. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hollingdale 1, A. Backshall 2, C. D. Linington 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. Newman, of Hassocks.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFs.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Dorothy Morgan (first quarter) 1, Sidney Jukes (first quarter) 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, Bert Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Atkins 3, Miss M. J. Freer 4, K. W. Mackintosh (first in method) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Betty Poole 1, M. J. Jefferies 2, C. R. Harding 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, P. C. W. F. Scudamore 5, F. Skidmore 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, T. Jefferies 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

MELBOURNE, DERBYS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: M. Dailman (15, first quarter) 1, Miss O. Smith (first quarter) 2, H. Hollingsworth (82) 3, L. Hollingsworth (74) 4, G. Tivey (58) 5, C. Earp (15) 6, W. Taylor (16) 7, Lt.-Col. Rev. J. Morris, D.S.O. (68, Vicar) 8. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. J. Matthews 1, Miss M. F. Jackson (first in method) 2, H. Allen 3, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, P. J. Hutchings 5, S. Howard 6.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden (first quarter) 1, A. Worth 2, A. Campbell 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6.

PENHURST, KENT.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. H. Cunningham 1, W. Manser 2, L. Goater 3, Edna Sills 4, E. Turley 5, L. Honess 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. Branch 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Pether 1, C. Baker 2, J. Avenall 3, E. Sherwood 4, F. Cherryman (cond.) 5, E. Pepler 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. G. McCrum 1, Miss D. M. Panting 2, Miss B. M. Rose 3, F. P. Wright 4, D. Niblett 5, P. Border 6, H. Elliott 7, J. B. Guy (cond.) 8.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Burston 1, F. Phillips 2, R. Shire (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, P. Holway 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Freeman.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Burchall (cond.) 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, Miss G. Redferne 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, W. A. Wilson 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. B. Crawford.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 4.6.8 covering: Miss M. Page 1, R. Lowe 2, F. E. Manns 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Lewis 5, H. Farmer 6, L. F. Harris (cond.) 7, L. Page 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKs.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hudson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Wing (first quarter Triples) 2, D. Beach 3, G. W. Frayne 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. Spencer 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. First quarter by entirely local band since 1939. Rung for the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal for the presentation by her of new colours to the Red Cross Society's North Riding branch.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKs.—On May 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Appleton 2, T. S. Jefferson 3, G. Crame 4, L. Bonnard 5, A. Robinson (cond.) 6, C. Robinson 7 (cover). First of Surprise by all working bells. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's on May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. W. Faithfull 1, D. C. Williams 2, Miss J. Cox 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull (first quarter Bob Royal) 5, W. Glasspool (first quarter Bob Royal) 6, R. Faithfull 7, R. A. Reed 8, E. J. Smith 9, R. W. Rex (cond.) 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, Old, 180 Grandsire, 120 each Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Antelope): Miss C. Hunt (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink 2, J. Howey 3, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Chappell 1, D. Smith 2, F. Jackson 3, F. Chipper 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, R. Black 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6.

WALSALL, STAFFs.—On May 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. Sitch 4, A. Botterell 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, B. A. Woolley 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, E. T. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled for A. Adams, a ringer at Walsall for 40 years, who died May 12th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Moore (first quarter) 1, A. J. North 2, D. Lentell 3, G. J. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, D. M. Bellamy 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Woolley.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Double Court: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes (first quarter in the method) 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On May 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Rhodes 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, Dorothy Kidd 3, S. Page (first in method) 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mothershead (cond.) 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's on May 6th, 1,259 Doubles (consisting of 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 New Doubles, 360 St. Simon's, 120 Plain Bob, 299 Grandsire): W. Harrison 1, R. M. Currie 2, J. A. C. King 3, P. N. Bond 4, H. D. Buckingham (cond.) 5, D. Verrier 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the Rector's induction.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Larnar 1, G. Powles 2, D. W. Green 3, R. G. Larnar 4, J. Powles 5, R. E. Woodhouse (cond.) 6.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Green 1, D. A. Passant 2, J. Culley 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, L. Colley 5, J. D. Green (first quarter) 6. Longest length by a local band.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN BRIEF

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY

Twenty-four members and friends had an enjoyable outing to Shrewsbury on May 19th. Ringing took place en route at St. Luke's, Newcastle-under-Lyme (8), St. Mary's, Market Drayton (8), and St. Luke's, Hodnet (8). At Shrewsbury both St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12) were rung and everyone praised these fine bells.

WYE, SUSSEX

A day's tour, covering 145 miles in Sussex was held by a party of 15 ringers from Wye town and college on April 28th. Towers visited were Cuckfield (lately rehung on ball bearings), Lindfield (the deep-set bells making rather heavy work), Burwash (with its low-roofed ringing chamber), Brightling (bells a joy to ring), Appledore (as good as any bells met on the tour). Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Doubles.

It was a pleasure to have the captain, Mr. C. Head, with the party, after his illness, and to have Fred Huckstepp as the driver of the coach. The outing would have been incomplete without the Vicar, who has the welfare of the bells and ringers so much at heart.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT

On Whit Monday the Halesworth District of the Suffolk Guild held its annual outing, when a party of local ringers with Mr. Alfred Watson, of Badingham, visited five towers in Norfolk. Ringing was arranged to suit all members, methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

The towers visited were Ditchingham, St. George Colegate, Norwich, St. Michael's at Coslany, Norwich, St. Mary's, Wroxham, and St. Helen's, Ranworth. Tea was served at the Broads Hotel Restaurant, Wroxham, and was much needed after an energetic afternoon.

At Wroxham the visitors were particularly glad to ring with Mr. George Bailey, the local captain.

CIRENCESTER

Cirencester ringers had their annual outing on Whit Monday, three Somerset towers—Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna and Yatton—being visited. At the first-named tower, Mr. H. W. Knight met the party and piloted them through very beautiful scenery. Tea was served at Clevedon. The best thanks of the company are due to Mr. Knight, who made all the arrangements.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

Accompanied by the president of the Hertford County Association, the St. Albans District had an enjoyable outing in Surrey on May 19th. Towers visited were Worplesdon, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, Shalford, Cranleigh, Ranmore, Dorking and St. John's, Redhill. Lunch was taken at Guildford and tea on Ranmore Common with its commanding view of the countryside.

ANDOVER

Andover ringers and friends from Winchester and Alresford had their annual outing on Whit Monday. Ringing took place at Easebourne, Petworth, Warnham (the ringing here was poor, probably on account of lunch at Horsham), Farnham (remembered by 'Ginger' Hill's lecture on bad striking) and Alton (some good ringing). A sing-song at the local hostelry followed with Jack King at the piano.

ON CYCLE IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Leaving Anstey at 8 a.m. on May 15th, 14 Leicester Diocesan Guild ringers had a 73 mile cycling ringing tour. Ringing took place at Bingham (8), Bottesford (where the eight were the highlight of the day), Eaton (6), Twyford (6). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The fifth annual ringers' outing was held on Whit Monday, the route chosen being North Yorkshire. The party, consisting of ringers and friends, commenced at Barnby-Don, picking up at Stainforth, Thorne, Goole, Howden, East-riding, Hemmingbrough, Fishlake, Snaith, Carlton, assembling at Selby.

An early start was made, three buses being utilised, proceeding from Selby via York to Malton, where the first call was made. The eight bells (Gillett and Johnston) at St. Leonard's Church were rung, the party being welcomed by Mr. H. Long. The second tower visited was St. Peter's, Norton. At Malton, the eight bells (Taylor) had been raised in readiness by Mr. H. Rowsley.

After an enjoyable hour at SS. Peter and Paul's, Pickering, the party crossed the Yorkshire moors, the buses safely negotiating the notable 'Blue Bank' Hill. At Whitby the party dispersed to enjoy the various attractions, the ringers proceeding to St. Mary's, Whitby, where Mr. S. R. Elwick accorded them a welcome. The ten bells, recently recast by Taylor and Co., were enjoyed by all who rang on them.

High tea was provided at the Royal Hotel, West Cliff, Whitby, and the party proceeded to Fylingdales, Robin Hood's Bay, where the eight bells (Gillett and Johnston) at St. Stephen's were rung, a hearty welcome being extended by Mr. Alexander. The party arrived home around midnight.

L. M. W.

LINCOLNSHIRE CYCLE TOUR

Approximately 100 miles were covered by six ringers of the Lincoln area in a cycling tour of North Lincolnshire on Whit Monday.

Ringing took place at Messingham (6). Broughton (6), Brigg (6), Bigby (where a ringer of 60 years' standing welcomed the party), Caistor (6), Claxby (6) and Market Rasen (regarded by the visitors as one of the worst going eights in the country).

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and London.

J. E. C.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET

A round trip of 275 miles, which included a visit to the Hereford Guild at their annual festival at Leominster, was successfully accomplished by the Piddlehinton band on Whit Monday. A start took place at 6 a.m. and home was reached at 2.20 a.m. The journey was made in two cars, the party being joined en route by M. H. J. Gaylard, W. Panter (Pinhoe) and Miss P. Willmington (Sowton).

Ringing took place at Slymbridge, Hardwicke, Newent, Dymock, Leominster, Wellington, Moreton-on-Lugg (where dust, bits of nest and egg shells descended whilst the bells were in motion), Holmer (with its detached tower) and Fownhope. At Castle Cary the Austin broke a back spring necessitating temporary repairs.

Lancashire Ringer's Golden Wedding

Mr. Ralph Taylor, conductor at Mossley, Lancs, where he has been a ringer for 60 years, and Mrs. Taylor celebrated their golden wedding on May 21st. The occasion was marked by their entertaining local ringers and friends. Congratulations were extended to them by Mr. H. Pickles (secretary of the local company), Mr. H. Jackson and Mr. Fred Dunkerley (general secretary of the Lancashire Association). Mr. and Mrs. Taylor both replied.

Previous to the tea, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which failed after 2½ hours' ringing. The following evening a second attempt took place which was successful. Mr. V. Sykes deputised for Mr. F. Dunkerley in the successful attempt, the peal being conducted by Mr. A. Tomlinson.

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DEATH

SMITH—On May 28th, 1951, at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. Mr. J. Smith, late of Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey. 8973

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MISCELLANEOUS

YORK MINSTER.—York Festival, June 3rd to 17th. Sunday ringing 9.30 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. Visitors welcome. 8968

WILL ANY RINGERS INTERESTED in a week's ringing—cycling—youth hostels in Chepstow-Malvern-Gloucester area, August 12th-19th, please contact I. H. Trueman, 23, Cavendish Road, Henleaze, Bristol, at once. 8984

I couldn't say it at Chester, but your biographical records are best kept in a 'DELIGHT' RINGER'S RECORD BOOK. Write me for details.—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 9000

MEETINGS

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

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

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. 8930

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting at Bilton Church, near Rugby, on June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. 8951

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Whitworth, St. Bartholomew, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Teas can be had in Red Lion, Whitworth.—F. Prichard. 8970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 8992

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddanham, June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5. 8955

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m.—B. W. White. 8943

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Puriton, June 16th, 6.30—9 p.m.—R. Short, Local Hon. Sec. 8985

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, June 16th. Bells 4 to 7 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8983

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, June 16th. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 8979

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea at Victoria Cafe 4.30. Names for tea, by June 13th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hill-side, Darley Dale. 9014

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

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, June 16th, Wingerworth (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 13th, to Mr. E. Blyth, 58, Church Street (South). Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield. 8996

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, June 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8987

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, at Shipton-Moyne and Tetbury, June 16th. Shipton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.

Tetbury (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea, Tuesday, 12th.—E. H. Jeffries, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester. 8993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deerhurst, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, before 12th, to J. Beech, Hon. Sec., Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 8975

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The meeting announced for June 16th at Dunsfold, is cancelled.—R. Kenward, Hon. Secretary. 8994

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Essendon, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hatfield (10) 6 p.m. No tea.—W. J. Southam. 8926

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, 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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, by 13th, to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley. All welcome.—R. Benson. 8995

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod, Saturday, June 16th (not 23rd). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8990

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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3.30.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8982

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Bere Regis, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 12th, to Mr. Pitfield, Jenkins Farm, Bere Heath, Wareham. Weymouth.—Bournemouth bus route.—Hayne, Abbotshy, Weymouth. 8974

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Limpsfield (6), Limpsfield Chart (6). Ringing Limpsfield 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing Limpsfield Chart afterwards. Names for tea by Thursday, June 14th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 8977

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, June 16th, Shipley, 3—4.30; Itchingfield, tea 5, ringing after. Names to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8971

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting,

Upham, June 16th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, by June 12th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 8981

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Tadcaster. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Apply by June 13th to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Chapel Street, Tadcaster. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8967

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNESLEY AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Wentworth Arms Hotel 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names by Thursday, June 14th, to Mrs. Mashada, Wentworth Arms Hotel, Penistone. 8997

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX, OXFORD JOINT.—Meeting at Egham, June 23rd. Tea. Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor also. Details later.—G. Dodds, S. and W. Middlesex, Dis. Sec. 9013

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), June 23rd. Names for tea, by June 19th, to Mr. C. J. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8989

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, before June 16th, to Mrs. Lawson, Aingarth, Whaplode, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss J. Blackourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 9015

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ebbw Vale, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8972

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 3.30. 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

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea at the 'Victoria': please notify for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, Miss J. Brittain, 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Tea 4.15. Saddlers Arms, Sutton Scotney. Convenient five minute bus service Wonston and Sutton Scotney. After tea, London practice. Names, by Monday, June 18th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8965

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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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, July 21st. Full details later. Intending choristers please get in touch with F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.—W. Hibern, Gen. Sec. 8969

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Ringing week, Bristol, August 3rd—11th. Final reservations now being made. Members wishing to take part please write, by June 23rd, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8978

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