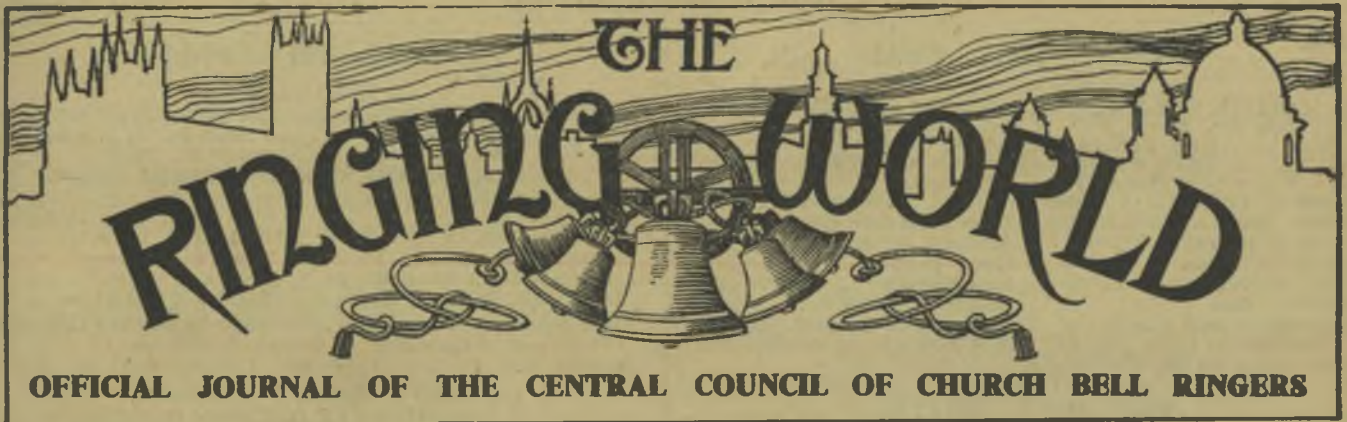




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DOWN UNDER

By A. J. LANCEFIELD

TO the itinerant observer of the Antipodes it becomes increasingly apparent that the British mind, firmly rooted in a distant land, must be kept in close contact with the British mind still nurtured by its native soil if it is to retain, to a large degree, its essential characteristics and remain compatible with it in thought, word and deed.

Perhaps the reason lies not entirely in the properties of the soil as in a combination of many qualities peculiar to this hardy plant that thrives so unconcernedly close to danger, and whose very existence is an epic struggle only partially comprehensible to all not closely associated with its function.

Britain's emigrants of over a hundred years ago settled in Australia and New Zealand and built up, under great hardship, the two great Dominions that are now an integral part of the Realm. They built exceedingly well and, undoubtedly, in the future, as in the present, these still greatly unexplored lands will be of inestimable value to the mother nation. Immigrants poured in periodically over the years and succeeded in perpetuating, to a certain extent, the British way of life and thought, and a steady influx to-day is helping to maintain the status quo.

But the task is not an easy one and will continue to be less so unless measures are taken by national and local government bodies to supply the truth about Britain's activities in every field of thought and endeavour. It should be made available in book and pamphlet form to every town and city, in the schools, on the wireless and the films and in every conceivable modern manner so long as it records the truth. The veins of instructive and constructive British propaganda are perilously thin and it is little wonder that the average Australasian occasionally becomes frustrated and develops a 'don't care' attitude when he receives such little authentic evidence to prove to him that Britain has not 'had it' and is not 'down and out.'

We should, of course, and probably do, accord the Australasian nation as a whole sense and reason enough—born of a common pride and loyalty and only a very slight knowledge of the past—to know that Britain's position could never be low enough to class as 'finished.' But history proves that it is foolish to accord any nation such an all-round commonsense.

Are we doing all we can in our little sphere of ringing to ensure the survival and advancement of our art in the southern hemisphere, or is our propaganda just as conspicuous by its absence? Comparatively speaking, we are doing exceptionally well, or rather a number of individuals are, both at home and on the field of play, but there is plenty of room for others to come in and give a helping hand.

'The Ringing World' is a vital and constant link and it has been my endeavour to bring this point to bear in the course of my peregrinations from tower to tower.

The few far-seeing gentlemen in Britain who have contributed and are contributing in various ways to ringing in Australia and New Zealand will be pleased to know that their instruction and help is falling upon young and very fruitful local groups and individuals, and it is possible to say that ringing in these two countries (as far as can be ascertained) is as high as it has ever been. Progress, in every way, is likely to continue at a good rate if these co-operative conditions prevail.

There are many ways in which help and instruction can be given, and the writer will gladly supply to anyone interested a list of towers, their positions, requirements, etc. Mr. W. M. Rowe, Editor of the 'Ringing Towers' monthly, will also supply any information required, particularly concerning bands just springing up. Tower captains and secretaries will also be glad of contacts; the letters at 6d. a time take only a week to reach Australia and nine days New Zealand.

A ringing tour of these two countries by a band of competent ringers would be the most effective measure of help and inspiration at this stage, for it would serve to supply the one remaining essential to the advancement of ringing 'down under'—the necessity of the 'team spirit' in all weathers.

Such a venture is a large one in these days, but it is a thought which possibly a number of members of the Exercise are, or will be, in a position to bear in mind. It has been done before.

And it is up to us to 'bear these things in mind' and act upon them wherever and whenever possible if we are to ensure that our art—such a typical product of the British mind—is not discarded in favour of some more modern method of expression and praise to the Creator in the natural process of that mind's adaptation to the conditions of the New World.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 7
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 4	HARRY PARKES 10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	JOHN PINFOLD 11
*ANTHONY AGER 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal on twelve bells, and first of Stedman. A compliment to Albert Walker on his 76th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT .. Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
ALLEN MORGAN 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	CYRIL TANSELL 8
LEONARD DERRICK 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 6
RICHARD C. HIDE 2	ERNEST J. LADD 7
*HILDA OAKSHETT 3	*C. ALFRED LEVETT 8
MAXWELL F. OAKSHOTT .. 4	R. W. E. DAWE 9
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	RONALD G. BECK 7
JAMES TOPP 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER 8
VICTOR SAVAGE 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 9
GEORGE W. MASSEY 5	A. GEORGE CLARE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON Treble	DAVID VINCENT 6
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 7
†JOHN ROBERTS 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
GEORGE H. HESKETH 5	FREDERICK S. ALMOND .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. G. H. Hesketh, wife of the 5th ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of Method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
*MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Spiced.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

RUBY GIBBONS Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 2	*CLIVE BARBER 6
LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. C. West, wife of the General Secretary of the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN HILL Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	J. FREDK. MILNER 6
*BRIAN AUSTIN 3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD .. 7
ERNEST RAWSON 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowley on their wedding anniversary.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. Treble	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 5
RUSSELL PARKER 2	WALTER W. MILLER 6
*LLEWELLYN ALLUM 3	ALBERT E. WHITING 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*PETER G. SHERWOOD .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 5
†DAVID B. WILLIAMSON .. 2	‡E. JOHN WELLS 6
‡JUDY A. DODSON 3	‡JAMES F. DODSON 7
*CLIFFORD J. BEADLE .. 4	ROY COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

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

§ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ERNEST W. RAWSON Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
PETER J. STANFORTH 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 6
COLIN B. GOLDING 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	ALFRED BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt, 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	CYRIL TANSELL 5
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

200th peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HUBERT MANN Treble	HAROLD BURTON 5
*JOHN SCOTT 2	ALF RUSHTON 6
FRED PLUMMER 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
ARTHUR DAY 4	CLAUDE MANN Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by HAROLD BURTON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD W. SHAW .. Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 5
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. 2	CECIL RADDON 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HENRY PARKER 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	†HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by W. NICOLLS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*EMILY B. P. WALKER .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
LEONARD C. WELLS 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	ALBERT GREEN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*ERIC NIXON (Man.) .. Treble	†GEOFFREY PEARSON (Man.) 5
P. E. M. BARTON (Leeds) 2	†PETER E. PARRY (Man.) .. 6
†PHILIP P. CARTER (Man.) 3	W. L. ROBINSON (Man.) .. 7
†DAVID ATEINS (Leeds) .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS (Man.) .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. Major, No. 2).

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob on tower bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal. The conductor's 50th eight-bell peal.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JAMES BLACKBURN .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 5
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 6
SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER 7
THOMAS BARKER 4	ARTHUR HATCH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and first for the Lancashire Association. In memoriam Edward Ramsbotham, ringer, of Whittle-le-Woods.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BETTY M. VIDLER .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 5
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
LEONARD MANNERING .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal together. Fastest peal on the bells.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt, 18 lb. in E.

OGDEN MOORES .. Treble	GERALD DARE 5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD .. 2	JAMES BROOKS 6
FRED PRITCHARD 3	IVAN KAY 7
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. 4	*MARJORIE LEACH .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal in this tower. Rung fully muffled. In memoriam Mrs. Calderley, late wife of the Vicar

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BARRY COOK Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	PHILIP SADLER 6
MRS. C. WOODGATE .. 3	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 7
BERNARD SADLER 4	DONALD COOMBS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodgate, of Great Wakering, whose 28th wedding anniversary was on the above date, and also as a compliment to Mr. Edgar R. Rapley and Miss Enid Lonnens, of Sussex, who were married on Saturday, April 26th.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt.
COLIN B. GOLDING .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung for the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
WILLIAM DAVIES 2	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
*JOHN McDONALD 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire. In memoriam Harold Jack Fitter, a ringier at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's odd-bob one-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F. sharp.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

The original composition. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first performance of this composition.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt.	
CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	J. NORMAN HADLEY 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

50th peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 15, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER .. Treble	JOHN KEMP 4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 2	JOHN WELCH 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Graham John) to Edward and Jean Phillips, of Hertford.

DALWOOD, DEVONSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDMUND C. ATYEO .. Treble	ALBERT S. ATYEO 4
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 5
*ALBERT W. DYER 3	† JACK TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung for R. P. Selway's birthday.

YASS, AUSTRALIA.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(All Saints' Society, Parramatta.)

On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*BRUCE DUNBAR .. Treble	ADRIAN R. BOTTING .. 4
GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON .. 2	ROBERT W. FERRIS .. 5
† JOHN BOUTLAND 3	*GEORGE K. P. STACEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS. Referee, WARWICK K. MUNDY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in Australia. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of minor on bells. First Cumberland peal outside British Isles. Rung for the first anniversary of the augmentation of the ring and 102nd anniversary of the church.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SYDNEY W. WHITE 4
GILBERT W. RENDELL .. 2	ALBERT S. ATYEO 5
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung for the Queen's birthday.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*SYLVIA SHERWOOD .. Treble	ERIC PEPLER 4
THOMAS E. DENYER .. 2	EDGAR SHERWOOD 5
MARGARET PEPLER 3	CHARLES W. DENYER .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal, aged 14. First peal on the bells since restoration. Rung in honour of the Queen's 26th birthday.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES .. Treble	WALTER G. SOAR 4
PETER MARRIOTT 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3	*ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 600th peal as conductor and his 130th tower for a peal in the Diocese.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

LESLIE BARRY .. Treble	PETER CLARKSON 4
*MICHAEL GILBERT 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 5
ALFRED LYNALL 3	*BARRY SLADE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 27, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JEAN HORTON .. Treble	EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 4
*MARIAN SKINNER 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
*CHARLES B. SKINNER .. 3	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal 'inside.' Arranged for the christening of Elaine P. Farhall, daughter of the ringier of the tenor.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHINGS 4
CHARLES ROUSE 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 5
*ALFRED LYNALL 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (57 Bobs, 68 Singles). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

E. JACK PARISH .. Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 30, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford,
Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for Mr. S. Flint, of Maghull, Lancashire.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 4
†COLIN A. J. CHAPPELL .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
RICHARD WILSON 3	HENRY C. WEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A wedding compliment to Edgar R. Rapley and Enid E. Lonnen; also as a thanksgiving for the recovery after a serious operation of Mrs. H. Dyer (Rector's wife) and Mrs. Cowper (Rector's warden's wife).

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's,
Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Gilbert, of Needham Market.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ALEC G. ISAACSON .. Treble	DEREK PREECE .. 4
MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 5
PETER BERESFORD .. 3	CLIVE M. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

Rung for SS. Philip and James' Day.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Oxford
Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. E. R. RAPLEY .. Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
Cecil R. LONGHURST .. 3	BASIL W. WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

A wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ROYDON DAVIES .. Treble	FRANCIS T. HOAD .. 4
*MRS. W. F. OATWAY .. 2	COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 5
JAMES W. KNIGHT .. 3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.

* First peal 'inside' and of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. F. Oatway.



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CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BROWN Treble	THOMAS BIRD 4
*JACK BRETT 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 5
GEORGE TRENDLELL 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Minor.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOAN M. NEWMAN Treble	ROBERT PIRON 4
ALAN BROYD 2	DENNIS KNOX 5
DAVID W. BEARD 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

GEOFFREY MAYES Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 2	STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; also a 17th birthday compliment to Miss Jean Dille, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CECIL W. MATHEWS .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
*THOMAS F. CARFORD .. 2	*BERNARD H. DALTON .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark District.)

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER.. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
*LEWIS HEMSTOCK 2	FRANK W. VERNON 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. A farewell to Rev. R. S. Foster, Rector of Elston, who is moving to the south of England.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM STANNARD .. Treble	JOHN W. BANKS 4
FREDERICK H. COOPER .. 2	FREDERICK J. BUCKLE .. 5
ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. 3	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. In A.

JOHN STITCH Treble	*FREDERICK A. ABBEY .. 4
HARRY TURNER 2	HARRY J. WRIGHT 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON .. 3	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, six each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Southrepps Pleasure, eight each of Old Doubles and April Day, and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*ANTHONY J. BAKER .. Treble	KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 3
†ALAN C. COZENS 2	IVOR J. DICKIN 4
ERIC NOBLES	 Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the Festival of SS. Philip and James.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SHEILAGH KILBOURN .. Treble	RODNEY HARRISON 4
MAURICE BAILEY 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A farewell to Maurice Bailey, who is leaving for service with the Middle East Land Forces.

SANDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

PETER CHILDS Treble	RONALD GROVES 4
KATHLEEN KNIGHT 2	JEAN M. HARRIS 5
DAVID WALLIS 3	FRANK L. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JEAN M. HARRIS.

First peal on the recently augmented six.

HANDBELL PEALS

MONTMORENCY, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Fri., April 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT RATTRAY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN B. WILLIS 1-2	JOAN GRAY 5-6
VALERIE WILLARD 3-4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 119).

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

First handbell peal by the Society. Rung in memory of the Society's late President, Dr. J. C. E. SIMPSON.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JACK R. WORRALL 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	ALBERT M. TYLER 7-8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung on 50th anniversary of the first peal 'in hand' rung in Bristol, which was the conductor's first 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT 13, CALDECOTE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
JOHN BRAMLEY	 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to John Bramley on his 21st birthday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Tues., May 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 1-2	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5-6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3-4	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7-8

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on handbells. † 100th peal together.

QUARTER PEALS

BARMING, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, W. R. Manser (cond.) 2, W. Manser, sen., 3, F. E. Manser 4, C. Ruffle 5, H. J. Manser 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

BATH.—At the Abbey, on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. Prescott 2, E. J. Fry 3, J. Hallett 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, E. Naylor (cond.) 6, K. Medway 7, H. Merrett 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Castleman 1, P. Wells 2, J. Kesterton 3, R. Swann 4, J. Udale 5, C. Linch 6, A. Skinner 7, R. Barrow (cond.) 8.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. C. Price 1-2, F. T. Blagrove 3-4, T. Price (cond.) 5-6. Witness G. Dodds.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, H. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. F. Guy 3, W. Upton 4, S. Moody 5, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—On April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Parkinson 1, E. J. Gower 2, Jean Dawson 3, Diana R. Banks 4, S. Norman 5, Patricia M. Bourn 6, J. P. Norman 7, V. J. C. Wood (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5, and in the method for 6. Believed to be first quarter by a local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Snelling 1, G. W. Cecil 2, H. E. Lilley 3, G. Apps 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, J. H. Lilley 6, R. Overy (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Collier 1, G. F. Newton 2, M. E. Airey 3, D. R. Airey 4, T. Hill 5, T. Senior 6, R. D. Airey (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8. First in the method for 1 and 3.

DUNDY, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Blake (first quarter) 1, W. Webb (first quarter in method) 2, R. G. Hooper 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Sutton (first quarter in method as cond.) 5, F. C. Mogford 6. Rung in honour of the feast of SS. Philip and James.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 2, G. Ashdown 3, B. Aldridge 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. Warner 6, E. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Fisher 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Newman 3, C. Burton 4, H. Nicholls 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Keeble, who died April 4th.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLEX.—On April 27th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Richardson (first quarter in the method) 1, F. A. Barker 2, J. L. Morris 3, L. E. Tubb 4, E. Prior 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, B. Willis 7, A. F. Warren (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Also on May 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Warren 1, Miss E. Wise 2, F. Goodall 3, J. L. Morris 4, F. A. Barker 5, L. E. Tubb 6, B. J. Willis 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

GARSINGTON, OXON.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): C. Eden (first quarter) 1, Christine Hall (first in four methods) 2, W. Fern 3, M. Harding (first in four methods) 4, T. Bowles (cond.) 5, J. Godfrey (first quarter) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCs.—On April 24th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Harrison 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, F. S. Parsons 3, P. Turner 4, W. Dale 5, T. A. Relf 6, H. R. Woods (cond.) 7, T. Hall 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Court 1, J. F. Penfold 2, Ann Vine 3, Janet R. Wells 4, P. J. Rye 5, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3 and 5 and first as conductor. A birthday greeting to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints', on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Jarrett 1, H. Symonds 2, A. Wingate 3, M. P. Moreton 4, J. Rock 5, L. Evans 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. Quartermain 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. F. R. C. Jarvis.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, D. E. Salisbury 3, C. E. Wright 4, R. W. Stannard 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Hall 1, M. Harding 2, L. Busby 3, T. Bowles 4, W. Fern 5, J. Adams (cond.) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3. First in method for 1. Rung for the christening of Capt. and Mrs. Allen's grandson in South Africa.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, C. D. Linington 2, A. J. Backshall 3, J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Dr. W. E. L. Horner, a benefactor of the church.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch 1, H. Harper (first 'inside') 2, A. Carveth 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, Miss E. Symons 5, Miss M. Matthews 6, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 7, C. K. Brewer 8. First quarter on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods): R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. V. Gant 4, J. F. Grove 5, C. E. Willmington 6, F. W. Housden 7, J. H. Crampion 8. First by all except 3 and 8.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHs.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: D. Jones 1, A. Davies 2, F. Hughes 3, F. Jones 4, A. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Lloyd 6, J. Chinnock 7, W. Young 8. Rung to mark the close of the 24 years' ministry of the Rev. Chancellor W. Alcuin Jones, M.A., M.C., as Vicar of Llangollen, and to congratulate him on his appointment as Archdeacon of Montgomery.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holland (first quarter) 1, M. Amos 2, A. Cooper 3, S. Summers 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5.

LUBENHAM, LEICS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morbey 1, Miss V. Carter 2, Miss J. Wise 3, D. Griffin 4, A. J. Millward (cond.) 5, First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

MANCHESTER, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on St. George's Day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. Carter 1, E. Nixon 2, F. Barraclough 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walshaw 7, B. Harris 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10.

MARDEN, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Haffenden 1, B. M. Vidler 2, P. Carter 3, F. W. Mitchell 4, S. G. Waters (cond.) 5, T. Pert 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gilbert Maynard, a ringer of the above parish, who was buried this day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 27th, 1,248 Bob Major: W. H. Tyler (cond.) 1, H. White (first 'inside') 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, A. Hickman 5, T. Price 6, S. Hughes 7, F. Price 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sinfield 1, C. Mann 2, A. Murphy 3, M. J. Lockey 4, B. Pattinson 5, R. Sharp 6, A. Sinfield 7, G. Kirby 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 5.

NELSON, LANCs.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Blakey 1, A. Tomlinson 2, V. J. C. Wood 3, L. J. Williams 4, J. Tomlinson 5, Patricia M. Bourne (first quarter) 6, E. J. Gower (cond.) 7, G. Clegg 8. Rung for 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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While the peal of Superlative was being rung
at Hawkhurst on April 26th the Pinewood
Studios, London, were taking shots for the
film 'Something money can't buy,' in the near-
by cricket field. The producer thanked the
band for helping to create 'a rural atmosphere'
to the sound track.

The 50th anniversary of
the first performance of
John Carter's odd bob one-
part peal of Stedman Triples was deservedly
commemorated by the ringing of this peal at
Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on May
5th. It was first rung on May 5th, 1902, at
Selly Oak, conducted by W. H. Barber and the
figures were published in 'Bell News' of Oc-
tober 18th, 1902. The calling was afterwards
modified and simplified by the composer and
these figures are given in both Davies' and
Trollope's 'Stedman.' Very few conductors
have called either the original or simplified
version.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Albert
Walker is much better.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on
May 2nd, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman 'completed
the circle' of Framsdon, Suffolk, tower for the
ninth time.

Owing to pressure on our space a number of
articles and reports of annual meetings have
been held over. With the majority of Guilds
holding their annual meetings at this time of the
year such a congestion is bound to occur.

The first peal for the Royal Society of Cum-
berland Youths overseas has been rung at Yass,
New South Wales. Recently we reported the
admission to the Society of a number of Aus-
tralian ringers.

Mr. Ivan Kay has rung 50 peals in the
Church of St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham. He
believes this feat has only once before been
accomplished by a regular Sunday service
ringer in Lancashire.

Fourteen-year-old Sylvia Sherwood, of Ash,
Surrey, volunteered to 'have a go' when one of
the local ringers was unable to take part in
a peal at Ash on April 26th. This was Sylvia's
first attempt at peal ringing and was the first
peal on the bells since restoration.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A long silence in Sunday
service ringing at Nelson,
Lancs, has been broken by
ringing for the Jubilee of the church in response
to an appeal by the Vicar to the Blackburn
Branch of the Lancashire Association. Ringers
from Colne, Burnley, Blackburn Cathedral,
Church, Kirk, Clitheroe and Oswaldtwistle par-
ticipated on three occasions. Small actions like
this go a long way to maintaining good re-
lations and stimulating interest in the art in
dormant towers.

The first handbell peal for the University of
London Society, though by no means the first
attempted, was rung in Melbourne, Australia.

Ringling at Melbourne, Australia, has now
progressed to the regular ringing of touches of
Grandsire Caters.

A party of Sydney ringers are making a tour
to Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide in August.
They will probably travel 2,500 miles in the
course of two weeks and ring in five, or possibly
six, towers!

Mr. S. G. Riches, of Bristol, has now rung
peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
He left the Doubles to last at Wookey, Somers-
et, on May 3rd.

We hope that one of the friends of the late
Mr. John William Keeble, of Feering, Essex,
who have noted the peals rung to his memory,
will give the Exercise an appreciation of his
services to ringing. He died on April 4th.

A correspondent has forwarded to us manu-
script of carol tunes suitable for eight bells.
We are prepared to loan this to any readers in-
terested to enable them to take a copy upon
receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

The railwaymen's peal of Plain Bob Major at
Tunbridge Wells on May 3rd was successfully
accomplished in three hours and two minutes.
Mr. Frank Bennett called one of his own com-
positions.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

**Gifts Place Association in Healthy Position —
Revival of Annual Dinner — A Good Year for
Peal Ringing**

THE 74th annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held on April 26th at Bacup, the attendance being not as great as usual owing to travel difficulties. Favoured with good weather, ringing commenced early in the day at Newchurch, Waterfoot, St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup, and continued until evening.

The service in Christ Church, Bacup, was conducted by the Rev. A. L. M. Davies (Vicar) assisted by the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. Davies preached the sermon which was appreciated by all present. Mr. Alan Thomas was the organist. After the service over 90 people sat down in the schoolroom of Christ Church to an excellent tea.

The president, who took the chair, opened the meeting by thanking the Vicar of Christ Church for the welcome they had received to Bacup. The Vicar, in reply, said that he, his parishioners and ringers were greatly honoured by the Association holding their annual meeting in their parish and extended a welcome to everyone with the hope that it would not be long before the Association decided to come to Bacup again.

Apologies for absence were read by the secretary from Mr. S. H. Dearden, Miss J. M. Preston, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. P. Crook and Mr. G. A. Bell.

The meeting continued with the reading of the minutes of the last annual general meeting held at Blackpool and the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on October 6th.

The following officers were appointed:—Vice-president, Arthur Tomlinson; general secretary, Mr. Fred Dunkerley; auditor, Mr. George A. Bell.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

At the committee meeting held at Wigan in February, 1952, it was decided to make an attempt to issue the annual report in time for the annual meeting. It has been the practice previously to wait until the annual meeting has been held before printing the annual report which has meant that the report was not in the hands of members until August. (This had been achieved and the annual reports were distributed to the members after the meeting.)

During the year committee meetings were held at Manchester and Mossley. The half-yearly meeting took place at Bolton at which place an extraordinary general meeting requested by the Liverpool Branch was held on the question of alterations to Rule 3 and Rule 11. The result was that both proposed alterations were defeated, 50—7 and 50—12 respectively.

A great deal of dissatisfaction was caused by the arrangements made for the re-opening of Liverpool Cathedral bells. The Association was not invited to take part and was not officially informed of the opening. The committee wishes it to be made quite clear that the Liverpool Branch was in no way responsible for the arrangements made and did, in fact, do their utmost to make it an Open Ringing Day.

The committee decided to revive the annual dinner and an attempt would be made to hold it at Liverpool in the autumn.

During the year losses by death were four life members, eight ringing members and five non-resident members. The Association's membership is as follows:—Honorary life members 69 (new 2), non-resident members 462 (new 19), ringing members 1,028 (new 144), making a total of 1,559 members.

The ringing members are divided among the Branches as follows:—Blackburn 106, Bolton 106, Furness 77, Fylde 57, Lancaster 53, Liverpool 124, Manchester 131, Preston 115, Rochdale 107, Rossendale 54, Wigan 98.

RINGING REPORT

Peals numbering 163 were recorded for the year thus beating the 1949 record by one peal. This was an achievement of which the Association could be proud, inasmuch as 42 of these peals were in Surprise methods.

'We now have pleasure in adding to our list of "first peals in the method" the following:—Eastcote Surprise Major, Rutland Surprise Royal, Double Oxford Bob Major, Beddington Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise (12 methods) Major, Lyme Surprise Major, London Surprise Royal. The highlight of the Association's performances was the record length of Cambridge Surprise Royal, 15,480 changes, this being the longest peal of Royal yet rung, and the longest length in the method on any number. To Mr. John Worth, the conductor, and his band we offer our heartiest congratulations.'

Fifty-five members rang their first peal, 223 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers, 8 their first peal on an inside bell, 2 their first as conductor and 18 their first in the method as conductor.

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, who joined the Association in 1908, rang his 500th peal for the Association. We believe that this is an all-time individual record for the Association and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Tomlinson on being the first member of the Association to reach the 500 mark.

Mr. P. Crook rang his 325th peal for the Association, Mr. L. J. Williams his 275th, Mr. J. Ridyard his 250th, Mr. J. W. Grounds his 200th, Mr. E. R. Martin his 175th, Mr. T. S. Horridge his 150th, Mr. R. Leigh and Mr. E. C. Birkett their 100th, Mr. T. Barket and Mr. S. H. Dearden their 75th and Mr. J. Ashcroft and Miss M. E. Ridyard their 50th.

SPECIAL PEALS

Peals were rung to celebrate the Festival of Britain and the birthdays of H.M. Queen Mary and Prince Charles and also on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to the County Palatine. Peals were also rung to celebrate the centenary of incorporation of the Borough of Blackburn and the 76th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints', Whitefield. A peal was rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Bishop of Penrith. Complimentary peals were rung for the golden weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor, of Mossley, and for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, of Blackburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, of Mossley. A birthday peal was rung for Mr. George Staff, of Milnrow, on his 81st birthday. He still rings twice on Sundays and walks a distance of six miles each time in order to be present in the tower.

Mr. A. Tomlinson again headed the list of leading peal ringers with 33 peals, Mr. J. Ridyard with 32 peals, Mr. R. Kenrick with 27 peals and Mr. J. Ashcroft with 26 peals.

Fifty members shared the conducting with Mr. J. Ridyard having conducted 28, two of which were 'firsts for the Association,' Mr. A. Tomlinson 14, Mr. P. Crook, sen., 10 and Mr. R. Leigh 8.

HEALTHY FINANCIAL POSITION

The treasurer in giving his report after reading the balance sheet, said that from the figures in front of them they would see that the Association was at last in a healthy position but that did not mean that members should be complacent about it. The healthy position had been created by gifts and donations and the waiving of expenses by the general secretary and the Branch secretaries and the Association's thanks were due to these gentlemen. He said that the proposed increase of subscriptions to 3s. would just about cover the running expenses of the Association providing members kept straight with their subscriptions.

It was proposed and seconded by the Manchester and Wigan Branches that Rule 4 be altered, making the annual subscription for ringing members 3s. except in the case of juveniles under 18 years of age whose annual subscription shall be 2s. This was adopted.

ANNUAL DINNER

Discussion took place regarding the revival of the Annual Dinner. It had been hoped that this could be held on the same day as the opening of St. Nicholas' bells, Liverpool, but the secretary pointed out that this would be impracticable as he understood the date would not be fixed for some time yet and there would be difficulty in securing accommodation at short notice. In view of this it was moved and seconded that the secretary be empowered to fix the annual dinner in Liverpool on November 29th or December 6th at a cost of up to 12s. 6d. per head.

It was announced that Preston was next on the list to be invited to hold the annual meeting and the secretary was instructed to write inviting the Branch there to organise the arrangements.

A member suggested that at the next annual meeting local bands should be asked to be in attendance at the towers selected so that ringers travelling long distances would be able to get a ring.

The secretary said that he wished to place on record the assistance he had received during the year in maintaining the Association's business from Mr. Stephen L. Parry and Mrs. Eileen Collier and expressed to them his personal thanks.

Several members expressed satisfaction at the annual report being placed before them at the annual meeting for the first time, they believed, in the history of the Association and expressed their congratulations to the officials.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. L. M. Davies, Mr. Mills and the local ringers, ladies and others for all the hard work and care that had been taken in making the afternoon at Christ Church an enjoyable one. He coupled with it thanks and good wishes to Mr. Selwyn H. Dearden, who is leaving the district.

The president asked the company to stand in silence as a token of respect to Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, whom the Association had lost and whose absence would be greatly felt not only in Lancashire but in other counties who knew him as one of the leading lights of the Exercise.

LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Kingswinford

A very successful meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Kingswinford on April 26th which was attended by 22 members.

The Leicester District members, actively supported by other members, left Leicester by bus about 1 p.m. Monotony is never allowed to bear down on such journeys and on this occasion the party was kept fully awake with handbell ringing and singing.

Ringling was delayed at Kingswinford owing to a wedding. A delightful service conducted by the Vicar was followed by a tea prepared by the local ladies which was all that could be desired, both in quality and quantity.

After thanks of those present had been duly expressed by the vice-president to all concerned, the parting of the ways came—the gentlemen returning to the tower and the ladies to conduct their meeting. Five new members were elected and the next meeting is to be held at Mansfield on May 24th.

Further ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major by a ladies' band.

Members were present from Anstey, Aylestone, Beoley, Birmingham, Castle Bromwich, Claverley, Ibstock, King's Norton, Leicester, Nottingham, Stourport, Syston and Thurstaston.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting held at Worcester on Easter Monday provided its usual good attendance, upwards of 100 members and friends being present at the service and business meeting. By permission of Bishop Lasbrey the service was held in All Saints' Church at 11 a.m. and was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, and the Rev. B. Lane-Smith, assistant priest at All Saints'. Owing to indisposition, the organist, the Rev. J. M. Wale, was prevented from playing, but a last-minute search among the ringers present found a substitute in Geoffrey Baughton, of Clent, who proved to be an accomplished organist.

The general business meeting was held in College Hall with the president, the Dean of Worcester, in the chair and he was supported by Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Messrs. J. R. Newman, J. Bass and W. Ranford (Freemen of the Association).

The president, in welcoming the Association, personally thanked them for the donation of £5 5s. made to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund during the year. Letters of thanks were also received from Evesham and Hagley for grants of £10 each to their respective Bell Restoration Funds.

Reporting on behalf of the Central Committee, the secretary said a grant of £10 had been made to the rehanging and augmentation of the bells at Earl's Croome. It had been decided to devote a single page of the report to the names of the 'Freemen,' with a brief record of their years of membership and offices held. Following a loss of £4 10s. in the General Fund for 1951, a charge of sixpence per copy for the annual report would be instituted this year. The reports cost 1s. 9d. each to print—quite the heaviest item of expenditure—and the committee had decided on this course in preference to increasing the subscription from 2s. 6d., and he trusted members would co-operate. The annual dinner had been provisionally arranged at the Guildhall for October 25th, and this date had been confirmed.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING DEFEATED

A resolution from the Northern Branch to institute a half-yearly meeting to be held in the summer in each Branch in turn came in for considerable discussion. It was pointed out that each of the three Branches already held quarterly and often bi-quarterly practice meetings and that other Branches were welcomed to these; that it would clash with bands' summer outings and come close to the annual dinner; and would probably develop into nothing better than an extra Branch meeting. The proposal was heavily defeated, only nine voting in favour.

The librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper) reported that during the year 15 applications had been received for the loan of 20 books and that since the report was compiled E. Morris's 'Bells of All Nations' had been added to the library. Mr. Cooper was thanked for his services.

All the existing officers were re-elected. Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master.

An appeal from the Rev. L. J. Birch asking for assistance towards urgent restoration work at Hanbury tower was read and as the constitution of the fund did not allow of a grant from the Belfry Repairs Fund for this work a donation of £5 from the General Fund was made.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to the president, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School, Bishop Lasbrey and Incumbents whose bells were available for ringing. These were All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey, the Cathedral bells, unfortunately, not being available owing to work on the fabric of the tower.



THE EIGHTY-YEAR-OLDS, who at St. John's, Deptford, rang a peal of Plain Bob Major on April 26th and thus established a new record in longevity. The band from left to right is—R. W. Stannard (82), H. Stalham (80),

F. Bennett (82), W. H. B. Wilkins (81), G. H. Daynes (82), W. J. Nudds (84), I. Emery (80), J. Wheadon (80). Details and biographies of the ringers appeared in our last issue. [Picture by permission of the 'Kentish Mercury']

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

Bell Restoration Fund Inaugurated

THERE was a large attendance of ringers at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. James', Clerkenwell, on April 26th. The bells at St. Mary's, Holloway, were rung from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and St. James's, Clerkenwell, during the afternoon before the service, under the supervision of Mr. T. Price, the Association's Ringing Master. The service was conducted by Canon A. Rogers, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

The Rev. P. Gough (president) was in the chair for the business meeting and was supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents).

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had died since the previous annual meeting:—C. F. Bailey (Leiston), T. Butler (Ellesmere), W. Claydon (Reigate), M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey), H. Kilby (Willesden), H. G. Miles (Hammersmith), T. H. Reeves (Birmingham) and W. H. Shuker (Manchester).

The general secretary (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) presented the annual report of the activities during 1951. Altogether 17 District meetings were held, besides two joint meetings with neighbouring Associations and a special Festival meeting on August Bank Holiday. Fifty-seven peals were rung, two less than last year. These included the first peals ever rung of Brinklow, Hereford, Kensington and Wirral Surprise Major. Three other methods not rung previously to peals by the Association were Apsley, Cornwall and Lindum Surprise Major. The list of conductors was headed by R. F. B. Speed (10), C. W. Roberts (9) and E. C. S. Turner (6).

Reference was made to the considerable progress made by two young members of the Hampton band, T. H. Blunt and P. A. Lawrence, and F. T. Blagrove, of Stanwell. The latter had taken part in many quarter peals ringing two bells, some of which he conducted. He and F. C. Price, the younger son of the Ringing Master, took part in one quarter peal on the back six at Feltham with each of them ringing two bells. Tribute was paid to Mr. Reuben Sanders who, at the age of 77, rang the 38-cwt. tenor of Waltham Abbey to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Master (Mr. Tony Price) referring to this performance, said that while there were many young ringers all competing to be the youngest to ring one method or another, it was a pleasure

to acknowledge the skill of one of their oldest members. Mr. Sanders was a pattern for every ringer; he had never sought the limelight and there were few ringers capable of ringing a heavy bell with more precision and style.

Quarter peals reported numbered 161; the St. John's, Hillingdon, band heading the list with 19.

Restoration work during the year included the installation of the ring of ten in All Hallows', Twickenham. This tower formerly stood in Lombard Street and was moved to Twickenham before the war. The ring of eight at St. Mary's, Hampton, had been re-tuned and rehung on ball bearings, the ring of six at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, re-hung, and restoration work had also been carried out at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—President, the Rev. C. P. Gough; vice-presidents, A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; general secretary, E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, W. N. Genna; Master, T. Price; treasurer, C. W. Roberts; auditor, M. Hodgson; trustees, T. J. Lock, C. W. Roberts and E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. W. H. Oram was thanked for his long and valuable services to the Association and as treasurer during the past 24 years, and was elected an honorary life member.

An amendment of Rule 7 was adopted to allow the Districts to hold their annual meetings before the end of February instead of by the second Saturday of that month.

A donation of £5 5s. was made to the fund for the restoration of the bells of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. It was also agreed to make a donation to St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Lower Thames Street, when the work of restoring the bells had been put in hand. To inaugurate a Bell Restoration Fund a collection was taken and this realised £5 14s.

Among the visitors was Mr. G. Joyce, from Hornchurch, who referred to the progress made by the Essex Association and offered to send the general secretary a copy of that Association's annual report. He thought that some of their ideas might be adopted by the Middlesex Association. The general secretary thanked Mr. Joyce for his comments.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents and the tower keepers, the helpers at the tea, the organist, and Canon Rogers for coming at short notice to conduct the service, concluded the meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIKE CÆSAR'S WIFE

Dear Sir,—Thank you, Madeline M. Croft, for your warning, sympathy with and tribute to 'The Ringer's Wife' which I would like to support.

I remember the time, and not so long ago, when to suggest taking the ladies with us on our ringers' outing was to expect the tower to oscillate almost to the point of disintegration; yet after having, I believe, revived the pleasure without any adverse effects, and I think everybody managed to get as much refreshment (liquid) as is good for one, if not as much as one wanted.

After all, one day's outing is not a great price to pay for, as you say, 'two nights a week and little of him at week-ends,' and I am sure the day is mutually more pleasant and profitable.

We owe our wives a great debt; for although they sometimes seem indifferent and 'create,' yet they are usually pleased when we return home late, and want to know how we have fared.

Some—only a few—get an opportunity of paying tribute to our wives' patience when receiving a presentation for 21 to 25 years' 'absence from home.' 'The Ringer's Wife,' like Cæsar's, should be above reproach, and have the patience of Job.

I am really concerned with the common or garden variety. You say 'she will at other times have the pleasure of hearing him talk of his ringing experiences.' Mine, after seeing and reading your article, said she never thought she would be front page 'Ringing World' news, then continued (aside) 'but then I once despaired of ever becoming a "ringer's wife."' But she is the best and truest critic I know.

If one gets a cold, it is usually through going off ringing, never from gardening or spring cleaning.—Yours, etc.,

H. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

THE SOCIAL DUTIES OF THE PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—As a ringer's wife and a non-ringer I was very interested to read Mrs. M. Croft's letter on 'Ringers' Wives.' She seems to have covered all the responsibilities of these patient, long-suffering humans. There is one point, however, Mrs. Croft didn't mention. A ringer's wife must be prepared to wait to all hours, early or late, for the return of the wanderer, and always be ready with a cheerful smile and something for the inner man; not forgetting to be prepared for one or two extras who call for a rest and refreshment before continuing on their way home, even if it is one or two o'clock in the morning.

I do not agree with Mrs. Croft on the ideal ringer's wife. I think the wife should take it upon herself to perform the social duties of the practice. If she performs her job of entertaining the members and suffering in silence all the intricate talk of 'course ends' and mistakes made by this one or that, she has done her duty. She will also find, I think, that she will be far more appreciated by her husband and his friends, than journeying in the 'run in' and 'run out' in the belfry.

I have also found one does not need to understand about a bob missed or a dodge put in the wrong place, for as one suffers the pains of listening to ringing debates one soon gets to understand a little of what is meant by these cryptic references.

As for a wife ringing, I, personally, think a ringer is better equipped with a non-ringing partner, for then he is forced to complete the inquest on the peal with his friends and not with his patient spouse when they have departed. Hasn't she suffered enough without having it dished up again?

PATIENCE.

Cheshire.

RINGERS' WIDOWS

Dear Sir,—How very refreshing to read your leading article recently, 'The Ringer's Wife'; how very true is every word of it!

I must tell you of an amusing experience which befell me. We have a small car and, of course, before we take any runs on a Saturday afternoon, I have to inquire, 'Any ringers' meetings anywhere?' This particular Saturday there was a meeting in Rishton, Lancs, and away we went. While the bellringing husband is busy ringing, I usually have a run in the car or sometimes I knit or read, calling later to pick up my husband.

After my usual run I was sitting in the car waiting and looking up to the tower. (The ringers can be seen through the windows at Rishton.) Walking up and down slowly in front of the church was another lady who from time to time glanced up at the tower. Then she came over to me and said rather quietly, 'Are you a widow, too?' Feeling very sorry for this lonely-looking soul, I said, 'No, I'm waiting for my husband.' Bursting out laughing she said, 'I thought so. Mine's up in the tower, too.' I opened the car door and said, 'Get in and sit down.' But that's not all. The said husband came down and when he saw his wife talking to me he actually turned back for another ring.

Joking apart, though, I enjoy going out to the meetings. I have seen many lovely churches I should never have seen, met many people who are extremely friendly and, incidentally, I have read many books and done miles of knitting and crochet during my waiting time.—Yours etc.,

M. WALMSLEY.

Oldham.

THE OLD THEME

Dear Sir,—May I say a word on behalf of those ringers who do attend the services for which they ring? Do they not suffer from an evasion of responsibility on the part of some of the clergy?

I know a tower whose ringers engage in competitive ringing and are members of a sister association and Sunday after Sunday these gentlemen may be seen conversing outside the church whilst the service for which they have just rung is in progress, thus helping to give a bad name to all ringers. This state of affairs has been going on for years, and these ringers never hear the abuse which is consistently hurled at their more conscientious brethren. Surely the remedy lies with their own incumbent, who is the custodian of the bells they use to practise on for competitive purposes.

As a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers I often attend our meetings and I find it a little offensive to be almost invariably reprimanded along with the guilty in the address at the services. This seems to me to reveal a remarkable lack of fluency by the clergy and also to be entirely the wrong approach to the problem and much more likely to discourage church attendance than otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

(MISS) E. LOMAS.

Whimple, Devon

ALTAR SERVERS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, ask for any ringers who are also altar servers and live within easy reach of Chislehurst, Kent, to get in touch with me with a view to ringing for the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary Annual Festival at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, June 7th. Details will be sent regarding time of service, etc.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL E. PALMER.

37, Rowlev Avenue,
Sidcup, Kent.

'THE PRICK OF CONSCIENCE'

Dear Sir,—May I say very briefly how much I, unlike Mr. Raymond Philpott, have enjoyed Rodney Meadows' extremely humorous and amusing articles on 'Belfrymanship'? Let us have more of these articles; it is good for us to laugh at ourselves occasionally especially as most of us have at some time practised one or other of Mr. Meadows' suggestions (I know I have!). Can it be, I wonder, that the 'anti-Meadows-ists' practise Belfrymanship to a greater degree than their fellow-ringers and, in consequence, feel the prick of conscience at some of Mr. Meadows' telling remarks?

Be that as it may, let us have more of these amusing articles from the pen of a gifted writer of humorous satire.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Winchester.

MORE OF THE VIRUS

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I have to inform Mr. Philpott that the evil virus, the vile emetic of Meadowsmanship, or shall we be less personal and say Belfrymanship, is spreading. To my horror I have just seen that a man by the name of Stephen Potter has got hold of the idea and is giving a lecture on Businessmanship in the B.B.C. Third Programme.

I can only echo Mr. Philpott's cry: 'Whatever happens leave our women alone.'—Yours faithfully,

J. R. CHAUNDY.

Oxford.

A PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at Wollaston, Worcestershire, on April 19th, I would say that I have been mixed up in this fascinating art for the past 40 years and I think this is one of the worst efforts I have heard. I am very surprised that the Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association has allowed his name to be submitted with this peal. Between 5.15 and 5.30 p.m. there was an appalling and incomprehensible mix-up. If this sort of thing is allowed to go on then I think the art of change ringing should be scrapped. The public should not have to listen to such a jumble.

I am sure that if the late Mr. R. Matthews or Mr. W. Short or any of the older ringers had heard this the heavens would have opened up in protest. In writing this letter I feel I am doing my duty as I have heard a number of other complaints confirming my opinion of the ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. C. RICHARDS.

Wollaston, Stourbridge.

NOTE.—The first condition required for peals is that any shift or error in ringing be corrected immediately. (See page 682, October 26th, 1951.)—Ed.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
May 17th, 1912

OXHEY, HERTS

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in 3 hours and 134 minutes.

At 43, Heath Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES
5,002 Changes

Henry Hodgetts 1-2 Hubert Eden 7-8
William Hodgetts 3-4 George E. Howchin 9-10
George N. Price 5-6 Charles N. Leman 11-12
Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George N. Price.

First twelve-bell peal in the county and by the Association. Rung at the first attempt.

[This was one of many fine performances prior to 1914 by the celebrated band at Oxhey, most, if not all, of whom were pupils of Mr. G. N. Price. Hertfordshire at this time did not possess a ring of twelve bells.]

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of Chester Meeting

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-first Council (54th annual meeting) held in the Cathedral Refectory, Chester, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 15th, 1951.

The Council was given a warm welcome to Chester by the Bishop of Chester and the Very Rev. Dean of Chester.

The meeting opened with prayer.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. A. B. Peck, Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding. Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. S. E. Darmon.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. J. Worth. Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

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

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes, Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chadlock.

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

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

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

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

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

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

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

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

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

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

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

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

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

SUMMARY.

	Associations	Present	Members
			Absent
Wholly represented	32	81	
Partially represented	18	37	25
Not represented	4		6
	54	118	31
Life Members		4	
Hon. Members		9	4
		131	35

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 53 Associations were affiliated, entitled to elect 148 members.

The Surrey Association was now entitled to three members and two Associations had each left a vacancy.

Honorary Members numbered 17 making a total membership of 163.

ADMISSION OF A NEW SOCIETY

On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the Sheffield and District Society was admitted as a non-territorial society. Its membership was reported as being 345 ringing members and 24 honorary members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were received:—Messrs. K. Beardsall, H. G. Cashmore, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, G. E. Debenham, E. G. Fenn, G. L. Grover, A. Harman, W. F. Judge, B. G. Key, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, F. Precey, J. W. Raithby, Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, Messrs. H. T. Rooke, F. A. Salter, C. J. Sedgley, A. C. Sinfield, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Mr. J. J. Webb and Rev. C. E. Wigg.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

New members presented were:—Messrs. S. E. Darmon (Cambridge University), D. Smith and J. Worth (Chester Diocesan), D. Carlisle and A. Mould (Derbyshire Association), C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead Guild), F. W. Lack (Ely), P. E. Baker and Miss D. M. Drew (Gloucester and Bristol), Messrs. P. A. Corby and J. Willis (Kent), Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies'), Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, C. Sharples and L. J. Williams (Lancashire), E. C.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President.—On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (on behalf of the Standing Committee), seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected for the next three years, 1951-54.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—On the proposal of the President Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected, and it was agreed that the appointment be for one year only.

It was further agreed that a committee consisting of the present officers, with powers to co-opt, consider the question of a successor to this office.

Hon. Librarian.—Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Life Members.—It was announced that under Rule 6 of the new Rules the following Honorary Members were now Life Members:—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. E. A. Young.

Notice of motion was given to propose the election of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher at the next meeting.

Honorary Members.—On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, that the retiring members be re-elected viz.:—The Right Hon. The Earl of Shaftesbury, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, A. A. Hughes, F. Sharpe, W. H. Viggers, and A. Walker, and that the following be elected:—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Messrs. M. Howard, D. Hughes, G. R. Newton, B. D. Price, E. Shepherd and P. L. Taylor.

The recommendation was adopted.

On the proposal of Mr. C. H. Kippin, seconded by Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. J. P. Fidler was also elected.

Election of Hon. Auditors.—On the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the following were elected to serve for 1951-54:—Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Loss of members through death.—Members stood in silence as the President formally reported the deaths of the following:—W. H. Barber, W. Claydon, C. Dean, J. George, H. R. Newton, W. Pickworth, Rev. R. F. Routh, Rev. G. D. Scott, W. Short, W. H. Shuker, O. Sippetts, C. Tyler, J. G. Wall.

Tributes to the memory of W. H. Barber were paid by Messrs. R. S. Anderson and A. Walker, and to W. H. Shuker by Mr. Dunkerley.

Minutes of the last Meeting.—On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the minutes as published and circulated were taken as read and approved.

REPORTS

The various reports have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN
(‘Ringing World,’ No. 2,095, May 25th, 1951, page 330.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. C. W. Woolley for assistance given during the year.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

(‘Ringing World,’ No. 2,095, May 25th, 1951, pages 330-1.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

J. H. Shepherd bequest.—On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. R. S.

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Anderson, it was agreed that the surplus be used in the work of the Biographies Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that the machine was now in first-class order but suggested that it be further tested before it was returned to the Museum.

The Report was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and adopted, and thanks were accorded to Mr. A. A. Hughes for providing a new electric motor free of cost to the Council.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The committee reported that the sub-committee's reports had been received, considered and circulated. The Agenda had been considered and recommendations made. The Report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The following Report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Since making our last report on the various Decisions of the Council, we have received a very small number of communications from the Exercise generally.

These have been carefully considered and we have revised our first suggestions slightly so as to give effect to the useful points which have been raised by correspondents, and also bearing in mind the discussion of the matter by the Council last year.

We have endeavoured to deal with the various controversial subjects, but, as you will no doubt agree, no rules or recommendations can be effective unless they are adhered to in their spirit and in their letter.

We hope the suggestions we have made will find general acceptance.

THE REVISION OF 'RULES AND DECISIONS'**A Progress Report**

'Rules and Decisions' first appeared in 1904, and in revised form in 1927, since when there has been no further issue, and copies are nowadays quite scarce. It is timely, therefore, to consider a third edition, more especially as the Rules were completely overhauled in 1950, and the Decisions are now enjoying like treatment.

The planning of such a booklet necessitates choosing its most appropriate form. If it is to be another 24 years before a fourth edition then the contents of the third edition should be such as not to 'date' the text unduly. But if the whole policy behind production is towards a more frequent, and hence more up-to-date text, then a sustained demand by the Exercise must be stimulated. It is the latter policy which seems the more valuable and inviting, and the basis of the accompanying proposals is that small supplements should be issued at the beginning of a new Council (a three-year interval), and that the next edition should follow after six or nine years.

The demand for a Central Council HANDBOOK should not, of course, be limited to Council members, or to Guild libraries, but every band of ringers should be encouraged to have a copy in their own tower, whilst there must be many individual ringers who would wish to have their own copy. One important result of such a wide circulation would be to bring a more intimate knowledge of the work of the Council to the notice of many more ringers, and so to further the aims and purposes of the Council.

Regarding production of the handbook it is hoped that the Council will authorise its publication at the coming meeting at Chester, though it is realised that this will involve a large initial outlay. 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. In effect it will be necessary to compile the handbook to economic specification, but with a first printing of 750 or 1,000

an attractive production should be possible at this price, at the same time allowing an adequate working margin of profit.

The committee's detailed proposals regarding the handbook were published in 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,097, June 8th, 1951, page 361.

SCHEDULE TO THE REPORT

The Schedule to the Report was considered in detail and on the President's motion it was agreed that the committee amend and publish as soon as convenient. Permission was also given to proceed with the handbook.

REPORT

OF SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PREPARE THE ROLL OF HONOUR
(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,097, June 8th, 1951, page 361.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was agreed that Mr. J. W. Clarke be co-opted and that further consideration be given to the cost of preparing the Roll.

REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN SUB-COMMITTEE

(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,074, December 29th, 1950.)

Adopted on the President's motion.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced the names of the officers, past officers and conveners of committees who were ex-officio members.

On the proposal of the Honorary Secretary, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, the following were re-appointed:—Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker, and as a result of a ballot the following were declared elected:—Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, C. K. Lewis and R. S. Anderson.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The following report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley:—

'We have very little to report, as our activities throughout the year have been very quiet. Steady progress has been maintained on the Royal and Maximus Collection.'

RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the following were re-appointed:—Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, E. A. Barnett, G. R. Newton and C. W. Woolley.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE
(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,095, May 25th, 1951, page 331.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and it was agreed to defer discussion on Method Extension.

The committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, F. N. Golden and C. K. Lewis were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 345.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The following committee were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dunwoody:—Messrs. W. Ayre, G. L. Grover and H. Miles.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE
(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 345.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

The committee—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall—were re-appointed on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Members of the committee reported verbally—see *'Ringing World,'* No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 345.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

The committee—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, F. Sharpe and E. Alex. Young—were re-appointed on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE
(*'Ringing World,'* 2,096, June 1st, 1951, pages 345-6.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The following committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes:—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

A verbal report was presented by Mr. W. Ayre, see *'Ringing World,'* No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346. The report was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and adopted.

The committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman, and on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler was added.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(*'Ringing World,'* 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers.

The committee were re-appointed on the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was also agreed to add Mr. E. A. Barnett.

REPORT OF THE 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(*'Ringing World,'* No. 2,096, June 1st, 1951, page 346.)

Adopted on the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, and it was also agreed to appoint a new committee consisting of Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and H. J. Poole with power to co-opt and with full power to advance the price of the paper should it prove necessary to meet increasing costs.

Thanks for past services were accorded to the retiring committee on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was, on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. T. R. Butler, agreed to accept the invitation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, to visit Lincoln.

BARRON BELL TRUST

A short discussion ensued as to the operations of this Trust and the difficulties experienced in the endeavours to obtain grants.

COMPETITION RINGING

The President reported as to suggested competitions proposed by Butlin's Camps. The Council endorsed the action of the officers in opposing the scheme and it was agreed that the President communicate with those Bishops who had given their support.

PUBLICATION OF MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

It was agreed to ask 'The Ringing World' committee to consider the publication of those performances which could not be accepted as peals where these were rung by young or new bands.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the President's motion, thanks were expressed to the Bishop and Dean of Chester for the use of the Refectory; to the Chester Diocesan Guild, its Master and Hon. Secretary for hospitality and arrangements; to Mr. Edwards for peal arrangements; and to all incumbents and tower keepers for ringing arrangements.

On the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. T. R. Butler, thanks were accorded to the President, and Mr. F. E. Dukes expressed the Council's thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. T. W. White.

OBITUARY

MR. CONOR O'BRIEN

Mr. Conor O'Brien, the distinguished cruising yachtsman, who died recently in Ireland, was in his early days a ringer of some ability. He rang up to London Surprise in the first decade of the century and was probably the first Irishman to do so. A correspondent suggests that he probably learnt to ring at Oxford. Later he rang at St. Patrick's, Dublin.

After his famous trip round the world in 'Saoirse' (20 tons) in which he logged 31,000 miles during 280 days at sea, the Dublin ringers sent him a congratulatory message, though he had given up ringing by then.

MR. A. KING

It is with regret that we learn that Mr. A. King died in Victoria, B.C., on April 15th.

Mr. King was a well-known ringer in London before going out to Canada in 1913. He was also at that time in the Metropolitan Police Force. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he formed one of the band of ringers at the Holy Rosary Church in Vancouver.

He volunteered for overseas service in 1914 and near the end of the war received a serious leg wound and was returned to Vancouver and placed in Shaugnessy Veterans Hospital. After leaving the hospital he rang regularly for the Vancouver band and then went to Victoria in 1938 and was an active member of the Christ Church Cathedral Guild in that city. In the latter part of 1951 his old injury began to cause him considerable discomfort and he entered the D.V.A. Hospital in Victoria where he died on April 15th.

The Christ Church Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on the day of his death and also at the morning service on Sunday, April 20th. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Esquimalt, B.C., all the pall bearers being bell ringers and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside after the 'Last Post.'

MR. A. MANN

The death occurred at his home on February 8th of Mr. Alfred Mann at the age of 83 years. He had been a regular ringer at Christ Church, Epsom, for nearly 60 years and rang his first peal in this tower in 1902. At one time his four sons and four of his daughters were all active ringers in this tower. He was a vice-president of the Surrey Association, being one of its oldest members.

The funeral took place at the Epsom Cemetery on Thursday, February 14th, preceded by a service at Christ Church which was attended by a large number of old friends and ringers.

A short touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung before the service by Mrs. Lathbury and Messrs. W. Lathbury, W. Harman, F. Smith, A. Winch, J. Beams, W. Robinson, and F. Oakshott, and at the interment a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave.

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Quarter Peals.—Hereford 4s., Scunthorpe 2s., Clitheroe 2s., Dundry 3s., Cuckfield 4s., Thorley 2s., Wandsworth 2s., Finchley 2s., Romford 3s., St. Ives 2s., Llangollen 2s., Sible Hedingham 4s., Lyme Regis 2s. 6d., Allesley 2s. 6d., Swindon 5s., Cranford 3s., Brentford 2s., Nelson 2s.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abrams 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, C. D. Harris (first quarter) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lathall, who has been a ringer here for 44 years. Also a fifth wedding anniversary compliment to the daughter of Mr. R. Hall.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): C. N. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, J. S. Haynes 3, K. H. Rowland 4, D. Allsop 5. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles H. Bennett, for many years a ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Pamela Willis (first quarter, aged 15) 1, J. Dear 2, E. Buck 3, R. Dixon (first quarter as cond., aged 12) 4, I. Werrett 5, M. Collins 6, H. Werrett 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's 26th birthday.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Roderick 1, E. Morris 2, F. Lasbury 3, J. Lovett 4, A. Hoare 5, G. R. Eyles 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, H. Crabb 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 16th at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss S. K. M. Knight 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, P. Page 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. Y. Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, J. H. Hunt 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Osborne (first quarter in method) 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, N. Phillips 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Langstone. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Corney 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Langstone.

SANDFORD OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Steel 1, D. Jones 2, W. Cross (cond.) 3, L. Lerner 4, M. Perrin 5, R. Perrin 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Lambkin 1, D. Hewitt (first quarter) 2, A. Hewitt 3, F. Lacey 4, G. Thompson 5, C. A. Harrison 6, H. Morwood 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss J. Oates (first quarter in method) 1, T. Elliot 2, E. Large 3, K. Haslem 4, H. Haslem 5, W. Cartwright 6, J. Pinfold 7, W. Goodman (cond.) 8. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss G. Plimmer 1, K. Haslem 2, T. Elliot 3, W. Cartwright 4, H. Haslem 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. Goodman (cond.) 7, F. Walters 8.

STOKE-HARTLAND, DEVON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Bob Doubles): R. J. Hicks 1, A. E. Bissat 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. Sangwin 5, J. Rich 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. First quarter in two methods for all the band.

STYTHIANS, CORNWALL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Spencer 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, C. H. DREWETT (cond.) 3, E. T. P. Field 4, R. G. Clemens 5, P. Stagg 6.

SWYNERTON, STAFFS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: R. Smith 1, W. Buckley 2, J. Kane 3, H. Hodson 4, A. Rowley (cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6. In memory of the Hon. Evelyn Fitzherbert, brother of Lord Stafford.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Jones 1, R. D. Wilson 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, E. D. Wilson 5, J. Corbett 6. First of Minor 1, 5 and 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Warboys 1, F. Bird 2, Brenda Perry (first quarter) 3, T. Camp 4, C. Warboys (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Foreman 6. Rung half-muffled for the late Miss Hale.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On May 4th, at Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Maxwell 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Belcher 4, A. J. Phillips 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, J. Stephenson 7, H. M. Page 8.

YASS, AUSTRALIA.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Boulton 1, R. Burden 2, A. Botting (cond.) 3, R. Ferris 4, M. Minter 5, W. Munday 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Anzac Day, and a compliment to Mr. W. W. Curll on his 70th birthday.

LATE NOTICE

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Northop (8) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 21st, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 775

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PEAL-RINGING TOUR.—Cornwall, July 12th—19th. A few vacancies for ringers available. For details write Box 717. 'Ringing World,' c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 717

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meetings for practice during the summer months have been arranged as follows:—Chaddesley Corbett (8), alternate Fridays from May 9th, 7.30 p.m., and Kidderminster (12), alternate Thursdays from May 15th, 7.30 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 725

LOST from Ringers' Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral on April 26th, green Baracuta mackintosh.—J. B. Nicholson, The Limes, Saxilby, Lincoln.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; plenty of cafes nearby.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 723

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Evening practice. Downham Market, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 728

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, May 17th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 730

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Waldron, Sussex, on May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 706

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8). May 17th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (obtainable nearby) and business to follow, with further ringing. Evening practice. Fulham (10). Thursday, May 22nd, 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks. 710

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Members bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 748

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly, Saturday next, May 17th, at Fordingbridge. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Ringwood bells in the evening.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 755

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 2s. per head.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby, Ilkeston and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth on May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 21st, to Miss K. Tivey, 232, Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock, Derby. 738

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 24th, at Manuden (5), near Stansted, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Thence to Farnham (6), near Bishop's Stortford, for tea and further ringing. Visitors are requested to bring own sandwiches, etc.; cups of tea provided.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 911

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), May 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by May 22nd, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 756

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly, Burghill, May 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Number for tea, May 20th, to J. W. Downs, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 762

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Worthen, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. 750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway, May 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 765

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, May 24th, Mansfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for all who notify, not later than Tuesday, May 20th, Mrs. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Grant, Hon. Sec. 769

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, May 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at Social Club, 5. Names, please, by 21st, to Mr. Drury, Willowbrook, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley. 759

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Buckminster, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, by the 21st, to Mr. T. Simpkins.—J. H. Cook. 757

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Metheringham, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.—F. Lord. 766

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wainfleet St. Mary, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Monday, May 19th, to Mr. H. Wright, Council Houses, Wainfleet Bank, Skegness. 766

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale. 772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by May 19th?—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 721

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING LINCOLN

Members and wives (or husbands) will be entertained to tea on Tuesday, June 3rd, following the meeting. Will members please apply for tickets before Thursday, May 29th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Spalding, when tickets will be forwarded or reserved for them. 767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thame on May 24th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by May 20th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., North Street, Thame. 716

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, May 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 19th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 751

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Rothersthorpe, May 24th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. Bus leaves Weston Street car park, Northampton 2 and 3.15 p.m. 763

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting of the Branch will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 25, West Road, Oakham. 774

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Crewe Branch of CHESTER GUILD.—Market Drayton (8) on May 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, before May 21st, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 768

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—Saturday, May 24th. Meeting for ringers wishing to practise on ten bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5, only for those notifying, by May 21st. R. C. Hide 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes. 713

THE NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL will be held on May 24th. All ringers are invited to attend. Renhold 2.15—3.15; Wilden 3.30—4.30; Great Barford 6—8. Tea at the Anchor, Great Barford, 5. Names for tea must be sent, by May 21st, to Miss M. Pettitt, Bedford Hill, Great Barford. 713

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Bi-quarterly meeting, May 24th. Coach leaves Birmingham at 1.30 p.m. Ringing at Shustoke (6), Kingsbury (5), Grendon (6), Polesworth (6), Tamworth (8). Numbers limited. Please notify early.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 731

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone May 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by May 21st, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxford. 719

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Earls Croome, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, May 20th, to E. T. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 771

BENGEO, HERTFORD.—Dedication of recast ring of eight as part of Village War Memorial, Sunday, May 25th, 6.30 p.m. Service by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. Bells available until 9 for visitors. 760

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stonham Aspal (10). Ringing Sunday May 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9. Names for tea, by May 17th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 704

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, The Bungalow, Cranwells, Weston Park. 747

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Gressenhall (6), May 31st. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall for those who apply, by 28th, to Mr. G. T. Bunning, Gressenhall Green, E. Dereham, Norfolk.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec. 752

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Bricklayer's Arms. Names for tea, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 754

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m., preacher the Very Reverend G. E. Gordon, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m., members 3s., non-resident members and non-members 4s. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following bells are available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widdford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the general secretary not later than May 26th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 764

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival and meeting, Coalbrookdale (10), Whit Monday, June 2nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5. Bells available 11 a.m.; also Broseley (8), Much Wenlock (8) for parties. Names for tea, by May 29th, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Rads. 714

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Daventry on Whit Monday, June 2nd. Guild committee meet at 2 p.m., Abbey Buildings. Service 3 p.m., Parish Church. Tea in Abbey Buildings at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to reach me by Saturday, May 24th. Bells available: Braunston 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Byfield and Great Brington 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Whitton, Lower Heyford and Harpole 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Weedon 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.; Staverton, Newnham and Badby 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and Daventry 1 p.m. onwards. Bells available after meeting announced later. Please make an effort to attend and note proposed alterations to Rules as printed on leaflets in reports.—R. C. Noon, 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants. 746

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at St. Barnabas', Bromborough, Saturday, June 7th. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tickets for tea (3s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries, who are requested to forward numbers sold to Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. Not later than Tuesday, June 3rd. Towers available: Eastham, Port Sunlight, Bebington and Bromborough. 1—3 p.m. and after the meeting. Cathedral en route by arrangement with Mr. P. Swindley, 71, Prenton Place, Chester.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 746

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Brize-Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by June 5th. Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 761

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SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER GUILD** (Melton District). — Joint meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Colles Hall. 5. Names must be sent to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road.—S. P. M. Lewin, J. H. Cook, Joint Secretaries. 758

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield contest at Penistone, June 14th, open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries must reach me not later than June 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 770

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**East Devon Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Feniton on May 3rd and attended by 31 members.

The Guild service was held in the Parish Church conducted by the Rev. A. G. Chappell (Vicar) and the lesson was read by the president (Preb. E. V. Cox). An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Chappell and the lady ringers of Feniton.

The Branch chairman (the Rev. H. Taylor) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, Brig.-Gen. Acland and the president.

There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon, methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and a very good touch of Grandsire Doubles by all ladies.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Chappell and her helpers for an excellent tea, the organist and, last but not least, the organ blower.

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