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WOMEN!

ONE presumes that the war of the sexes is never ending. Perhaps now that the fair sex have entered many of the walks of life that at one time were the exclusive right of the male the war is intensified. Be in the company of a few motorists and mention 'women drivers,' soon each is giving an opinion and rarely to the credit of those women drivers; be in the company of ringers and mention 'lady ringers,' the opinions are more circumspect, especially if members of the Ladies' Guild are present. Of course, there are some who look askance at a lady ringer, especially those of the old school; those of the younger school look on it in a different light. Is it a case of 'sour grapes' as far as the 'old school' is concerned? Still there are times when a lady makes a sign and you wonder whether she wants to dodge with you, or whether she wants to know if her nose is shiny, or perhaps pat her hair in place.

Such old stalwarts as Sam Wood, Ben Thorp and Harry Chapman had to put up with lady ringers towards the latter part of their careers whether they liked it or not—still Miss Tonge held her own with them and one more of the gang who is still alive. She found it hard going at first, but her ability made all the difference. One wonders what they would have said if those ladies had brought their knitting with them to while away the time when they were not ringing or if they saw in the belfry copies of 'Woman's Weekly,' 'Woman's Own,' etc., lying alongside 'The Ringing World,' or saw patterns of unmentionables tucked away inside 'Standard Methods.'

Even clergy are not immune from looking twice at lady ringers and some do not look with favour on them. About thirty years ago at Marple, on the occasion of a Chester Guild meeting, the then Vicar strongly objected to mixed bands ringing; he did not mind a complete ladies' band ringing, provided the men left the tower—needless to say, the ladies present, to use a modern term, fired a few 'rockets.'

Romance now finds its way into ringing circles and it behoves the men to watch out, for, whenever the time comes when the fair sex predominates, then you who have married one will have to stay at home on Sunday to do the chores whilst she goes to ring for morning service.

Ever attended a Ladies' Guild meeting? Is the stronger sex allowed in at the business meeting? Not on your life; the 'Iron Curtain' is up good and proper. Is the time coming when we shall have an 'all women' Central Council? One hopes not. J. P. F.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 9th, 1913

CHRIST CHURCH BELLS, BOSTON, U.S.A.

English Ringers Assist at the Reopening

Christ Church bells, being the first ring shipped from England, are well known in America by reason of their purity of tone, long vibration and carrying power, a characteristic of the Rudhall foundry at about the middle of the 18th century. . . .

Situated in a remote section of Boston, abandoned to Italians, Russian Jews and Portuguese, the edifice had been for many years neglected, while its bells had become unringable; [but] an extensive restoration has at length been effected.

Although it was found necessary to renew headstocks, wheels, stays and even clappers, the bells were in perfect order; and when quarter-turned and rehung, could be managed with the least appreciable effort. . . . The eve of April 19th, the anniversary of a holiday known in Massachusetts as Patriots' Day, was selected for the opening, and . . . the bells burst out in touches of Grandsire to the satisfaction of a heterogeneous multitude which thronged the adjacent streets. The bells, eight in number, with tenor of 15 cwt., were cast in 1744, and are now as perfect as when sent across the water from Bristol. . . .

A. H. Nichols, M.D.

[A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung shortly afterwards by P. J. Allfrey (Brighton) 1, Mrs. Shurtleff 2, S. W. Sturgis 3, W. Bashford (Nutfield, Surrey) 4, G. Moore (Maidstone) (conductor) 5, Dr. A. H. Nichols 6. Mrs. Shurtleff, daughter of Dr. Nichols, had taken part in two or three peals in London some ten years previously. She is the senior lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, 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.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
ANTHONY AGER	6	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	JOHN HILL	7
JILL BRITTAIN	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	8
JOHN CHILCOTT	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
CYRIL LEWINGTON	5	CHARLES SANGWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A birthday compliment to Mr. John Phillips.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST H. DURRANT	*Treble*	RICHARD G. BELL	6
WILLIAM H. COLES	2	D. KAY ADKINS	7
†REGINALD ROWLEY	3	†WILLIAM WENBAN	8
‡JOHN SCHOFIELD	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	5	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on 10 bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	*Treble*	†ERIC N. HARRISON	6
THOMAS W. CROWE	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	W. NORMAN PARK	8
†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ROLAND PARK	9
KENNETH ARTHUR	5	†EDMUND P. CROWDY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	ROBERT COLLINS	6
*JAMES H. LILLEY	2	RAYMOND OVERY	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	KENNETH SNELLING	8
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	9
HERBERT S. JAMES	5	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
STANLEY SLANEY	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
PAMELA J. LEANING	4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN W. T. CHEW	*Treble*	JAMES A. PARKER	5
GEORGE DOWLING	2	*JOHN B. IBBOTSON	6
*JAMES V. DAVIES	3	HAROLD PARKER	7
THOMAS SOUTHWICK	4	†EDGAR THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon J. W. Lamb, on his elevation to the doctorate.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	THOMAS BIRD	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	*ALAN FEVER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
*JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal on eight bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOHN MCDONALD	2	PETER J. MORTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
ANTHONY AGER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*ELIZABETH D. HALE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. KEYTE	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	2	BRENDA M. SMITH	6
WILFRED J. NEWMAN	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung on the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, Evesham's oldest resident.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	2	*CYRIL A. HURST	6
*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb in D.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
*WILLIAM ROGERS	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* 100th Surprise peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung on the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Hills.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs. April 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 400th peal.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*SHEILA DUFFIN	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	6
MARY E. STEPHENS	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
RICHARD W. STEPHENS	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung on St. George's Day, and also marking the 60th anniversary of the restoration of the old ring of five bells and the addition of a treble bell.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Eight-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

RUBY L. GIBBONS	*Treble*	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	5
WILLIAM C. WEST	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	6
MARY I. KENNELLY	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	7
*FRANK D. MACK	4	†PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. C. West, wife of the General Secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

JEAN M. HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	*RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.
*100th peal.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*†GERALD C. HEMMING	6
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	*R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
FREDERICK JUKES	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

*DEREK NORRIS	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Major.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*EDWARD W. COLLEY	*Treble*	†FRANK W. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
†RONALD F. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
WALTER HUNT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of London Surprise.
Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*HERBERT COLCOMBE	*Treble*	*F. JAMES DODSON	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	6
*E. JOHN WELLS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	ALICE M. REED	5
MOLLY DENBY	2	BETTY FAITHFULL	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	†REGINALD A. REED	7
CHARLES TAYLOR	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal of Major and in the method. † 25th peal in the method. The conductor has now called Kent Minor, Major and Royal on these bells this year.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Molly Denby, and to celebrate her engagement to Norman Hayes; both are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PAUL T. HERBERT	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
†BARRY COOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE	3	DONALD COOMBES	7
WILLIAM S. MAY	4	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the Vicar of Prittlewell, Ven. E. G. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY L. HARRISON	*Treble*	E. HARRY STONELEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
HARRY BROUGHTON	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
HAROLD G. JENNEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	2	†DEREK J. TRANTER	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

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

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
*JOHN KING	3	R. GEORGE CARE	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by R. GEORGE CARE.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and first of Surprise since 1908.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 17 methods. 1. London, Wells and Cunecastre. 2, Lightfoot and Wearmouth. 3. Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. 4. Berwick and Hexham. 5. Beverley and Surfleet. 6, Cambridge and Ipswich. 7. York and Durham.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
FREDERICK W. FRENCH	2	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne. Mr. Lake was for many years captain of the Bourne ringers.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 different extents, comprising one each of Fortune, Northrepps, St. Simon's, Cassington, Eynsham, Shropham, St. Albans, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, St. Leonard's, Milcham and St. Paul's, two of Stedman, three each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Hurdibras, Reverse St. Bartholomew's and St. Augustine's and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	4
JOHN H. JOYNER	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	5
CECIL A. BRASS	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Joyner on their 20th wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 9 methods: 1, Plain and Double Bob; 2, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 3, Cambridge Surprise; 4, Oxford Bob; 5, Double Oxford Bob; 6, St. Clement's; 7, Double Court. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. JERRETT	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	4
DILLYS L. HULBERT	2	RONALD C. LUCAS	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

The first peal in nine methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
BARRY HOLLAND	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
*IAN M. HOLLAND	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
CHARLES W. LEE	3	*FREDERICK MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob differently called. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CECIL MATTHEWS	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY AMOS	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN H. BLUFF	3	PERCY D. BALDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD HARRIS	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	4
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
REGINALD L. SILLS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Minor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	4
HAROLD WORRALL	2	CECIL RADDON	5
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Netherseale, Norwich, Bourne, Wells, Durham, York and London Surprise Minor. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MICHAEL ORME (age 15)	*Treble*	EDGAR W. WINTERS	4
†GEORGE CHERRY	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'
Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH	*Treble*	*ALAN ELLIOTT	4
CHARLES BURTON	2	HARRY MILLATT	5
JOSEPH ELLIOTT	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Joseph Elliott.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one extent each of Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine's, St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, Shropham, Elford, Cassington, St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, Mileham, Austrey, St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', St. Thomas', Norwich, Shareshill, Lapley, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Hurdibras, Seighford, Old Doubles, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Costessy, Little Aston, St. Columb, Winchendon, St. Miles', St. John's, Walsingham, Ryton, St. Luke's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	JOHN R. JOYNER	4
JOHN H. JOYNER	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
DAVID W. BARR	3	BRYAN E. CARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.
First peal in 42 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

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LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

*Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	3
Frank Taylor	2	John G. Ames	4
Cyril Wander	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Cyril Wander.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. E. Bennett, wife of the treble ringer.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Alan C. Cozens	*Treble*	Bernard E. Frost	4
Ivor J. Dickin	2	George Roome	5
Kenneth D. Perkins	3	*Eric Nobles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.

* 75th peal for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The previous peal of Minor was rung in 1937.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods:—(1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Sirney Hough, jun.	*Treble*	Eric Simpson	4
*M. Jillian Brierley	2	Alexander Richardson	5
Barry Corbishley	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* 25th peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Peter Jarvis	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield	4
†John R. Cooper	2	†Wilfred W. Ring	5
†Harry Baker	3	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Cecil Hinton	*Treble*	Montague Saunders	4
K. Mary Cowley	2	Roger Keeley	5
William J. Chester	3	William Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Yates.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells.

SWEPSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Joseph W. Cotton	*Treble*	W. Arthur Riddington	4
John A. Underwood	2	Ernest Morris	5
Roland Beniston	3	Arthur E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

On the front six. Being seven 720's of Kent. Tenor 4 cwt. 8 lb.

Reginald A. Reed	*Treble*	‡Molly Denby	4
*Adrian Tumber	2	‡Charles Taylor	5
†Betty Faithfull	3	‡Norman Hayes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald A. Reed.

* First peal on six bells, and first of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. on her 27th birthday.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

Lottie R. Pimm	*Treble*	Bertram J. Coggins	4
*Linda R. Binnington	2	Harry P. Floyd	5
Douglas O. Wilks	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal with a working bell.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. George.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., April 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's (2 each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement) and 34 extents (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	David W. Barr	4
Derek Preece	2	*Bryan E. Carson	5
*Ann Barr	3	Michael W. Fairey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Michael W. Fairey now 'completes the circle.' The quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Terry Senior	*Treble*	Harold Moore	4
Mrs. M. Moore	2	Ronald Suckling	5
June Starling	3	John Leeming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Suckling.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of St. George of England.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William C. Ward	*Treble*	J. Harry Cook	3
Reginald Looker	2	Harold T. Bonshor	4
Alfred Hinman	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.

First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson on the birth of their daughter. Also to commemorate 60 years as a ringer by Mr. Joseph Gilson, of Melton Mowbray.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*David C. Bennett	*Treble*	Lawrence Greenhow	4
†Ernest Morris	2	Harry Poyner	5
‡Derek G. Goodman	3	†B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor on tower bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERNEST F. SHEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	4
*MICHAEL HORSEMAN	2	LEONARD DERRICK	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal of Surprise Minor and on the bells.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods, viz.: Three different extents each of (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Southrepps Pleasure, (3) Clifford Pleasure, (4) Little Aston, (5) Kennington, (6) Seighford, (7) April Day, (8) Plain Bob, and ten different extents and four different Morris's 240's of (9) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

ERIC EDGINGTON	*Treble*	BRYAN E. CARSON	4
DAVID W. BARR	2	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	5
JOHN R. JOYNER	3	DEREK PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.
First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles in nine methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. T. Marshall Charlesworth and Miss Marguerite Norton.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Simon's and four 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob; April Day, Norfolk, Old Bob, Kennington and Grandsire.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DONALD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	†RICHARD S. HOLLAND	3
†MICHAEL F. AMOS	2	†ERNEST G. ORLAND	4

†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.. *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. † First peal in 11 methods.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being sixteen differently called Morris's and Pitman's 240's and ten different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRYAN E. CARSON	*Treble*	*ERIC EDGINGTON	3
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	DAVID W. BARR	4

†JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. The quickest peal on the bells and first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., March 30, 1953, in 1 hour and 46 Minutes,
AT 26, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) College Bob and Wavertree College Bob, ((2) St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		R. JAMES COOK	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1953, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT 53, LEYS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3—4
		JOHN KING	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at North Stoneham for the Queen's birthday was rung after losing one of Grandsire Triples due to a miscall. The inevitable coin decided that Cedric Murphy (aged 14) should stand down and allow Adrian Tumber to ring his second peal before his 13th birthday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There was a very happy dinner at the Golden Pheasant, Plumley, on April 18th, when Messrs. H. Parker, H. W. Howard, H. Worrall and Cecil Raddon celebrated the ringing of their 50th peal together at Eccleston, Cheshire, on March 28th. The dinner was attended by their respective wives and two other friends. 'A good time was had by all,' writes our correspondent.

Ringing friends of the Henley-on-Thames tower will be sorry to hear that Mr. E. Nash is in Reading (Berks) Hospital and will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

In the report of a quarter peal rung to the memory of Queen Mary on March 31st at Claverley (Salop) a wrong line was dropped in when making a correction. The 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by Mrs. J. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis, jun., 3, G. Goodson 4, F. Hinton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Drew (conductor) 7, E. Bennett 8.

Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, in submitting a peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight of Evesham's 12, specially commends the way Miss Brenda M. Smith rang the sixth, which is 33 lb. short of 19 cwt. Brenda, he assures us, enjoyed her peal and was quite excited about it.

In ringing the peal of Stedman Triples at Sevenoaks on April 17th as a wedding compliment to Miss H. M. Argyle, daughter of the Rector, the ringers would also like to say 'Happy Birthday' to Betty Mason, whose father rang the second.

Four Associations and Guilds are supporting the Thames Valley Ringing Festival on June 27th. Ringing will take place in all the towers along the River Thames from Windsor to Walton, with headquarters for tea and service at Egham. Arrangements are jointly being made by Mr. W. Simmonds and Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne (Lincs) was celebrated by a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 17 methods. Mr. Lake came to the church to start the peal and called 'Go London,' and the peal went without a hitch. For over 30 years Mr. Lake was Ringing Master at Bourne, retiring when the war started. He conducted many notable peals of Spliced Surprise Minor, including one in 28 methods in 1936. He has over 100 peals ranging from Doubles to Surprise Royal to his credit.

Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield (Sussex), has recovered from his illness enough to start ringing again. On April 21st he rang his first peal for over a year and in calling from the third he 'completed the circle' in his home tower in a novel way—by conducting a different Surprise Major method from every bell.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Frank V. Sinkins, of Slough, has now fully recovered from his recent fall, which resulted in a broken collarbone. He is now in his 89th year and is still a regular service ringer at Slough. On April 26th, at Hughenden, he was heard to remark, 'It is 73 years since I first rang in this tower.' What a grand old gentleman he is, to be sure!

Two regular Sunday service ringers at North Stoneham (Hants), Norman Hayes and Molly Denby, celebrated their engagement and Molly's birthday with a peal on April 25th. The band were entertained to tea after the peal at the home of Miss Denby with samples of her proficiency in the culinary art in the form of piles of small cakes and a huge iced one. A toast was proposed and simply but very sincerely answered, and the celebrating continued until late in the evening, with Mrs. Reed providing the musical accompaniment on the piano.

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THE MINISTRY GOES WEST

Gilbert Thurlow Tells of the Clerical Guild in Cornwall

THIS does not mean the fall of the Government. Something more exciting, at least for those concerned. The Clerical Guild has been spending its annual ringing week in Cornwall. Determined to paint the county red, the Guild toured round in a motor coach inscribed 'Crimson Tours'—which title hardly seemed to imply the nature of its contents.

The party gathered on April 13th at Carbis Bay. You have to visit this delectable spot to realise how far it is from 'England.' The undersigned arranged to cover the first 120 miles late on Sunday night; arrived an hour late in Hitchin, where he had arranged to pick up a member. Finding nobody at the place of meeting, he and a fellow cleric invaded the police station at midnight, were discussing how to catch a stray cleric at that hour, when the said cleric walked into the station also, providing the constables on duty with a story on which they could put what interpretation they liked.

After hours and hours over plains, hills, valleys, moors, ravines, rivers, more moors, to the far west—Carbis Bay ringing chamber looked indeed bright and welcoming late on Monday evening. There were gathered the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. B. Andrews, the Revs. D. Ballard, W. G. Bridge, N. F. D. Coleridge, F. Ll. Edwards, K. W. H. Felstead, M. C. C. Melville, the Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Richards, the Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Roberts, the Revs. J. G. M Scott, R. D. St. J. Smith, A G. G. Thurlow, W. H. R. Trewhella, H. F. Warren, Canon R. F. Wilkinson and E. B. Wood. We were presided over, as is our usual great joy and privilege, by the cousins Cox, the Canon who is our president and the Prebendary who is our secretary. (This reminds one of the story of the rather ponderous clerical lecturer who had been lecturing a class of ten-year-olds at length on the constitutional set-up of Cathedrals and at the end said, 'Now boys, what is the difference between a Prebendary and a Canon?' to receive the reply, 'Please Sir, a Prebendary has two humps.') And, of course, there were those without whom life at Carbis Bay would be most sadly bereft—the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, also Evangeline, now aged nine and ringing Grandsire Doubles.

Whilst the undersigned and his carload were crossing Cornwall the police phoned Carbis Bay saying that offertory boxes in the neighbourhood were being rifled. This had no connection with St. Andrew's, Norwich, bells fund.

Tuesday began with Holy Communion at Carbis Bay Church, celebrated by the president, assisted by the Vicar. After this some rang Double Norwich for an hour at Carbis Bay whilst others, choosing more wisely, visited the nice little six at Lelant, and thence to Camborne, where all met for Kent, etc., etc., and lunch (dry for the unenterprising). On to Redruth and then to Kenwyn, each of which has a fine eight. Then to Evensong at Truro Cathedral, sung by the congregation as the choir was on a well-deserved holiday. Here we met a school party from Beoley, Worcs, whose enterprising teacher runs tours for the children all over the British Isles. Robert Wilson from this party rang with us at the Cathedral, where Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Major, etc., were rung. The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wigg had meanwhile joined us. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts most kindly gave us tea at Truro, at which the Bishop of Truro was guest of honour. Back to Hendra's Hotel, Carbis Bay, where we were staying.

TRIED TO HEDGE THE CUCKOO

On Wednesday some rang Stedman Triples at great speed for 50 minutes at Towednack, a church with an appearance of immense age, with two of the Cornish 'Preaching Crosses,' some of which are sixth century, in the churchyard, a mediæval granite altar slab and a church tower finished very low because the Devil wouldn't let them build any higher. This was the parish where they tried to hedge in the cuckoo, and they would have succeeded had the hedge been a bit higher! Others rang at the famous little church of Zennor, where you can see monuments to a family with father of 95, mother of 99 and daughter of 104, also to John Davey, the last to know the old Cornish language well. Our member, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, was once incumbent here and installed the delightful six on which we rang. An ancestor of his, son of the Squire of Zennor, had a lovely voice which attracted a mermaid. She induced him to follow her beneath the sea, so he was heard no more, but she can still be seen carved on a bench end in the sanctuary at Zennor. This village takes its name from St. Senner. Western Cornwall is alive with memories of many saints of the earliest Christian Church in this land, and their Preaching Crosses are a thrilling feature of the landscape

Thence to Madron, with one of the splendid Cornish chancel screens, mostly renewed, and a fine ring of eight. Lunch in a field with a grand view of the sea and St. Michael's Mount. Thence to Gulval—but on the way some members strayed from the programme to visit the mead works, where you can buy all sorts of mead, dry, sweet, etc., etc., also honey and spices, in an old-world atmosphere, albeit the affair only dates back ten years or so. At Gulval we enjoyed Surprise, etc., on a very nice little eight, also chimed the bell hung in the open air in the churchyard and had a service taken by the Vicar, who had kindly met us, as did the Vicars of Madron and Penzance, to which grand eight we now turned. After Stedman, etc., here we inspected the church, a featureless Georgian Gothic affair which in the hands of really artistic folk is being made a place of great and surprising beauty.

Then to Alverne Hill, with its charming gardens, where we were given a sumptuous tea by Miss Eileen Symons, who is president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and her sister. Some of the party drove thence to Land's End passing the Merry Maidens, a circle of stones supposed to be a group of maidens who were thus punished for dancing on Sunday, but in fact something far more interesting, a relic of the culture of Cornwall centuries before Christianity. After gazing at the wild grandeur of Land's End, touches were rung on the light six at Sennen, England's most westerly tower.

A NEW HON. SECRETARY

The day ended with the annual meeting held at headquarters at Carbis Bay. At this Canon Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected president, and Canon Wilkinson vice-president. Prebendary E. V. Cox felt that owing to his many important Diocesan duties he must resign the office of hon. secretary. The president and others spoke in the warmest possible terms of the work Prebendary Cox had done in building up the Guild and in arranging the ringing weeks. It was unanimously agreed to make him a vice-president as soon as the constitution could be revised to permit having two vice-presidents. The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews was unanimously elected hon. secretary. It was agreed to hold the 1954 ringing week in the Monmouthshire area.

On Thursday, April 16th, we started at Crowan, then to the fine eight at Helston, a church rather like Penzance on a small scale both in design and in modern treatment. Posters were advertising the Furry Dance on May 8th. We found Cambridge, etc., more interesting. Then to one of Cornwall's finest churches, St. Keverne, with splendid pillars of serpentine, etc., with one granite monolith and fine pew ends. A good ring of eight here, by Taylor's, with tenor of 18½ cwt. After lunch, to St. Anthony, a most charming little church close by the sea—or rather, a narrow arm of the Helford river, which is like a Norwegian fjord on a tiny scale, surrounded by steep hills; the little granite tower with trees and hills around and the sea in front makes a perfect picture. Then to Manaccan, above the head of the fjord, with a fine Norman doorway—rather rare in the district—and a large old fig tree growing out of the nave wall; a very nice little six here. Prebendary Cox celebrated his retirement from the secretaryship by giving us tea in a farmhouse which was extraordinarily difficult to find—deep admiration to the driver for this and other triumphs. After a splendid tea, to the nice six at Mawgan, where the memorial brass to Hannibal Basser, 1708, is thus inscribed in Bob Minimus fashion:—

'Shall wee all dye
Wee shall dye all
All dye shall wee
Dye all wee shall'

It is comforting to feel that this, like all the problems of life and death, will come round if only pursued long enough. Then to Carbis Bay for our final evening.

On Friday, April 17th, we went our long, long way home, ringing at Phillach, St. Enoder and Lanivet, then crossing moors, rivers, ravines, more moors, valleys, hills, plains, back to Old England, but leaving a large portion of our hearts in the ancient land of saints, crosses, stone circles, granite, serpentine, royal hospitality—our hearts full of gratitude to so many people, clergy, tower captains, the coach driver, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts and most especially Prebendary Cox, who has made the Clerical Guild what it is.

Marriage of Mr. W. F. Butler and Miss A. A. Ewins

Two very popular young ringers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were married at Farnham Royal on April 18th. They were Mr. 'Bill' Butler, leader of the Clewer (Windsor) band, and Miss Audrey Ewins, of Slough. Both learned to ring since the war, and Mr. Butler has assumed the role of leading conductor in the area, whilst his bride, who learned to ring at Slough, has been for the past three years on the staff of Queen Mary's Children's Hospital at Carshalton, where she has recently successfully completed her training as a S.R.C.N. She had rung eight peals before going nursing and has rung a few since.

Almost 100 guests attended the wedding, the majority of whom were intimate ringing friends. Among the numerous presents was a set of table forks subscribed for by Slough bellringers and a few other ringing friends. As the couple left the church they walked beneath an arch of handbells while the tower bells rang overhead. The best man was Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, who taught the bride to ring, and in attendance was Mrs. E. Armstrong (formerly Miss Iris Ewins), a ringer at Farnham Royal, who herself had married a ringer.

After the reception a peal in honour of the event was attempted, but came to grief after 1½ hours' ringing through a miscall. The Vicar kindly consented to a further attempt on the following Monday, which also, unfortunately, failed through a conducting error.

The happy couple left by air for their honeymoon in Jersey, after which they will take up residence at 2, Faraday Road, Slough.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Bedford

THE two rings of bells in Bedford and that at Biddenham once again attracted a good company of ringers to the Bedfordshire Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday. Members were present from all parts of the county and visitors were welcomed from Middlesex, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey.

A full day's programme opened at ten o'clock with ringing on the magnificent ten bells (tenor 28¾ cwt.) at St. Paul's, Bedford. Local ringers can often be accused of overrating the qualities of their own bells, so it was reassuring to have the honest opinions of visitors that the tone of these bells ranks very high. This knowledge makes more disappointing the fact that ringing is highly restricted owing to the presence of the Town Market immediately below the spire and the close proximity of a theatre, concert hall and local government offices. Easter Monday is the ringers' day, however, and all present made the most of the opportunity of ten-bell ringing. Mr. S. Foskett was Master, and methods rung on the ten included Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Treble Ten; the back eight were rung to Double Norwich, Bristol Surprise and Spliced Surprise Major.

Meanwhile the Association's president, Miss E. Steel, was greeting the six-bell enthusiasts at her church at Biddenham, and methods rung on the six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) ranged from Bob Doubles to York Surprise. The tower has for the past year been encased in scaffolding, but gradually the stonework is being given a new lease of life, and its clean appearance will be in keeping with the trimness of the churchyard and indeed with the character of the whole village.

FINANCES HEALTHY

A lunch at the Dujon Restaurant put all in a good frame of mind to tackle the agenda of the business meeting. The president took the chair and recalled that five members, namely, Mr. H. D. Harris, Mr. E. Herbert, Canon A. Rust, Mr. D. Thompson and Mr. H. Gayton, had been members of the Association for more than fifty years. The secretary, Mr. J. M. Stephens, then read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The next item was the adoption of the statement of accounts for the previous year; this showed the finances were in a particularly healthy state and that, provided the membership figures remained steady, there would be no need to consider increasing the annual subscription of two shillings.

The committee's report stated that the total of performing members was 244, including 14 under the age of sixteen years. While this figure was similar to the previous year's total, it was encouraging to note an increasing interest was being taken by the clergy and churchwardens, and as a result the society had more honorary members. Peals rung during 1952 showed a decrease of six on the previous year's total, but the 27 rung were of great variety with the conducting shared by no less than 17 ringers. Members ringing their first peal totalled nine.

In the election of officers all were re-elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, E. Herbert, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters and P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. M. Stephens; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

It was unanimously agreed that the annual meeting next year should again be held at Bedford, and the proposal of holding the summer festival meeting at Maulden on June 27th met similar approval. Miss P. Wright, of Cardington, was elected a performing member, and Messrs. C. Woolley, G. Seaman and W. Wenban were elected non-resident members.

MAJORITY FAVOUR DINNER

The suggestion of an Association dinner was the next item on the agenda, and this provoked much discussion. After the president had allowed many opinions to be voiced, the proposal of holding a dinner in Bedford during the autumn was put to the meeting and carried by a large majority. The secretary was instructed to make inquiries on the matter and report at the summer festival meeting. There being no other business, Mr. H. D. Harris proposed a vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair and the meeting then closed.

Members returned to St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches for further ringing. At the latter tower Mr. W. Stapleton was in charge and the ringing included all the standard Major and Triples methods. Perhaps the most noticeable addition to the furniture of the ringing chamber here is the new timepiece given by Miss E. K. Knight as a farewell gift to her tower. Miss Knight, a ringer at St. Peter's for 33 years, has now left Bedford for South Africa, and her gift will be of great value to both service and peal ringers alike.

After an hour's break for tea ringing was again resumed at St. Paul's, and when eventually the back eight were rung down in peal at 8.45 p.m. it was generally agreed that in spite of inclement weather the ringing fraternity had enjoyed their Easter Holiday.

AN EASTER SUNDAY 'GRAB'

On Easter Monday a party of about twenty ringers from towers as far apart as Pakefield, Surfleet and Warwick gathered in East Leicestershire for what is fast becoming a traditional Bank Holiday 'Grab.' A varied assortment of vehicles may have been seen wending their way towards Illston-on-the-Hill, where a pleasant half-hour was spent on the six bells before continuing to King's Norton, which, though not famous for a long length of London, has a fine old eight by Eayres—now very rough-going.

The ringers at Billesdon, though they had not been told of the visit, made the party very welcome and good ringing was accomplished. Somerby bells, augmented to six in 1950, were most enjoyable and the tower is one of the comparatively few where ringing is done from the middle of the church. Twyford gave a wet welcome but the musical six compensated for the dampness. The period allocated to the eight at Ashby Folville was all too short for these fine bells.

Then the Doubles merchants came into their own for three towers—Great Dalby, Kirby Bellars and Hoby, the respective specialities being All Saints', Stedman and St. Martin's.

By way of contrast and to satisfy catholic taste, the final tower of the day—one might say the 'Grand Finale'—was Melton Mowbray. Full use was made of the bells even though ringing was weakened by early departures. 'Stay-benders' and 'experts' alike were in agreement that the day had been well spent.

MR. JOHN FOWLER'S 25 YEARS AS RINGING MASTER

MR. JOHN FOWLER, for 25 years Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, retired at the annual meeting held at Hughenden on April 25th.

Collections were made in the towers of the branch in appreciation of Mr. Fowler's long and loyal service, and on Saturday he received his presentation from the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. Robert Hay).

In his last annual report Mr. Fowler said that most of the 11 branch meetings of the year had been fairly well attended, although the numbers present represented a small percentage of the membership of the branch, the largest in the Guild. On the whole, ringing had been quite good and some useful instruction had been given.

Mr. Fowler continued: 'I am now turned 65 and this is my 25th and last report. . . . I do hope you will give my successor that same loyal support that I have received.'

During his term of office he had missed only nine meetings. He had seen many changes in the branch—there were three more rings of eight—at Stoke Poges, Bray and Cookham—and a very useful ring of 10, the only one in the branch, at Slough.

Quite a lot of restoration work had been carried out. The bells at Burnham and Hughenden, two fine light eights, had been recast and rehung on ball bearings and new frames. Mr. George Gilbert and Mr. Roland Biggs had every reason to be proud of their efforts.

Mr. Fowler paid tribute to the work of Mr. A. D. Barker, 'an indefatigable secretary and treasurer,' who had faithfully served the branch and was entering his 30th year of office.

The day he had taken over the affairs of the branch things were in a very bad way financially. By hard work and enthusiasm he had put the branch on a sound footing and it had remained there ever since. It was the most lively in the Guild.

Mr. Fowler had a word of advice, especially for the younger ringers. He had noticed, particularly in recent years, a tendency among many ringers to look upon the art only as a hobby. Bell ringing was very fascinating, but they had to remember that it was first and foremost to the service of God and His Church.

'Make every effort to attend as often as possible for service ringing and for your local practice; be in good time; don't keep the others waiting; handle your bell well and you will strike her well; let your service ringing be the best possible,' urged Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Barker reported that the branch had just under 300 members. Fifteen new members were elected.

Special prayers were offered by the chairman (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman) for Mr. George Martin, the well-known ringer from Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, who was seriously ill in hospital.

Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden, former Deputy Master, was elected Master in place of Mr. Fowler. Mr. Don Boreham becomes deputy. Mr. Barker was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, will again be chairman.

The branch service at Hughenden Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. A. C. Dickins). The Bishop of Buckingham was in the congregation. Mr. Fowler read the lesson.

After tea and some enjoyable ringing, the meeting moved on to High Wycombe and the twelve-bell tower.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North-Western District

The Easter Monday meeting of the North-Western District at Kingston-on-Thames proved very popular. The Esher bells were open previous to the Kingston bells and a good number of ringers assembled here for an hour's ringing.

After the afternoon ringing a tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the meeting with Mr. F. E. Collins, District Master, in the chair. Fifty-one ringers representing ten towers were present. Four new members were elected and Ashtead was confirmed for place of next meeting. The sum of £1 8s. 3d. was collected for the General Bell Fund. R. L.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters on this subject from Messrs. P. I. Chapman and J. E. Spice, I wrote to the Bishop of London on behalf of the Central Council protesting against the proposed installation of an electronic device at St. Bride's.

The reply, given below, was not what I had hoped for, but at this stage no further action seems possible.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

The Bishop of London wrote as follows:—

Fulham Palace.

'I think you are labouring under a complete misapprehension as to the intentions of the Vicar and churchwardens at St. Bride's. So far as I am aware there is no proposal not to restore the ring of bells. The carillon they have been offered would be for either complementary or supplementary use.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM LONDON.'

QUEEN'S, ETC., HALF-MUFFLED

Dear Sir,—In recent issues there have been published several short touches of Grandsire Triples containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's changes. Nearly all these occur at backstroke, and when the ringing is half-muffled the desired musical qualities are lost.

The following touches contain all these musical changes at handstroke, and are, therefore, very suitable for half-muffled ringing.—Yours faithfully, RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath.

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234567		234567	
752634	1	672453	2
467352	1	346572	1
S 324567	1	673425	3
673452	2	S 526347	2
526347	2	475632	2
475632	2	S 234567	2
S 234567	2		

(3)		(4)	
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S 762453	2	S 762453	2
347562	1	347562	1
253647	1	253647	1
S 672453	1	472365	2
S 356247	2	264753	3
473625	2	372564	1
564273	1	723564	4
475632	3	647352	2
S 234567	2	236547	1
		532764	5
		475632	1
		S 234567	2

Nos. 1 and 2 contain Queen's.
No. 3 contains Queen's and Tittums.
No. 4 contains Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's.

LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir.—While congratulating Mr. Nobles and his fellow-ringers at Dallington on their peal, I am afraid he is too late to claim it as the first rung by a local band holding other church offices. The following is an extract from a letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 8th, 1912, concerning a peal of Erin Triples rung by eight Crayford ringers in October, 1911:—

'The members of this band are also church workers in other ways, as will be seen by the following:—Treble, W. Fletcher (assistant organ blower); 2nd, R. Brough (chorister and Sunday School teacher); 3rd, G. Povey (chorister); 4th, E. Audsley (chorister); 5th, P. E. Bex (sidesman); 6th, E. Barnett, jun. (chorister); 7th, E. Barnett, sen. (parish clerk and sexton); tenor, W. Floyd (chorister). . . . Yours sincerely, R. Brough.'—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—There are surely many ringers who in the past have had the pleasure and satisfaction of ringing on the fine ring of eight at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Woodbridge, Suffolk. This ring, founded by Thos. Osborne, of Downham Market, in 1799, is regarded as one of the finest rings in the county, with the tenor weighing 25¼ cwt.

Unfortunately, this fine ring has been silent for a considerable time owing to the development of a crack in the seventh, and after an examination by an authority the fourth was also found to be cracked. The Church Council decided it would be very appropriate to have these two bells recast in time for the bells to be heard on Coronation Day and the two bells are at present at the Croydon Foundry. The approximate cost will be £300. The fabric finances of the church are at a very low level as recently the masonry of the tower, repairs to roof, etc., have meant heavy expenses. An appeal is now made to meet this added liability.

If any ringer would care to help, any donations large or small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, Canon A. W. Sarson, The Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—Yours, etc., A. STANLEY WOODARD,

Captain of Ringers.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Chesterfield Surprise Major rung at West Hallam, Derbyshire, on January 19th, 1952, conducted by myself, as I have found the composition by Mr. G. Freebrey, published in 'The Ringing World,' March 14th, 1952, to be false.

This was the first time the method had been rung to a peal and I wish to express my apologies to the rest of the band and to the Records Committee.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

THANKS TO THE DEAN OF CHESTER

Dear Sir,—The band who rang the peal at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 11th, 1953, would like to express their thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' to the Dean of Chester for granting permission to ring without any restrictions on the composition of the band, also for getting the towerkeeper, Mr. F. Fox, to carry out the minor repair to the tenor bell at very short notice after the head ringer, Mr. P. Swindley, had cancelled the peal attempt 24 hours previously without the Dean's knowledge or instruction.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. BIBBY.

Frodsham, Cheshire.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

The first quarterly meeting for 1953 was held at Rockwell Green on April 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. E. Easter, and tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, some 42 members being present.

At the business meeting it was agreed that the next quarterly would be held at Wellington on July 11th, and the next two monthly practices at Creech (St. Michael's) and Ashbrittle respectively.

The secretary gave a report of the Association's annual meeting held at Bath recently.

Returning to the tower, good use was made of the easy going six in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild was held on April 15th and the following new officers were elected:—

Master, F. E. Roberts, Selwyn College.

Secretary, J. H. Fielden, St. Catharine's College.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

Coming of Age Meeting at Glasgow

The 2st annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on April 11th. The fine ring of ten of 32 cwt. was available both before and after the business meeting and the bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Ten and Cambridge Major. An all ladies band rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and those who were at first unwilling to stand in had to admit that the bells were much easier to handle than they could ever have anticipated.

The Provost, the Very Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, D.S.O., M.C., conducted the Association service and also gave the address. He welcomed the ringers to the Cathedral and said that so far as he was concerned they were always welcome, but he was sorry that not all those who lived round about the Cathedral shared his interest in hearing the bells rung.

The president of the Association, Mr. W. H. Pickett, took the chair at the business meeting, which turned out to be one of the shortest in recent years, as everyone was anxious to get back to the tower.

The Master, Mr. C. R. Raine, reviewed the ringing activities of the past year, which had included three peals. This was an increase on the previous year, but there had been a reduction in the number of quarter peals rung.

Mention was also made of the new ring of eight at Dunblane, which had been opened during the year, and the rehanging within the last few weeks of the bells of St. James', Leith.

Six non-resident life members had their election confirmed by the meeting and six new members were admitted from St. Andrew's, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. The present office bearers were re-elected. It was decided to hold meetings for the ensuing year at Dunblane (October), Alloa (February) and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh (April).

The president, in answer to a question from the meeting, gave a report of the arrangements which had so far been made about ringing for the Coronation. He remarked on the drop in the number of quarter peals which had been rung during the past year and expressed the hope that the individual towers might join forces more often so as to be able to make more frequent attempts in future. In conclusion he thanked the ladies of St. Mary's for all the work and trouble they had taken in providing the excellent tea which had preceded the business meeting.

Ringers were present from five of the seven towers at present represented in the Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Branch Report Progress

The annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Kirtlington on April 25th. The eight bells of the Parish Church were rung from 2.45 to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples to Plain Bob and Kent Major.

The branch service was conducted by the Rev. L. A. Gutch, with Mr. L. Pearman as organist. At 5 p.m. tea was served by Mrs. Kirtland and her helpers and this was much appreciated.

The Rev. L. A. Gutch presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch), when the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, the High Hugh Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to the Guild Committee, Mr. W. Baggett and Mr. H. Hatfield. Mr. L. Bloxham was elected a member of the Guild.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Piddington on June 27th. The secretary reported that progress was being made in the branch. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had made the gathering such a success.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Anniversary Peal Gathering at Stoney Stanton

On April 28th, 1923, the long peal of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. On Saturday, April 25th, the seven surviving members of the band and the one remaining umpire met again at the village to celebrate the anniversary.

After greeting old friends a move was made to the belfry for an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise. Six of the ringers took the same bell that they rang in the long peal, whilst Mrs. H. J. Poole took the place of the late Tom Chapman, and John Thompson, a pupil of the latter, deputised on the tenor for F. H. Dexter, who umpired the attempt together with Tom Vallance (pen name A Flat!). The attempt came to grief after an hour and 35 minutes' ringing.

It not being time for refreshments, touches in several methods were rung and a move was made to lower the bells when someone had a brain-wave, 'Why not have tea and ring the peal afterwards?' Word was sent to the caterers to hurry along the meal whilst more ringing was indulged in.

On arriving at the hostelry an excellent repast was waiting, to which full justice was done. The Sergeant Major, as usual, was in brilliant form and kept the party highly amused with his anecdotes. Those who know him can imagine the scene, whilst those who do not know him little guess what they have missed!

The ringers again adjourned to the belfry whilst the 'umpires' stayed in the local. For the second attempt the band was reshuffled and the tempo of the ringing increased and the peal ran into rounds in 2 hours 40 minutes.

It is perhaps rather remarkable that after 30 years eight of those connected with the long peal are still with us, and Mrs. Poole also was present in the church during the whole of the time the peal was being rung.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Maiden Newton

The ancient Church of St. Mary, at Maiden Newton, surrounded by a churchyard crowded with waving daffodils, made an ideal setting for the spring meeting of the Dorchester Branch on April 11th.

The well-kept light ring of six bells was available from 2.30 p.m. until 4.15, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck), who also welcomed the Guild. Mr. A. Squires was the organist, and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby read the lesson.

Tea was served in the school by the ladies connected with the church and was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman (Canon A. W. Markby). The hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) read a message from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna, to the effect that the Blandford ringing festival would take place on July 4th. The secretary had received an apology for absence from Mr. Paul Field, Deputy Ringing Master, and also a card from Frampton, stating that their bells were available. One new ringing member was elected, Mr. T. Webb, of Abbotsbury. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Charminster in June. Notice was given of the annual Guild Festival, to be held this year at Calne on May 9th, and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) was asked to make the necessary arrangements regarding transport.

The question of the six bells of West Lulworth was raised, and it was stated that the tower had been rebuilt, to the exclusion of the bell chamber, and the bells sold.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, to the organist for his services and, above all, to Canon Slemeck for his beautiful service and kind welcome was proposed by the chairman and carried with acclamation.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Ringers from Keswick, Carlisle, Egremont, St. Bees, Hensingham and Workington attended the annual meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association at Egremont on Easter Monday. Also present were members of the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association. Ringing from rounds to Stedman Triples and a plain course of Double Norwich was much enjoyed on the bells of the Parish Church.

The service before tea was conducted by the retiring president, the Rev. I. M. German. The inner man was completely filled for the business meeting with the Rector in the chair. Both the general secretary and the ringing secretary reported a very quiet year, and even the treasurer reported no expenditure and a credit balance of £29.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. J. Davidson, Carlisle; general secretary, J. W. Brownrigg, Keswick; ringing secretary, S. Richardson, Hensingham; treasurer, S. Grisdale, Keswick. The committee was re-elected with the addition of J. Mossop, Workington, in place of Canon C. E. Last, St. Bees, who is leaving the district.

The Workington ringers were congratulated on the progress they had made, having started from scratch just over twelve months ago, and were now ringing quarter peals. The ringers of St. Bees were also praised in saving their church expense by lowering their own bells ready for transport to the Croydon Bell Foundry. The bells are expected back fairly soon. The meeting voted the sum of £5 to the Bell Repair Fund of St. Bees.

The meeting urged the need for 'The Ringing World' to continue to press the B.B.C. for a longer spell of broadcasting of bells.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Section was held at Llanfeigan on April 11th to coincide with the induction of the Rev. H. M. Hughes by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon to the living of Llanfeigan and Llanddetty.

Llanfigan Church has no heating or lighting and services are only held here during the summer months. The bells, a Taylor eight with modern fittings and frame, have no ropes. The bells were rung before and after the service at the request of the villagers of Pencelly, which is about one mile away, and ropes for the occasion were brought from Talgarth Church. About 20 ringers attended.

A meeting was held in the church with Mr. J. A. Hoare, general secretary of the Guild, in the chair. Llanfaes was selected for the next meeting. Members afterwards left by car and bus for Talybont for a grand tea.

The visit of the Guild has been more than appreciated. A prominent person is prepared to meet the cost of a new set of ropes, and some young men in the village have expressed a willingness to learn. This church is ideally situated for peals and there is a good approach road right up to the church.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The contests of the Halifax and District Association held at Mirfield Parish Church on April 11th resulted as follows:—

Friezland, 72 faults: Meltham, rang out; Liversedge, 74 faults: Huddersfield, 80 faults; Shelley, 90 faults: Lindley, 129 faults.

The judges, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smith, of Mirfield, therefore declared Friezland the winners of the Association's Silver Cup.

At the commencement of the quarterly meeting, held after the competition, the president, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, called upon all members to stand in silence for one minute in remembrance of Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, for many years a judge at these contests, who had died since the last meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Miss Marie R. Cross, of Berkshire, and friends from a wide area supported the quarterly meeting held at Lifton on April 11th.

During the afternoon and evening full use was made of the grand ring of eight bells. Rounds and courses and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, a pleasing feature being the high standard of striking maintained.

The Rector, the Rev. H. T. Boultbee, left his sick-room to conduct a short service, and in the course of his address considered the ringing for service on Sundays a most important part of the service itself. For that reason he would very much like to hear more of the bells when they are rung before services broadcast by the B.B.C. 'Surely three minutes would not be asking too much.' The Rector said he did not know whether the ringers had made representations at any time to the authorities, but he would urge them to get together and press for the bells to be rung for three minutes on all occasions when they are rung before a broadcast service.

A collection for branch funds, amounting to 18s. 2d., was taken at the service.

At 5 p.m. Mrs. Boultbee (wife of the Rector), ably assisted by a number of wives of the local ringers served a sumptuous tea in the School.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Howard Thomas (branch chairman), supported by Messrs. G. H. Myers and F. C. Smale (vice-presidents of the Guild), and members and friends numbering 40. All present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. Cox (wife of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild), who passed away recently.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary read a letter from the Rev. B. T. Guy explaining why it was not possible for the branch to have its meetings in Tavistock. The action taken by the secretary in arranging Lifton as the alternative was heartily approved.

The Guild certificate of proficiency was presented to Mr. F. E. Day, of Emmanuel, Plymouth. Two new members were elected, viz.: Instructor Commander R. Gordon Cross, R.N. (now resident at Tavistock), and Mr. W. Manning, of Lifton.

The Ringing Master reported he had received only one request for his services as conductor of a peal attempt for the Coronation, and that was from the Truro Diocesan Guild. It was obvious the branch was not enthusiastic about the suggestion he made at the annual meeting in December last, i.e., 'that during Coronation week, if possible, peal attempts be made in each of the towers in union with the branch.' However, he expressed a hope that all towers would endeavour to ring their bells for this historic event, and intimated that every effort would be made to attempt a peal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on Coronation Day.

The chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Lifton for all they had done to ensure the success of the meeting, and this was carried with acclamation.

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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on April 12th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Lock (cond.) 1, M. Angela Carter 2, R. D. Prior 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks 5, J. W. Berry 6. First in method for 3 and 5. Rung for the 21st birthday of R. D. Prior.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On April 12th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Stewart 1, Shirley Corke (first quarter as cond., aged 15) 2, E. Bragg 3, R. Corke 4, W. Viggers 5, D. Williamson 6, T. Page 7, W. Denyer 8

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Valerie Mepham (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First in the method for 3, 4 and 5. First in the method as conductor. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. E. E. Trusler, who has been secretary at this tower for 23 years.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cottle 1, Miss N. Smith 2, N. V. Andrews 3, O. G. Smart 4, J. R. Tolman 5, R. Smith 6, A. L. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Smart 8. In memoriam Queen Mary.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Phillips 1, E. Shearn 2, Miss J. Abbott (first 'inside') 3, M. Horseman 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, C. Kortright 6.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Freer 1, Phyllis E. Clarke (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Smith 3, W. Freer (cond.) 4, R. Freer (first quarter) 5, A. B. Clarke 6.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor (first away from tenor) 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Miss C. M. Johnson (first 'inside') 3, Miss P. Burnell 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung for Patronal Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Starling 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, H. Moore 4, Mrs. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Leeming 7, C. Barker 8.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Bellamy 1, A. H. Reed 2, D. Gammons 3, G. Walford 4, W. G. Gigg 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal of Minor on the bells.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): E. Whiting 1, Lucy Allen 2, Elizabeth Smith 3, J. W. Allen (first quarter on working bell) 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung to the Glory of God and on the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. W. Chown 2, S. G. Osborne 3, G. Hancock 4, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 5, F. Hancock 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Beryl J. Payne and Mr. Raymond W. Begley.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fagg 1, Miss A. Rayner 2, B. Watts 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, —. Arter 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. First quarter away from tenor for T. Fagg, in honour of whose 60th birthday the quarter was rung.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On April 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Butterfield 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Ling 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss P. J. Leaning (first 'inside') 3, R. Newman 4, E. F. Pryor 5, W. D. Prockson 6, R. H. Beerie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tompkins 1, F. Mynard 2, A. Freeman 3, R. Perkins 4, V. Adams 5, H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung previous to dedication of memory of the Rev. C. W. Fulmer, 45 years Rector (1900–1945), by the Bishop of Buckingham.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 600 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. C. Wickham 1, A. Peters 2, H. Fountain 3, F. A. Hooper 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, E. Fisher 6. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

DAMERHAM, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Baverstock, J. Mussell 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. W. Moule, who was for 30 years Vicar of the parish.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Collett 1, G. Creed 2, W. Higgins 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Smith 5, W. Higdon 6, R. Tucker 7, R. Higgins 8. Rung as a farewell to Sheila Collett prior to joining the W.R.A.F.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Coulson 1, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. E. Clark 4, F. A. Finch 5, H. J. Eldred 6, A. Harding 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung half-muffled as a last respect for Prebendary H. Greatbatch, Vicar for 19 years.

QUARTER PEALS

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on St. Mark's Day, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, R. S. Wilson 4, E. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, L. Boumphrey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, C. R. Raine 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Joan F. Winterbourne 1, T. Bond 2, Lottie Pimm 3, Daphne R. Castell 4, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 5, C. Bennett 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Peck.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Smith (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 2, K. Arthur 3, T. Sewell 4, J. Roach 5, J. Hedley 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith 1, E. J. Chapman 2, M. King 3, C. Richardson 4, N. Pearson 5, B. S. Cope 6, J. R. Main (cond.) 7, B. Haddon 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

HAMPSTEAD, MIDDLX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Mar. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Bevan 1, G. F. Carter 2, Miss B. A. Mitchell 3, D. K. Adkins 4, R. Ducker 5, R. V. Stephens 6, T. Price 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8. Rung for the Confirmation service by the Bishop of Willesden.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: T. Holmes 1, B. Harris (cond.) 2, E. C. Crewe 3, R. Hind (first quarter) 4, R. G. Corby 5, Shirley Golding 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Wood 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, P. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, E. Atkinson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. M. Salisbury 1, J. Carfott 2, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 3, S. Penfold 4, A. H. Worboys 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, W. Fern 2, Christine M. Hall 3, C. Bennett 4, L. H. Busby 5, T. S. Bowles (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Woodland 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Miss R. J. Pett 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. D. Bishop 7, J. Wells 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Gilbert 1, Miss A. Smith 2, M. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, W. Izzard 5, H. Gilbert 6, C. Izzard 7, L. Turner (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H.M. Queen Mary by the local band.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Wilkinson 1, Miss R. M. Barwell 2, J. Temple 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P. W. Campling (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): A. W. Palmer 1, S. Haw 2, W. E. Young 3, W. Storey 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, F. Newman 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. White 1, B. Madeley 2, W. Lycett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, S. Hughes 6, A. Hickman 7, F. Price (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. B. Stratton.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,280 Painswick Bob Major: P. Mehew 1, Miss A. Willes 2, R. M. Dixon 3, H. E. Werrett 4, W. J. Hitch 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6, J. S. Dear 7, E. G. Buck 8. First in method for all.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, W. Rose 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. Bush 4, W. Ransom 5, J. H. Bluff 6, H. S. Peacock 7, L. W. Hadman 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Jones 1, H. Hawkins 2, J. Holbrook 3, F. Carter 4, G. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, H. Griffin 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sims.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Swannell (first quarter) 1, K. Perkins 2, T. Baker 3, I. Dickin 4, A. Cozens (first as cond.) 5.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, H. E. Brown 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. S. F. Allison), a former Vicar of this parish.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Mills (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. Firth 3, F. Fisher 4, T. C. Ryder 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. Rung as Princess Margaret left the town after attending a service at this church marking Rotherham's 50th year as a county borough.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Williams (first quarter) 1, J. Reed 2, F. Mitchell 3, D. M. Hall 4, S. Dance 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. First quarter by a local band on the bells.

SEALE, SURREY.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Edna J. Young 1, Mary L. Downes 2, Myrtle A. Cass 3, J. W. Carter 4, E. Gardner (first as cond.) 5, H. A. Cass 6. First quarter peal by a local band for 26 years.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on the back eight, on April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Thorpe 1, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 2, R. C. Preston 3, J. Seager 4, D. Holland 5, B. Holland 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, H. Thorpe 8. First quarter in the method for 4 and 5.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Gough (first quarter) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Kathleen Watts 4, A. Morris 5, Barbara Bayliss 6. Rung on Margaret Gough's 20th birthday.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Miss M. F. Jackson 2, W. Prockson 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, W. R. Winterton 6, A. R. Ling 7, F. J. Matthews 8.

SMITHFIELD, E.C.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chilcott (cond.) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. K. Lunn 3, D. Fowles 4, A. J. Phillips 5. A 21st birthday compliment to B. K. Lunn.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Jelley 1, H. Kilby 2, B. S. Chapman 3, G. R. Bodycote 4, H. Bray 5, E. J. Jelley 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Queen Mary. Also on April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. R. Bodycote 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, J. M. Jelley (first 'inside') 3, Winifred M. Burton 4, H. Bray 5, H. Kilby 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. E. Bodycote 8. In memoriam Charles Marshall.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Griffen 1, W. Buckby 2, R. Buckby 3, G. Wykes 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 21st, at the Cathedral 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Goodenough 1, Miss Copson 2, H. R. Hofton 3, A. Day 4, G. Dodds 5, B. Cornell 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, A. Hatten 8, R. F. Ewer 9, W. Nicholls 10. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ST. ATHAN, GLAM.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles in eleven methods, being 60 Stedman and 120 each of Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Southrepps and Grandsire: Miss D. Charlie 1, H. Green 2, M. H. Williams 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, R. E. Coles 5, T. Charlie 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First in eleven methods by all the band.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Foreman 1, Miss B. Warboys 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, C. Warboys 4, T. Camp 5, C. Sampford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Monk.

THORNE, YORKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): L. M. Woodhead 1, D. A. Chapman 2, F. J. Jackson 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the completion of 40 years as a service ringer by the conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Hingley 1, A. Elmore 2, K. W. Knowles 3, A. Hubble 4, A. Hingley (cond.) 5, G. Darlington 6, D. Knowles 7, D. Tranter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Queen Mary.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, at St. Cuthbert's Church 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Hull 1, R. Gardiner 2, G. Salmon 3, A. Weare 4, V. Roberts 5, S. Attwell 6, H. Smith (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Rice 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Nice 1, R. Rose 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, L. Nice 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Footer 1, A. E. Rolfe 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, R. L. Stannard 4, W. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Arranged for R. L. Stannard, home on leave from Royal Navy.

LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester, Saturday, May 30th. Service 3.15 p.m., followed by meeting and buffet tea. Will branch secretaries please forward numbers to be expected to Mr. G. E. C. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester, by Tuesday, May 26th. Towers available: Handbridge, St. Mary's Within, Hoole, Eccleston and Christleton from 1.30 p.m. and after the meeting.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. W. WARWICK

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Walter William (Bob) Warwick, of East Ilsley, Berks, who died on his 79th birthday, on April 24th.

Bob, as he was always known, started ringing at East Ilsley at the age of 15 years and was never late and always there whenever wanted, until a few years ago when his age and eyesight prevented him from ringing.

Mr. Warwick, in his younger days, walked many miles to attend branch meetings but the day he always enjoyed best was the annual outing; he never missed one.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 28th, at St. Mary's Church. Amongst the many floral tributes was one from the East Ilsley ringers.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by V. J. Roussel 1, Miss June East 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, Miss Joan White 4, E. T. Sneller 5, M. Rosier 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, R. Wells 8.

MR. W. H. T. KING

It is with regret we record the passing of Mr. W. H. T. King, of 1, Firfield Avenue, Breaston, Derbyshire, on April 15th.

Mr. King was an enthusiastic ringer who travelled widely in pursuit of his hobby and was well known to the ringing fraternity of the North Midlands area.

Following interment at Breaston on Saturday, April 18th, a touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on half-muffled bells by a combined band from Breaston, Sawley and Long Eaton.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 9th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. 2507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, May 9th. Good attendance requested. 2482

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 9th (Wadhurst not available). Book early for summer outing. July 11th.—C. A. Bassett. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham (6), May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 2515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Wickham St. Paul (5) available after 7 p.m.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Cock at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 2473

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Pudsey, Leeds, May 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Also cafe nearby.—A. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, May 9th. Bring own food. 113 bus from Preston, 2.5, change Lydiate Lane; 367 from Chorley, 2.26; 106 from Southport, Standish, 1.30.—L. Walmsley. 2544

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 9th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 3-4.15; All Saints', Isleworth, 3; service 4.30; tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15; further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2541

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Southgate, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea may be obtained locally.—T. J. Lock. 2510

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cuddesdon (6), May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service after tea. 2508

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newport, May 9th Recently rehung octave. All welcome. Service 4.30. Tea at Austin's Cafe 5.15. 2505

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Thorpe Bay, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (cups of tea provided; bring own food). Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m.—P. A. Sadler. 2524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern. — Practice meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2523

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Bells available before and after the dedication.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2514

NUTFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—Dedication of the restored bells by The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Southwark on Sunday May 10th, at 11 a.m. Bells available from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. 2552

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Backwell, May 16th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2570

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting at Hinton St. George, Saturday, May 16th. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec 2550

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea must be received by May 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8), Saturday, May 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Major. Names for tea to W. D. Kirkpatrick, 3, Crouchley Lane, Lymm, near Warrington. 2556

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 12th, at latest, to Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2581

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Allesley (Coventry), Saturday, May 16th. All towers are asked to be represented so that arrangements can be made for ringing during the Coronation. Special method for practice, Double Norwich. Tea for those who notify me by May 12th. Meeting after tea.—J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone Greyfriars 474.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at SS. Basil and James', Fenham, on Saturday, May 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by May 14th, to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 2575

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **must** be sent by Thursday, May 14th, to D. R. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 2580

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Blackwell, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 14th, to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Sec. 2546

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — N.E. District. — Meeting at Great Holland, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Rectory for those only who notify me by May 12th.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec., Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley 2469

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, May 16th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. D. Dadson, The Post Office, Frensham.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 2551

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Battle, Sussex, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2545

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, May 16th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by May 12th, to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2573

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — Annual District meeting, May 16th, St. John's, Leicester (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 12th, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. All welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2526

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2577

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting will be held at Sileby on May 16th. Those requiring tea please notify, by 13th, W. Draper, Highgate Road, Sileby.—B. S. Payne, Hon. Sec. 2557

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Annual, Gainsborough, May 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2530

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 11th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2586

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ruislip (8), May 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available locally. Quarterly business. Pinner bells (8) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 2585

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting. Necton, Saturday, May 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please write direct to Major Barton, Church Farm, Necton. Special method, St. Clement's. Visiting ringers will be made most welcome.—C. V. Ebberson, Dis. Sec. (pro tem.). 2555

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Blewbury, May 16th. Service 3.30. Names for tea, by the 12th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2517

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Clewer, Saturday, May 16th, 3 to 5. Names for tea at Clewer by May 11th. Slough 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2569

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, May 16th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2565

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own food. Cups of tea only provided.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2554

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Monthly meeting, Bletchingley, May 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Norwich. Notifications, by May 13th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 2520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Little Horsted, May 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 13th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2547

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, May 16th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, by May 12th, to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 2559

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, May 12th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen (8), Saturday, May 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 14th please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2567

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Scarborough, May 16th. Bells (recently restored) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by May 12th, to Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2578

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Shere, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. A. Arthur, Cambria, Crest Hill, Peaslake, Surrey. 2584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6). Whit Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Everybody welcome. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2560

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Tattershall, May 23rd. Opening of Bellringers' Chapel and dedication of St. Dunstan's altar. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 20th, to Mrs. E. Flintham, Harrowdene, Thorpe Road, Coningsby, Lincoln. 2583

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouthshire Branch. — Meeting, Abergavenny, May 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, by May 19th, to G. Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—Jacqueline S. Evans, Branch Sec. 2571

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2558

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral; preacher the Venerable E. N. Gowing, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall 1.30 p.m.; members 3s., non-resident and non-members 3s. 6d. 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 from 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), Widford (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 20th, to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival, Exeter, Whit Monday. Service, St. Thomas's, 12 noon. Luncheon, Buller Hall, 1 p.m. Meeting 2 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 5s. members, 5s. 6d. non-members, **must** be paid for in advance; latest date May 19th. Ringing: St. Thomas's 10-11.45 a.m. and after meeting; Cathedral 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Heavitree 10.30-11.30 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; St. Mark's 3.30-5 p.m. For luncheon tickets and particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Ledbury on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. General meeting 5 p.m. Ledbury (8) and Eastnor (6) bells available from 11 a.m.; also neighbouring towers for parties. Names, by May 21st, to Rev. E. G. Benson, Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 2534

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Raunds on Whit Monday, May 25th. Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in the School. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. followed by the business. Names for tea **must** reach me by Saturday, May 16th. Towers open for ringing: Great Addington, Woodford, Islip, Lowick, Tichmarsh, Higham-Ferrers, Stanwick, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thrapston 12 to 2; Ringstead 11 to 2.30; Raunds 1.30 to 3 p.m. All towers open in the evening.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2513

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham on Saturday, June 6th. Parish Church bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. followed by annual general meeting. Dinner at Stevens' Cafe, Hope Street, 7 p.m. Early application for tickets (8s. 6d.) to W. Cathiall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2537

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