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BOURNEMOUTH

JUST over a century ago it would have meant a slow and lonely journey to travel from Christchurch Priory to the ancient port of Poole. On a summer's day it would have been pleasant enough with blue sea and a grand view of Old Harry Rocks and the Needles on the one hand and the pine woods on the other. One or two houses were being built in the evergreen valley at that time, for Bournemouth was already becoming famous as a health resort.

The first Vicar of St. Peter's must have foreseen the rapid growth Bournemouth would make, for he planned and built the large church that stands in the centre of the town, but it is doubtful if even he ever imagined that one day it would be the mother of nearly thirty churches.

To-day, Bournemouth closely borders its two older neighbours, and is still expanding northwards; it would be difficult to find a more beautiful health resort with its sands and promenades, well-kept pleasure gardens and recreation grounds, its fine Municipal Orchestra (which will be celebrating its diamond jubilee during the Council's visit), its Pavilion and Winter Gardens and many other amenities.

Christchurch, with its ancient Priory, Wimborne Minster, and Poole, with its busy harbour, each has a charm of its own, and the view from Constitution Hill (on the way to Poole) is reputed to be the finest on the South Coast. Be that as it may, it was hereabouts that Marconi carried out his first experiments and Baden-Powell started his Scout movement on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour.

Is Bournemouth a good place for a conference? Well, as the late Professor Joad would say, 'it all depends on what you mean by a conference? At any rate, it is a *favourite* rendezvous for an increasing number of conferences each year.

The ringer will find plenty of bells in first-class order and within a short radius; St. Peter's Church can boast of possessing the only ringing set within the borough boundary, but a few yards over the border at Westbourne there is another tuneful Taylor eight at St. John's, Surrey Road. Christchurch Priory possesses a fine twelve, and there are tens at Wimborne Minster and at Poole (St. James').

A little further out there are first-class eights at Swanage and Kingston in the Isle of Purbeck, at Blandford and Wimborne St. Giles' and in the New Forest, now resplendent in bright spring colours; there are good octaves at Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Lyndhurst, Lymington and Milford.

The late George Williams once remarked that in the early nineteen hundreds you would have to comb the county of Hampshire to find a band capable of ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples. To-day, whilst most towers stick to the standard methods for service ringing, spliced Surprise Major ringing is frequently practised. We still have some of the men with us who have done so much to improve and spread the practice of 'scientific' in our district. George Preston, of Christchurch, thirty years district secretary, often walked into Bournemouth to teach the St. Peter's band, besides giving much instruction in the New Forest towers. Fred Townsend, formerly Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, must be remembered for his fine work at Poole and his pioneer work in double-handed handbell ringing. These two ringers, with A. F. Martin Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Guild, will be among the many local ringers to welcome the Central Council at Whitsuntide.

So, in the names of the two neighbouring Guilds of Winchester and Portsmouth and Salisbury, we extend good wishes for a pleasant and successful visit to all Central Council representatives and their friends when they come to beautiful Bournemouth. A. V. D.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of May 23rd, 1913

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

The Lancashire Association

On Saturday, May 27th, 1913, in 4 hours and 15 minutes

At the Parish Church of St. Michael

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6,080 CHANGES

Tenor 27 cwt.

Isaac Sidebotham	Treble	Benjamin Gill	6
Samuel Wood	2	Samuel Booth	7
Thomas Jakeman	3	Albert Adams	8
Thomas Bottrill	4	Harry Chapman	9
Fred Page	5	James George	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood

The above band started for 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, but as the ringing was not satisfactory to the conductor, he decided to come round at the above length.

[The Editor commented: 'Mr. Sam Wood is following an admirable ideal in declining to have anything but the best in a [illegible] original length was successfully accomplished in the following year.]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	JAMES TURNER	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung as birthday compliments to E. T. Allaway and S. O'C. Holloway, May 2nd, A. Walker, May 3rd.

TEN BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Sun., Mar. 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*STANLEY WILLIAMS (16)	*Treble*	JOHN J. CUMMINS	6
EDMUND J. FOWELL	2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	7
JOAN E. M. HILLS	3	†JOHN WILLIS	8
JOAN GRAY	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	9
VALERIE W. WILLARD	5	JACK ROPER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
* First peal. † First tower bell peal. First peal on ten bells for all except the ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th. First touch of Caters as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters in the Southern Hemisphere.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	T. MARK WHITE	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	JOHN HILL	8
AUDREY M. BAILEY	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	5	LEONARD A. REECE	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung by members of the 'Society of Roving Ringers,' and friends, in honour of the wedding of Miss Jill Brittain to Mr. Raymond Parsons on the previous day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALL	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
REGINALD A. REED	2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
*NORMAN HAYES	3	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	8
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung by Guild officers and committee members to mark the dedication of the George Williams memorial bookcase.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. ROWDING	*Treble*	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
*BERNARD H. DALTON	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Gwendoline D. Robinson and Mr. Aubrey D. Mills.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	*Treble*	*ROLAND W. MORANT	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ALAN J. SMITH	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Surprise.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
CECIL RADDON	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., May 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	†EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	†EDGAR J. SMITH	7
GEORGE F. BURTON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method 'inside' † First peal in the method. Herbert H. Alexander's 100th peal.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., May 6, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	ROBERT A. COCHRANE	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	PETER J. COLES	6
*EDWARD G. BENNETT	3	GEORGE A. SPENCER	7
†MARY LAWRENCE	4	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.' First peal on the bells since rehanging.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
*M. ANGELA CARTER	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method away from the treble.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	ALAN FEVER	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	6
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
W. J. Button has now twice 'completed the circle' on these bells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt.

DOREEN SMYTHE	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
*RONALD J. SANDERSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD	2	GEORGE F. SPERRING	6
†ROBERT W. HINDE	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell peal for the Rector, Canon G. Vaughan, who is leaving Farndon to take up another appointment.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
PATRICIA SMEE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
PETER F. BORER	3	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Trevor A. Cross.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising: 1,440 Cambridge, 1,376 Superlative, 1,152 Bristol and 1,120 London, with 116 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY F. PALMER	*Treble*	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	5
JACK G. BROTHWELL	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*ELIZABETH BATE	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HENRY HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal by C. Glenn and S. F. Palmer, this being their 190th peal together.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*DOROTHY T. HEAP	*Treble*	TOM WILDE	5
*JOAN CARTER	2	JAMES CARTER	6
BASIL JONES	3	*JOHN R. HEAP	7
*MRS. C. K. LEWIS	4	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	6
GEORGE A. SPENCER	3	CHARLES W. WARD	7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
*MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
*RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of Painswick at All Saints', Wokingham, in which the conductor of the above rang.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rossendale Branch.)
On Tues., May 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HAROLD PARKINSON	5
ALBERT MILLS	2	*JAMES WALSH	6
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	3	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	7
KENNETH HARTLEY	4	HERBERT MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LUDKIN. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
* First peal. The first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower in 1950.

SIX BELL PEALS

HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sat., March 14, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID KIRBY	*Treble*	JOHN CUMMINS	4
JOAN HILLS	2	EDMUND FOWELL	5
VALERIE WILLARD	3	THOMAS GOODYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GOODYER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods for all except Miss Willard. First peal rung on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain. Tenor 11 cwt.

MAX P. PAGE	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	4
*ALAN FEVER	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
*JOHN WYBREW	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung to the glory of God and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Page (conductor's mother) and to Mr. F. Bowell (conductor's teacher).

TERRINGTON ST., JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 20, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

MIRIAM HIGDON	*Treble*	C. V. EBBERSON	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	EDWARD BARKER	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Ringer of 5th has now 'circled the tower.' A farewell to the Vicar and his wife on leaving for Cornwall.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Market Harborough Branch.)
On Sat., April 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

KENNETH H. ROWLAND	*Treble*	*DEREK GRIFFIN	4
GEORGE HOLLICK	2	ARTHUR MILLWARD	5
DENIS ALLSOP	3	PETER J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, chairman of this branch of the Guild.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., April 29, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID NELSON	*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	JOHN E. FOX	5
CYRIL COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal.

A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Sturgis Jones), president of the Wisbech District, and to Mrs. Sturgis Jones. During his incumbency of 22 years the church was extensively restored and the bells retuned and rehung.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PETER READ (15)	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	4
GRAHAM MORRIS (14)	2	†DOUGLAS NEWCOMBE	5
ROY. TAYLOR (16)	3	ALBERT NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Grandsire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN HARRISON	*Treble*	†ALAN TAYLOR	4
*DAVID GEBBETT	2	†RODNEY HARRISON	5
*MARK HATCH	3	*ELISABETH GRIME	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Average age of band 15 years 9 months.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MARGARET CARTER	*Treble*	FREDA OLDERSHAW	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
CYRIL WANDER	3	ERNEST BRITTAIN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALAN COOKE	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
†MONICA HOWARD	2	BRIAN TAYLOR	5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

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

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS E. PEARSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND SUART	4
JOHN ASKEW	2	*JAMES DICKINSON	5
CLIFFORD H. FORD	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
On *Sat., May* 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	*Treble*	JAMES W. KNIGHT	4
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RICHARD G. MORRIS	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	4
MURIEL REAY	2	†ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
PETER J. MORTON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in five methods, viz.: Three extents each of All Saints, Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, 10 different extents of Grandsire, and ten 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

JOHN R. JOYNER	*Treble*	DAVID W. BARR	4
ANN R. BARR	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
BRYAN E. CARSON	3	*JOHN B. DINENAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.

* First peal.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now become the first person to 'circle the tower.'

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in 25 methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, New Bob, Huntspill, Winchendon, Accrington, Blackburn, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Bampton, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Chase, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Julian, Reverse St. Sebastian, Candlesby S.C., Rugby S.C., Cheasley S.C., Poyle S.C., Longford S.C., Raveningham S.C. and Runemede S.C. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

ROBERT LAY	*Treble*	RONALD I. SHEPHERD ..	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	2	PETER A. LAWRENCE ..	5
	3	ALAN COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

R. Lay has now 'circled the tower.' This is the greatest number of Doubles methods rung to a peal, each method having its own plain course.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	4
RONALD E. BURT	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE.. ..	5
FRANK PEARSON	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Sturman, former churchwarden and captain of the Bunwell Company, 1932-1946, who was interred the same day.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

*EDWIN W. PASCOE	*Treble*	FRANK F. BROOKS	4
CHARLES B. SKINNER ..	2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL ..	5
MARIAN SKINNER	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's (No. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50 and 52 C.C. Collection and No. 5 Lancashire Handbook). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

SHIRLEY GOLDING	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFTHS	4
*ROSELYN CREWE	2	ANDREW J. H. SCOTT ..	5
BRIAN HARRIS	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Birthday compliment to George F. Sperring and to D. F. Ferguson, president of the Manchester University Guild.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., May 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	4
JOHN S. WYBREW	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
JOHN BLYTH	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ..	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	4
JOAN BERESFORD	2	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* 300th peal. A birthday compliment to Peter and Denis Beresford, of Lichfield. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 6840 DOUBLES
Being 2,280 each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt in A flat (approx.).

ROSEMARY P. LONGHURST	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
M. JOHN MARTIN	2	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	5
JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	3	WALTER C. CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* 125th peal. The longest length of Doubles for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 2nd on the occasion of their silver wedding, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother. Ringer of treble aged 15.

SELLINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4
*JOHN R. COOPER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal in four methods. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	4
*CHRISTINE STRATFORD	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell (aged 13 years).

HANDBELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Tues., March 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*JOHN J. CUMMINS	1—2	PHILLIP M. J. GRAY	5—6
*THOMAS W. GOODYER	3—4	JOAN GRAY	7—8

*EDMUND J. FOWELL .. 9—10
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First touch of Royal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT 76, COLLINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	WILFRED F. MORETON	7—8

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 9—10
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	ROGER SAVORY	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Banks (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss C. A. West 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. K. M. Knight 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Prescott 1, A. Gambrill 2, W. Goldup 3, W. Payne 4, L. Martin 5, P. Newing, R.A.F. (cond.) 6, H. Peattie (first quarter) 7. Rung with 5th and 7th covering. A welcome to the Rev. D. Rashid, of Pakistan.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Sutcliffe (first quarter) 1, P. Hutton 2, T. Holehouse 3, B. Scoot 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Buck 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Moira I. Hemer (first quarter) 1, Joyce S. Coward 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, Brenda Foley 4, S. A. Read 5, I. Lanning 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Wallis 1, Miss Sheila Duffin 2, C. J. Smith 3, H. W. Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, W. J. Athow 6, B. F. Sims (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. A. Bridge 8. First quarter of Stedman by 2, 6 and 8. Rung by the local band for Rogationtide.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On April 25th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Audrey M. Bailey 1, J. Walter 2, J. R. Cooper 3, G. E. Ruck 4, J. L. Morris 5, L. E. Everest 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. Rung, after the breakdown of a peal attempt, as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On May 9th, at St. Anne's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, Mabel Prockson 2, G. F. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, R. Ducker 7, L. E. Tubb 8. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of the church.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Elliott 1, Miss M. Brown 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. J. Champion 4, W. G. Elkins 5, E. G. L. Coward 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. King 1, W. Eagling 2, W. Gibbins 3, Dr. P. Jonason 4, F. Pearson (first as cond.) 5, F. Phillippo 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans 1, R. Stephens 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, B. Werry (cond.) 4, A. Alsop 5, J. A. Alsop 6, A. Evans 7, J. Jeynes 8. A birthday compliment to J. Jeynes and Miss A. Stephens.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, Mrs. F. L. Harris 2, G. Green 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, F. L. Harris 5, B. Sydenham 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, B. Bover 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first quarter Treble Bob 'inside') 2, P. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Haynes 1, W. J. Chester 2, C. Hinton 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, R. Simmonds 2, F. Cooper 3, T. G. Stanndard 4, A. F. Ballam 5, D. Everett 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Rung after the memorial service to the late Lord Erskine.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Olney (first quarter) 1, A. Sibbick (first away from treble) 2, E. R. Warner 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At Crosthwaite Parish Church, on May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Douglas 1, G. Tembey 2, J. R. Mossop (first of Major) 3, J. A. Haile 4, H. S. Grisdale 5, H. Wilson 6, F. E. Darby 7, J. W. Brownrigg (first in method as cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, V. Ambrose 3, S. Smith 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Southrepps, 120 each of April Day and Plain Bob, 280 Grandsire): Miss D. Charley 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, M. H. Williams 3, L. J. Malings 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. Dare 6. A birthday compliment to L. J. Malings.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hazelby 1, H. Buckingham 2, M. Spracklen 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, R. E. Dean 6, L. J. Young (first in method as cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. Willes (first in method) 1, E. G. Buck 2, Miss A. Willes 3, R. M. Dixon 4, W. J. Hitch 5, R. V. Webb 6, J. S. Dear 7, H. E. Werrett (cond.) 8.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, P. S. Barrett (first 'inside') 2, O. W. Barrett (first as cond.) 3, D. M. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowell. Mr. Cowell is captain of the tower.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. G. F. Symonds (first quarter) 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Miss B. Mayers 3, F. T. Hoad 4, C. S. Hoad 5, J. W. Euston 6, G. A. Parsons 7, F. B. Jeal 8, A. T. Shelton 9, W. H. Inwood 10.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Poulter 1, Elsie Savory (first as cond.) 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. Picthall 6, T. Collins 7, B. Turk 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Grover (cond.) 1, Miss M. Kirkby 2, J. Newman 3, A. Arthur 4, E. Norton 5, G. Moorey 6. Longest length for 3, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Kirkby.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On May 10th, at St. Leonard's, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, A. E. Thirst 5, T. W. Shepherd 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, A. R. Ling (first as cond.) 8, F. J. Matthews 9, T. H. Francis 10.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Rice (first quarter) 1, A. R. Syder 2, Mrs. H. W. Moore 3, H. W. Moore 4, T. Earle (cond.) 5, A. Saunders 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. Turley 4, F. Coffee 5, F. Price 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, R. Harris (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells since being rehung.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. L. Grover (cond.) 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, J. Etherington 3, F. Smith (longest length 'inside') 4, R. Morant 5, J. Glanville 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, Mrs. Watts 2, R. Charge 3, J. Tomsett 4, C. Watts 5, J. Chapman 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for the induction of Canon Leslie Wright as the new Vicar of Wimbledon.

5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. W. BEARD

In Eight Methods

M	W	H	23456	
—		—	64352	Rut, Linc, Lon
—	2		45236	Eal, Sup, Bris, Lon
—	—	2	26354	Lon, Sup, Lon, Bris
—		—	43652	Eal, Cam, Rut
2	—		52436	Eal, Bris, York, Eal
	—		35426	Rut, Cam, Rut
—			45623	Rut, York, Rut
—	—	—	32654	Rut, Linc, Rut

Five times repeated adding Bob Home in seventh course in alternate parts.

Comprising 1,536 Rutland; 768 London, Ealing; 576 Bristol; 384 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire.

Contains 20 each of the 24 possible 5678's, 6478's, 4578's, 6578's, 4678's and 5478's.

Rung at Harlow Common, Essex, November 8th, 1952.

Arranged in Twelve Methods

M	W	H	23456	
—		—	64352	Rut, Linc, Eas
—	2		(45236)	Eal, Sup, Bris, Cray
—	—	2	26354	Cam, Eal, Bris
—		—	43652	Wem, Cam, Eas
2	—		(52436)	Eas, Bris, York, Cray
	—	3	35426	Sup, Wem, N. Glouc, N. Glouc
—			45623	Rut, Linc, Rut
—	—	—	32654	Lon, York, Lon

Five times repeated adding Bob Home in seventh course in alternate parts.

Comprising 576 Rutland, Bristol, Eastcote, and 384 each London Ealing, Wembley, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Cray and New Gloucester.

'NOTES FOR BEGINNERS'

Many instructional books, of varying quality, have been published on ringing, of which only a few have stood the test of time. 'Troyte,' one of the best, is now unhappily out of print, but 'Ropesight,' not many years its junior, is now in its eleventh edition, which testifies to its popularity. Of more recent books, 'The Ringers' Handbook' and 'Village Bells' appear to have come to stay.

There is, however, room for another book which neither goes into too much detail over matters which a pupil may nowadays expect to learn from his instructor, nor, on the other hand, presupposes a degree of basic knowledge which not everyone who teaches is in a position to impart, and with this in view Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson has produced a small booklet which he calls 'Notes for Beginners.' Written for his pupils at Ealing, the booklet not only sets out the usual rules for ringing Grandsire and Plain Bob, but also explains some of the 'whys' which are so often left to the imagination; for example, why a dodge occurs in Plain Bob when the treble leads. This essential point is often not properly understood by young ringers, not all of whom can make the necessary deductions for themselves.

The booklet, produced at the very modest price of sixpence, is worthy of a much wider distribution than was intended when it was compiled, and it is to be hoped that some means will be found of making this possible. Instructors would find it a most useful aid when introducing their pupils to the mysteries of change ringing.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, H. J. King 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, J. A. Hales 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, J. Hales 8. Arranged for Mr. H. J. King, an hon. member of the Society, and at one time a local ringer.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Novices and Coronation Ringing

A meeting of the Bowdon, Mottram and Stockport Branch was held at Mottram on April 25th when some 60 members and friends were present. The bells were in use from early in the afternoon and the later arrivals could hear their merry peals ringing out from the eminence on which the church stands as they approached the village.

The service in church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. W. Tyson, who gave a warm welcome to his church and parish and also gave an interesting address. Mrs. Tyson kindly officiated as organist. Tea followed in the schools, where the local ringers' wives had provided an excellent repast.

At the usual business meeting the Vicar presided and it was decided, if possible, to hold an additional meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, on July 25th.

A report on the Guild Committee meeting was presented and the subject of Coronation ringing was broached. It was recommended that the keynote for all Coronation ringing be 'co-operation' with the local authorities rather than the ringing of peals. It was mentioned that an effort should be made to enable all the ringers in the tower to take part in the ringing on this historic occasion, from the veriest novices to the experts, as it is, we trust, very likely that most of those who will ring on this occasion will not be with us when the next Coronation occurs.

The meeting expressed its cordial thanks to the Vicar for his assistance and to Mrs. Tyson for her help, to the wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers and their wives for the admirable way in which they had catered for the needs of those attending. Further ringing was then enjoyed until quite a late hour, when the call of departing buses could no longer be resisted.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Will secretaries sending Notices for the issue of June 5th please note that the latest date to secure insertion in that issue is first post Monday, June 1st. This is to enable our printers to participate in the National Holiday on Coronation Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

This week we record a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Ringing history has thus been made again in Australia. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters in the Southern Hemisphere and we extend on behalf of British ringers our warmest congratulations to the band.

The Yorkshire Association has now a membership of 1,606.

Miss Anne R. Barr is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells of St. Augustine's, Rugeley, Staffs.

Mr. Kenneth W. Mackintosh has now joined the élite band who have rung Stedman Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. I. Eaton, a very faithful and enenthusiastic member of the band of All Saints' Church, Leamington, was elected to Leamington Borough Council at the May elections.

One of the best television broadcasts concerning practical ringing was that from Kingston Seymour, Somerset. Mr. J. T. Dyke's exposition was masterly. The team of six boys with handbells who changed places to show a plain course was well done. Congratulations to all concerned.

A team of handbell ringers from the 1st Drogheda Company of Girl Guides will broadcast in the Children's Hour programme on June 1st at 5.30 p.m. from Radio Eireann (530 and 240 metres). The youngest member of the team is eight years and the eldest eleven years. The captain of the company is Mrs. F. E. Dukes. District secretary (Eastern), Irish Association of Change Ringers. This young company have already performed at the Olympia Theatre, Dublin, Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, and Gate Cinema, Drogheda.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Imperial Institute was marked by the ringing of the bells by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 11th. A recording of the ringing was taken by the B.B.C. for the Pacific Service.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood was interviewed by Mr. Valentine Selsey, the B.B.C. reporter, before the recording was taken. The same evening Frank's voice was heard in 'Radio Newsreel.'

The bells will again be heard on May 27th to mark the public opening of the Institute's Coronation display when seven simultaneous exhibitions will be staged under the title of 'Queen and Commonwealth.'

The Snowdon Dinner will take place in Sheffield on October 24th.

Apart from being rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. A. Cross, the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Gillingham on May 9th was also a birthday compliment to Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mr. V. A. Jarrett (father of the conductor) and Mrs. Kenward (wife of the ringer of the 4th). Also a welcome home from Jamaica of Mr. and Mrs. L. Pickles, brother-in-law and sister of the conductor.

Rotherham Parish Church ringers raised over £20 for improvements to their ringing chamber by a concert held on May 6th arranged by Mr. N. Chaddock. Items included a short play, dancing (ballet and tap), elocution, instrumental music and tune ringing by Wickersley Modern School of Handbell Ringers. The curtain was rung up with a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. C. Wright, A. Firth, N. Chaddock and T. C. Ryder. Performers numbered over 50 and refreshments for them were provided by Mrs. T. C. Ryder and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS GO NORTH

A Great Welcome at Liverpool

WITH an ever-increasing membership in Lancashire and the North, the Ancient Society had no difficulty in deciding where the country meeting should be held this year, and even if they had, the matter would have been settled for them by the warm, even pressing, invitation received from Liverpool. So it was that the London contingent were up betimes on May 9th and were on the early morning train which speeded them to the great Merseyside town. The journey north was whiled away by yarns, and one enterprising member of the party soon got busy in establishing friendly relations with the refreshment staff on the train.

On arrival at Lime Street we were met by Mr. Percy Cave and were guided to the restored Church of Our Lady and Nicholas. This church, which was destroyed by enemy action, has now been rebuilt, and is an example of what can be done by enterprising churchfolk. In addition to spacious modern accommodation for worship, there are included beautifully appointed rooms for meetings, teas and other parish gatherings—all self-contained and under the one roof. The crowning glory, however, from the visitors' point of view, is the magnificent ring of 13 bells which have been recently installed, replacing the woolly uninspiring ring which was there before the destruction of the church.

We found members and friends from Derby, Oldham, Runcorn, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Chesterfield, York, Birkenhead, Wallasey and many other places waiting to greet us, in addition to prominent Liverpudlians like G. R. Newton and Tom Hammond. A short touch on the middle eight started the ringing, and then the full twelve were rung to touches of Stedman Cinques. The magnificent tone of this twelve impressed us all and they were a delight to ring.

The business meeting was held in one of the fine church rooms. The following new members were elected: E. F. Shearn and M. J. Horseman (Nailsea, Somerset), E. H. Langley (Wokingham), C. A. Benn (Reading), J. V. Donaldson (Vancouver, B.C.), R. G. Edwards (Birkenhead), T. Rogers (Wallasey), A. Hibbert (Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbys), F. S. Almond (Woolton, Liverpool), T. W. Hammond (Aintree, Liverpool), T. E. Larkey and T. Lee (Liverpool). The Master (Mr. F. E. Collins) charged them all to uphold the dignity and prestige of the Ancient Society.

The Master said how much the Ancient Society appreciated this warm invitation to come to Liverpool, and thanked the members of the St. Nicholas' company for their efforts to ensure the success of the visit.

He was supported by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who said that he would like to associate the name of Mr. Cave with the vote of thanks. It was due to his efforts that they had been able to hold this meeting. Now that they possessed such a fine ring of 12 he hoped that Liverpool would become a centre for good twelve-bell ringing—and they might feel assured that the Ancient Society would take great interest in their achievements.

The whole party then took tea as the guests of the St. Nicholas' company in yet another of the fine rooms of the church. They were welcomed by the Ringers' Chaplain, who explained that the Rector would have welcomed them himself but for the fact that he was conducting a mission in Leeds. He was, however, very interested in the visit of the College Youths and sent his best wishes, and hoped they would have an enjoyable and successful gathering.

It is interesting to note that one member present, Mr. S. Scattergood, is a direct descendant of one of the Masters of the Ancient Society over 300 years ago!

Train time arrived all too soon, and it was a very happy and satisfied party which was seen off by the good friends who came to the station. Thank you, Liverpool. You did us proudly.

J. F. S.

CORONATION PEALS AND QUARTERS

Ringing for the Coronation is expected to be on an unprecedented scale, and in accord with the warm affection with which our gracious Queen is held.

The correspondence in connection with this great signal of national rejoicing is expected to be heavy. To enable the Editor to cope expeditiously with the heavy mail, we ask those sending in peals or quarter peals to observe the following conditions:—

(1) Each peal and quarter peal to be written on one side of a sheet of paper with the name and address of the sender on the sheet.

(2) Follow precisely the style peals and quarter peals are appearing in our journal. If you have any doubts write your peal with a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you.

(3) Reduce footnotes to a minimum. Just first peals or first in the method. Coronation peals are rung for one purpose only. There can be no secondary occasion like somebody's birthday or wedding anniversary.

(4) Any special incident in connection with the ringing, like, for example, a veteran who rang for Edward VII. Coronation or an amusing incident, should be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the peal or quarter peal.

(5) The production of our Coronation numbers will be expensive and it will be necessary to enlarge 'The Ringing World' to 20 pages. Any voluntary donation to meet this added cost will be appreciated.

(6) Sets of Coronation peal or quarter peal cards printed in patriotic colours can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, price 5s. a set of 12 post free. Remittance should accompany the copy.

(7) Make certain that every first pealer has a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Send your order for additional copies when dispatching your peal or quarter. These mementoes will be treasured in years to come.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Ringing Arrangements for Whitsun

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

Christchurch Priory (12), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. Peter's, Bournemouth (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24th

Christchurch Priory, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. Peter's, 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
St. John's, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Poole, St. James' (10), 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Wimborne Minster (10), 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Ringwood (8), 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25th

Wimborne Minster, 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
St. Peter's, 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
St. John's, Surrey Road, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Ringwood and Lymington (8) are available from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Ringers are advised to arrange a party to meet at these towers as many local ringers are working on Whit Monday this year.
Coach tour leaves St. Peter's Hall at 9.45 a.m. for Kingston (8) 11 a.m., Swanage (8) 12.30 p.m., Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 3.30 p.m., Wimborne Minster (tea 5.15) 6.30 p.m.

WHIT TUESDAY, MAY 26th

Christchurch Priory, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
St. Peter's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
St. John's, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH

A NUMBER of members of the Devon Guild held a very successful week-end coach tour recently, when Loughborough was the main objective.

Leaving Buckfastleigh on the late evening of Friday, May 8th, various members of the party were picked up at Newton Abbot, Exeter, Broadclyst and Taunton. Gloucester was reached in the early hours of the following morning, where a halt was called for an hour in order to do justice to a good meal at a local cafe. Loughborough was reached at exactly 6 a.m. After a hurried look around, the party moved into their various billets for breakfast, and subsequently assembled outside Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry, where they were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. C. Harrison, who spent the whole day with the visitors.

The party spent a good time looking around the foundry, where they found much to interest them, items in the Tuning Department specially coming in for a good deal of attention. Among the bells seen here were the twelve bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and it was suggested that a six-score of Grandsire Doubles should be tapped on the middle six. This was successfully done by Messrs. Southwood, Bennett (conductor) and Harrison, each having a pair of wooden hammers to tap the bells.

The next item on the programme was ringing on the foundry bells, and the visitors surprisingly soon got used to them, the ringing on the whole being very creditable, especially the three courses of Plain Bob Major.

The visitors subsequently adjourned to the Empire Restaurant, where an excellent lunch was enjoyed, after which a move was made to All Saints' Church, where everyone looked forward to having a pull on the grand ring of ten. Prior to the commencement of the ringing Mr. J. E. Lilley voiced the appreciation of the visitors to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their great welcome and for acting as hosts. This was supported by Mr. E. W. Biffin and carried with acclamation.

The party next went to the Queen's Park, where they had an opportunity of inspecting the magnificent war memorial carillon, and a special recital was afterwards put on on their behalf.

After dinner at six o'clock, the charabanc was again brought into service and a visit was paid to Shepshed, where a very pleasant hour was spent on this excellent octave.

On Sunday after breakfast, the return journey was commenced, and as the result of a telephone inquiry the previous evening, the party had the privilege of ringing for Sunday morning service at Leicester Cathedral and St. Mary's, Leicester, and we were deeply grateful to Mr. Harold J. Poole for these facilities. Having subsequently said good-bye to Mr. Poole and his band, the run to Evesham was very much enjoyed, and on reaching here at lunch time Mr. John Thomas was found to be waiting for us. We were very grateful to him for making such excellent arrangements for lunch and for the opportunity of ringing on the fine new twelve at the Evesham Bell Tower.

Before dispersing at Exeter the opportunity was made to express the party's warmest thanks to Messrs. E. W. Biffin and A. L. Bennett for the very excellent arrangements made.

A. L. B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Retiring Treasurer's Services Recognised

THE annual general meeting of the Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on Saturday, May 2nd, attended by a large gathering representing all the four Districts. Ringing on the fine ten commenced shortly after 2 p.m and continued in a variety of methods until 4.15, when the Vicar conducted a very impressive ringers' service and extended a warm welcome to the Association. Unfortunately a prior engagement prevented him from joining the Association at the excellent tea which followed at the Corunna Cafe.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, and the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley. Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar of Selby, Mr. G. Horner, of York, and Mr. B. Sutton, of Scarborough.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and providing the service was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements and splendid tea was accorded on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley.

Mr. H. S. Morley, in reply, said he would pass on the first vote of thanks to the Vicar and Abbey authorities, including the organist, and so far as the local company were concerned, they had derived very great pleasure in making the arrangements, and to know that the visitors were satisfied was sufficient thanks in itself. Mr. Morley pointed out as a matter of interest that the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill formerly secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, had associations with the same room they were now using for the meeting.

The president next presented the Association's 77th annual report, which showed an increase in membership and a slight gain on the year's working. There was a decline of 28 peals rung during the year as compared with last year. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

PRESENTATION TO MR. S. F. PALMER

The next business, a very pleasant and popular function, was to present Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, formerly hon. treasurer of the Association, with a wallet and cheque in recognition of his long and devoted services in that office. In making the presentation, the president referred to the valued services Mr. Palmer had rendered to the Association for so many years, and when, a year ago, Mr. Palmer decided not to seek re-election to the office on account of advancing years, the committee were unanimous in deciding to launch an appeal to the members for funds with a view to presenting Mr. Palmer with a suitable memento. Up to the closing date this had realised some £26, and having consulted Mr Palmer and ascertained his views, he now had very great pleasure in presenting to him the wallet and a cheque for the balance on behalf of the members

He (the president) said that he understood that donations had continued to arrive after the closing date and told Mr. Palmer that he might expect a further cheque in due course, which, if not sufficient to buy a motor car, was still a token of the affection and esteem in which he was held

Mr. P. J. Johnson associated himself with the references made by the president, pointing out that Mr. Palmer took over the office at short notice, due to the rather sudden death of Mr. J. Cotterell. It followed that in the circumstances Mr. Palmer's task was rendered more difficult as he was without the guidance of his predecessor.

In rising to reply, Mr. Palmer was accorded a great ovation. He thanked the president and oher speakers for their most kind words, and each and all of the members for the honour they had done him. He assured them all that he appreciated to the full the affection that lay behind the gift and he regretted that he was completely lost for suitable words adequately to express his thanks. He was glad to have been able to serve them as treasurer and hoped they would as loyally support his successor, Mr. Gordon Benfield, in whom he had every confidence. He thought he had done the right thing in handing over office while still in harness, and would be only too pleased to render any assistance or advice to his successor. He was glad to say he was still in good health and hoped to come among them on every possible occasion.

The president next announced that the hon. general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, was due to retire by rota. The committee had considered the matter and were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Mr. Morris for the next triennial period. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. W. Barton seconded that Mr. Morris be re-elected. This was carried.

Mr. W. E. Critchley, the hon. peal secretary, was unanimously re-elected on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. J. Ambler seconded that the next meeting be held at Wetherby on September 19th. This was carried.

The president reminded the meeting that the Snowdon Dinner this year would take place at Sheffield on October 24th, and urged all to reserve the date, as having decided it should be held, it was the duty of the membership to ensure its success by loyally supporting it.

The following new members were elected:—Bryan Withill, of St. Michael's, Headingley; Miss G. Hay and L. Bleckton, of Pontefract; Miss Susan Dinsdale, of Collingham; W. E. Elsworth, of Royston; James Reed and David Cubitt, of Wakefield; and John Bower, of York. The president referred to the coming Coronation and hoped that wherever possible, members would play their part by ringing on Coronation Day.

The president next referred to a circular issued by the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee which set out an excellent case against the use of 'canned bells' and was glad to report that the likelihood of any further installations taking place in the Diocese of Ripon, except in exceptional circumstances, was now remote; a single bell being recommended where a ringing ring could not be installed. (A report of the recommendations appeared on page 313.)

Mr. H. Walker moved the following resolution:—

> 'This Association highly commends the decision of the Ripon Diocesan Advisory Committee as a general rule to refuse to recommend to the Diocesan Chancellor the acceptance of proposals for the installation of recorded bells.'

This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried. This concluded the business.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following contributions to meet the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on May 2nd. The meeting was presided over by Mr. William Pratt (president), who welcomed the members to Dublin.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt; Master and librarian, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; general secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes; additional member on Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Miss J. Stewart.

The annual report and statement of accounts were received and adopted.

The report stated that the membership of the Association was now: Life 14, honorary 6, resident 327, non-resident life members 93, making a total of 450. Ten peals were rung during the year, in which 21 ringers took part, five scoring their first peal. The most outstanding peal was Pontefract Delight Major (first performance). The deaths were recorded with regret of A. J. Corrigan (Bristol), W. Keeble (Colchester), E. Conor O'Brien (Oxford), Major L. J. Roper (Cheltenham) and Dr. J. C. E. Simpson (Chester).

The first report on 'The Irish Bell News' was also presented. It is interesting to note that the Association showed its faith in the journal by purchasing a duplicator to enable the paper to be produced by the labours of the Editorial Committee. All stencils are cut by Miss J. Stewart, while the actual production and stitching is done by Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

The Editorial Committee were re-elected and thanked for their good work: Editor, Mr. Fred E. Dukes; committee, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Miss J. Stewart and Mr. G. Bingham.

Two old members of the Association, Mr. Daniel McNeice and Mr. Michael Hickey, both from Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, were elected life members. They have respectively 65 and 60 years' ringing behind them.

After the meeting the competition for the Murphy Cup was held on the light eight of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The finalists from the three districts, viz., St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, St. George's, Dublin, and St. Donard's, Belfast, rang in an order not known to the judges. After a keen contest St. George's were declared the winners with 164 faults. St. Mary's came second with 171 faults.

MARRIAGE OF MISS BRITTAIN

On Friday, May 8th, the Church of All Saints, Banstead, saw a gathering of nearly a hundred guests and friends, who had come to witness the marriage of Miss Gillian R. Brittain, of Banstead, to Mr. Raymond I. F. Parsons, of Carshalton, both of whom are popular members of the Society of Roving Ringers as well as, of course, other and older Societies.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress and train of Honiton lace over two layers of net and a taffeta underskirt. Her headdress was a Juliet cap and double veil. Her sister Shirley, in pink, was the only bridesmaid.

Mr. David Parsons, brother of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man with his usual quiet efficiency. Several ringers were in the congregation and another, Mr. Ken Mackintosh, was the organist.

The young couple left the church to the sound of Stedman Triples coming from the bells on which Jill had learned to ring.

Among the many beautiful gifts were a striking clock, suitably inscribed, from the Banstead ringers: Pyrex cookery ware from the Benhilton ringers; and a lovely bedroom chair from the Society of Roving Ringers. In addition there were gifts from individual ringers.

After the reception—held at Beddington Grange—the happy pair left for Northolt, whence they flew to the Channel Islands.

On the following day the event was celebrated with a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington, but Stedman Triples at Banstead failed after more than two hours' ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVY FIVES RUNG TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Savage's query as to whether a heavier five than those at Ogbourne St. George have been rung to a full peal, the answer is most definitely yes. I append several instances, the weights in brackets being those given in Dove's Guide, whilst the other weights are those given in the reports published in 'The Ringing World':—

Yetminster, Dorset, Aug. 2nd, 1930: 5,040 Grandsire, conducted by W. C. Shute, tenor 19¼ cwt. (19 cwt.)

Ludham, Norfolk, Dec. 5th, 1934: 5,040 Stedman, conducted by N. Golden, tenor 22 cwt. (20 cwt.).

Thorncombe, Dorset, Nov. 28th, 1936: 5,040 in three methods, conducted by E. T. P. Field, tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. (21 cwt. 24 lb.).

Blunham, Beds, Feb. 9th, 1937: 5,040 (2 methods), conducted by C. H. Harding, tenor 22 cwt. (18½ cwt.).

Kingsdon, Somerset, March 20th, 1937: 5,040 (6 methods), conducted by E. T. P. Field, tenor 24 cwt. (23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.).

Eastry, Kent, Feb. 28th, 1953: 5,040 (3 methods), conducted by myself, tenor 20 cwt. (18 cwt.).—Yours, etc.,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Saltwood, Kent.

THE SILENT PEAL OF LONDON ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cashmore and his band are to be congratulated on another remarkable performance in ringing a silent peal of London on handbells, and they may well be correct in claiming it as the first silent peal of Surprise on handbells. It is not clear from the footnote whether they have taken into consideration a non-conducted peal of Superlative rung, I think, for the Essex Association about 50 years ago by William, Ernest and George Pye and William Keeble. The term 'silent' was not in use in those days, so whether the peal was strictly silent probably no one knows. It was, however, an achievement worthy of recall.

Whilst writing on this subject may I suggest that the expression 'non-conducted' should be disused? A silent peal must be non-conducted in any sense of the term, but not necessarily vice versa. If peals in which mistakes are corrected but no other directions given are noted to the effect that no calls were made, any ambiguity would be removed.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

FIRST SILENT PEAL OF LONDON 'IN HAND'

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate Mr. Harold Cashmore and his band on ringing a silent and non-conducted peal of London on handbells. I am sorry to say it is not the first of Surprise rung in this manner.

'At Romford, Essex. The Essex Association. On Monday, November 3rd, 1902, in two hours and 35 minutes, in the Belfry of St. Edward's Church, on Handbells, Retained in Hand, A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5,088 Changes. G. R. Pye 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, Ernest Pye 5-6, W. Keeble 7-8. Conducted by G. Lindoff.

'The above was strictly a non-conducted peal and was rung without the bobs being called or the slightest intimation of them being given whatever. It is the first peal in the method ever rung silent, and the first Surprise peal ever rung silent on handbells. It is a one-part composition and was rung at the third attempt. Umpires W. Watson and H. Catterwell.'—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Waldon, Essex.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the discussions on methods with irregular lead ends and possible further reference to this matter at Bournemouth at Whitsun, the following may not perhaps be entirely irrelevant or without interest to the protagonists:—

23456	O	I	B
35642	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—
46532	—	—	
63425	—	—	
32546	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
63542	—	—	
34256	—	—	—

The figures given here are those of one part of 720 Original Minor (Treble Observation). The bobs are 4ths place from the front, and the calling is as follows:—

O = Treble moving from 2nds to 3rds

I = Treble moving from 3rds to 2nds.

B = Treble leading full.

The 720 is very regular, and is indeed a variation of an extent of Original composed by J. A. Trollope many years ago.

Nobody, perhaps, is anxious to ring much Original Minor (or Major for that matter), but I understand that the method is quite in order and that I may, if I wish, include a 720 in a peal recognised by the Central Council.

Now this being so, a little investigation brings to light an interesting fact. The 'Clavis' gives a method by (I think) John Reeves, which has a sequence of leads 23456, 35642, etc., a cycle of leads considered irregular to-day. But the extent of this irregular method, as given in 'Clavis' is, change for change, row for row, exactly the same as the 720 Original Minor given above.

If, therefore, I am making no great fundamental mistake, the following two statements are points of fact:—

1. There is no objection to extents of Original Minor and I may thus ring the above 720 with impunity;

2. If I ring the 720 from the 'Clavis' the extent will not be recognised by the Central Council.

And the following interesting query remains: If I ring both of them non-conducted, which, if either, is recognised for peal purposes?

Let me conclude, sir, by assuring you that I have no desire to embarrass those who are working so hard to set our ringing affairs in good order. I am prompted solely by the desire to emphasise once again that there are problems almost impossible to solve by peremptory dicta, and that in the world of change ringing the wisest course is often the least dogmatic.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

ANOTHER PREGNANT TENOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from the Rev. Leonard J. Birch, under the heading 'A Pregnant Tenor,' in the issue of April 24th, there has been another Pregnant Tenor as the inscription on the old second bell of Banham, Norfolk, testifies. The inscription is as follows:—

'Thomas Newman made me
We trebels cam by small consent
Our birth I hope will give content
Twins from old tenor our lost old dad
Some we make merry and some are sad.'

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

PRIORITY FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Dear Sir,—It is indeed a coincidence that Mr. C. A. Wratten and myself should have published the same method in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' (May 1st) under the two names of 'Edinburgh' and 'St. Augustine's.'

I feel, however, that I must claim priority for the name of 'St. Augustine's.' Mr. Wratten states that it was rung for the first time at Cheriton on April 15th this year. We included it in a peal on April 17th, but we have been ringing it at Rugeley for several years, and we only published it after including it in a peal. As a matter of fact, I have been making inquiries of various people over the last three months to see if anyone knew of a name for it. I think my first inquiry was to Mr. Alan R. Pink in January.

With regard to Mr. Wratten's remarks on Rushall Doubles. To obtain the fourth extent it is necessary to **start** with a bob, calling a bob in the 4th, 8th and 12th leads also. This, of course, applies to several methods such as April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, where the bob does not alter the lead end, but alters the course of the bells before and **after** the treble has led.

Finally, although I agree with Mr. Wratten that it is almost, if not quite, as difficult to alter bobs as plain courses in a multi-method quarter or peal, I do feel that so many of these methods which are combinations of two others have been published, that it is high time the whole position was officially clarified.

Personally I would like to see the Methods Committee of the Central Council draw up a list of what might be termed 'pure methods,' i.e., each with its own distinctive plain course and calls (whether bobs only, or bobs and singles), and then find some other title under which to classify these 'combined methods.'

It would be interesting to have the views of other multi-method Doubles ringers on this point.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—An analysis of donations acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' during 12 recent weeks chosen at random reveals the following:—

Peals (561 published). Total donations £15 3s. 6d. = 6½d. per peal.

Quarter peals (539 published). Total donations £29 14s. 9d. = 1s. 1d. per quarter peal.

Peals average 12 to a page so the voluntary income is about 6s. 6d. per page for peals.

Quarter peals average 57 to a page giving a voluntary income of £3 1s. 9d. per page.

If personal donations could be analysed between peals and quarter peals the figures might move slightly more favourably towards peals. Nevertheless, whilst quarter peal ringers appear to be giving generous financial support to 'The Ringing World,' many peal ringers are evidently not doing so.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK

Rotherham.

FOUR QUARTERS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—In reply to K. Prime, Ashcott, Bridgwater, we, at St. Albans Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, April 4th, 1926, established a record by ringing four quarter peals in four different methods. Starting at 5 a.m. we rang a quarter of Stedman Triples for 6 a.m. Communion, a quarter of Bob Maior for 11 a.m., a quarter of Grandsire Triples for Evensong and a quarter of Double Norwich after Evensong.

This record, I believe, still stands.—Yours faithfully,

H. GOODENOUGH.

St. Albans.

A FORTNIGHT'S RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

ON FRIDAY, February 27th, 1953, a party of four ringers from Sydney (Messrs. T. W. Goodyear, E. J. Fowell, J. J. Cummins and Miss J. E. Hills) set out on a fortnight's inter-State ringing tour. Our destination for the first week was Melbourne (with a brief visit to Ballarat), and for the second week we were to fly down to Hobart, which was new territory for all the party.

We left Sydney, in the middle of a spectacular thunderstorm, by the 7.30 p.m. train and arrived at Melbourne at about mid-day on Saturday. We were met at Spencer Street Station by Miss Valerie Willard, of St. Paul's Cathedral band; Valerie was to become the fifth member of our party during our stay in Hobart. The band would here like to express its thanks to her for her kindness and hospitality to us during our stay in Melbourne.

No ringing programme had been arranged for Saturday, so we took the opportunity of taking it easy—to recover from our overnight journey and to build up our strength for Sunday's big effort. We were scheduled to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters on Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral. To the best of our knowledge no previous peal of Grandsire Caters had been rung on tower bells in the Southern Hemispherere, and naturally we were all very keen to accomplish such a notable 'first.' We have no opportunities for ten-bell ringing in Sydney and two members of our party had rung no Caters since their last visit to Melbourne, over two years ago.

GRANDSIRE CATERS ACCOMPLISHED

A start was made shortly after two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and during the first hour the bells settled down to a good beat; at times they attained a rhythm which was surprising when one considers the fact that we had never rung together before as a band, and the four visitors were unaccustomed to ringing Caters. There were no serious trips and Tom's powers as a conductor were never severely tested. The last hour was by no means as good as the first two and the ringing became less even as the prolonged effort and concentration began to make itself felt. However, after a bad moment about half an hour from the end, the bells finally ran round in just over three and a half hours. A broad smile spread over ten faces as the final 'This is all' rang out. We had rung the first peal of Grandsire Caters in Australia!

Congratulations were showered on 16-year-old Stanley Williams for the able way in which he rang his first peal. In spite of a fine crop of blisters, we rang for service—first fortified by a cup of tea. Prior to this we had been interviewed by a reporter from the A.B.C., and on the nine o'clock news that evening listened to a report of 'the longest and most complicated peal ever to be rung in Australia.'

No ringing had been arranged for Monday and we took advantage of a comparatively quiet day to pay a visit to St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral. In one of the twin towers of this fine church hangs a ring of eight bells cast by Murphy's, of Dublin. We were fortunate enough to be escorted round by a most helpful priest, who took us up to see the bells and then out on to the parapet for a fine view over Melbourne. We were surprised to find that five of the bells were still up in spite of the fact that they had not been rung for a year. We were sorry to see such a fine ring in a state of disuse.

BOB ROYAL 'IN HAND'

We spent Tuesday sight-seeing and were fortunate enough to be taken up to the Dandenong Ranges by a friend of Chook's, who placed both himself and his car at our disposal for the day. Also on Tuesday the second peal of the tour was scored—this time Bob Royal 'in hand.' Once more it was a notable achievement, being the first occasion on which the three lads had ever rung Royal 'in hand,' and being accomplished with only a preliminary course to get the feel of ten-bell ringing on handbells. The occasion was celebrated by an apple-pie bed for the absent member of the band—be assured that she evened up the score before the tour was over.

During Wednesday we thought of an occasion on which we could get St. Patrick's bells swinging. Monday, March 9th, was Labour Day in Victoria and special Mass is said at the Cathedral at 8.30. A letter was accordingly written to the Administrator asking if we might ring after this service, and a favourable reply was received.

On Wednesday we visited Joan Gray to admire the new house which she and Philip will soon be inhabiting at Montmorency, and were surprised to learn that these stalwarts have done much of the work themselves. Plumbing and carpentering do not seem to have prevented Phil and Joan from doing much fine work at St. Paul's, Melbourne, and we are much indebted to them for the arrangements which they made on our behalf during the first week of the tour. Wednesday concluded with practice at St. Paul's, preceded by handbell ringing.

During the course of the evening all four members of the band rang their first course of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells, while Tom and John scored their first Double Norwich.

THREE DAYS AT BALLARAT

On Thursday we left by train for Ballarat, some 70 miles west. Graeme Heyes, of St. Peter's Society, kindly met us at the railway station and escorted us to our hotel. There is a very young band at this tower— the majority of them still in their 'teens— and they have plenty of enthusiasm. We were very pleased to see four girls among them, all of whom are making good progress. We had two handbell evenings while in Ballarat, at the home of Graeme Heyes and Warne Wilson respectively. During our stay here we acquired a 'private chauffeur' in the person of Alex Herman, who drives a taxi, and who somehow always managed to be on the spot when we had a journey to make. Many thanks, Alex!

On Friday we rang a quarter peal of Bob Minor at St. Peter's as a birthday compliment to John Cummins. Jack certainly got away with a much quieter day than most ringers who celebrate their birthdays while on tour. This was the first quarter of Bob Minor for the two Graemes—Heyes and Waldron.

On Saturday St. Paul's Society arrived en bloc in a coach from Melbourne, and with our combined strength we had a most enjoyable ring on the bells of the City Hall. This is a fine octave by Mears (tenor 23 cwt.) and the 'go' of them is a real tribute to the care of Mr. Percy Gullock. Our stay in Ballarat coincided with the first Begonia Festival, and during the afternoon we had a 'grand stand view' from the top of the tower when one of the old Cobb and Co.'s coaches arrived—a link with the past which was a highlight of this Festival. As for the begonias themselves, we saw plenty of these delicate-hued beauties in the parks throughout Ballarat.

Sunday was our last day in Ballarat and we rounded off our visit by ringing at the Town Hall from ten until eleven o'clock in the morning. Barbara Beeson and Gwen Skinner, from Melbourne, had stayed overnight and with their assistance was accomplished a couple of touches of Bob Triples ('who said blackfellow's method'?). Back to Melbourne by bus after lunch, in company with Graeme Heyes and Ken Minchinson, of St. Paul's, Bendigo, who were spending the Monday holiday in Melbourne.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

On Monday we sacrificed breakfast in order to get up to St. Patrick's in sufficient time to do some maintenance on the bells—it turned out to be very necessary. This is, I think, the only anti-clockwise ring in Australia and the ropes have enormous sallies. The hanging of the bells would make a good steeplekeeper weep; pieces have been cut out of the frame to allow for the flight of the clapper in a couple of instances—and in one case actually to make room for the sound-bow of the bell as she swings. In spite of the application of grease and some minor adjustments by Tom, Chook and Graeme, it was impossible in the short time available to make the seventh really ringable. Some rounds on the eight were attempted but she proved such a handful that the two tenors were lowered and the front six rung to some pleasing rounds and call-changes.

HOBART'S BEAUTIFUL BELLS

This was our last ring in Melbourne and in the afternoon, now accompanied by Valerie, we flew over to Hobart. None of the four Sydney people had been airborne before and it would be appreciated if no questions were asked about airsickness. However, only one member of the band really disgraced herself, and even she was sufficiently recovered to appreciate ringing at St. David's Cathedral in the evening. To say that we were delighted with this modern ring of eight is putting it mildly. They were installed by Taylor and Co. in 1936 and their tone and 'go' is above reproach. We met the young members of St. David's band, who are under the captaincy of John Biggs, and also Mr. Wilson and Mr. Smith, from Holy Trinity. Although the treble was without a stay, she was raised and rung to Grandsire Triples and we tried some Kent and St. Clement's on the back six. What fun to attempt a peal on such a gem of a ring! Even those who had benefited least from the peal of Caters were enthusiastic when John offered us the bells on Saturday afternoon for a quarter or a full peal, whichever we wished to try. The evening finished, as was usual on the tour, with handbells—Mr. Smith ringing 5-6 very ably to Stedman Doubles.

On Tuesday evening we visited Holy Trinity, in whose tower hangs the oldest ring of bells still in existence in Australia—a light octave with a tenor of 9 cwt., by Mears and Stainbank. We had heard gruesome tales about the 'go' of these bells, but they turned out to be completely unjustified. We were able to give three of the local men their first opportunity of ringing Grandsire Triples, but once again rang mainly Minor on the back six.

The remainder of the week was not as strenuous as the preceding one had been and we devoted three days entirely to sight-seeing in this delightful island. We all fell in love with Tasmania at first sight and are resolved to make a return visit when time and circumstances permit.

PEAL SCORED AT HOBART

We had decided that the chance to attempt the first peal on St. David's Cathedral bells was too good to miss. In order to ring Triples we should have required the assistance of three local ringers, and as Triples ringers in Hobart are few and far between it was decided to stick to Minor. At first our ambitious conductor visualised a peal in seven methods, and we put in some pretty intensive practice on Val's handbells with this end in mind. However, it was obvious that we should be hard put to it to master five comparatively new methods and ring them with the degree of confidence required for a peal. In view of the fact that it might be many a long day before

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Restoration Plans for St. Alphege's, Greenwich

THE Spring meeting of Lewisham District, held at Farningham, was a happy occasion for the 55 ringers and friends from 14 towers who attended. Ringing, service, tea and business meeting were all enjoyed thoroughly, pleasure being modified only by the necessity to bid au revoir to one of their staunchest members.

Mr. E. Jones (Lewisham) supervised the ringing. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Maxwell Young, who warmly welcomed the ringers to Farningham in the prelude to his interesting address. The lesson was read by Mr. J. D. S. Bramer, Vicar's warden, and the singing of hymns and psalm was led by Mr. F. Keene at the organ.

Tea and business meeting were held at the Lion Hotel, the Vicar presiding at both functions. In introducing the business session, he sketched in the historical associations of the village and hoped that the visitors' interest would not be wholly restricted to its belfry.

Two ringers were elected practising members of the Association.

Mr. A. S. Richards presented a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Canterbury on Easter Monday. This report was adopted, with thanks to Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters for its preparation.

Shoreham and Downe were nominated as place for the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 25th. Shoreham was chosen by a substantial majority.

Mr. J. Dafters gave members an account of interviews he had had with the Vicar and officials of St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, where a comprehensive scheme of restoration was contemplated. Much required to be done to this historic church that was beyond the scope of War Damage repairs, so just what would finally be done about the bells would depend to some extent on funds available, but the authorities were keenly interested and eager to restore ringing there. Members thanked Mr. Dafters for his work in this connection.

GOOD WISHES TO MR. CORBY

Mr. Dafters also informed the meeting that the Lewisham District was to lose, at least for a time, the services of Mr. P. A. Corby. Mr. Corby's activities, he felt, had directly benefited every member and every tower in the district. He was pre-eminently a peal ringer and gifted composer, but even more he shone as a regular and conscientious Sunday service ringer. For a long time he had been of great assistance as a member of St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers, and latterly had been very successful in organising and training a band at a neighbouring tower. He (Mr. Dafters) moved that an expression of their appreciation be entered in the minute book. This was seconded by Mr. A. S. Richards, who endorsed all that had been said, and added that it was to be hoped that Mr. Corby's advancement in his professional career would in due course bring him back to the Lewisham District (cheers).

Mr. Corby suitably replied and thanked members for their good wishes. He had enjoyed his experiences as a member of the Association, which he had joined at the April meeting at Farningham 18 years ago. If this was indeed to be his last meeting as a resident member, perhaps it was fitting that it was where and when it was.

Cordial thanks to the Vicar, churchwarden, organist and the local ringers were acknowledged by the chairman and the meeting closed.

Further ringing followed, including the use of handbells over 150 years old!

A FORTNIGHT'S RINGING IN AUSTRALIA—Cont.

we could attempt another peal in Hobart, it was decided to limit the methods to two extents each of Kent and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Our treble man was to be David Kirby, of St. David's band. Fortune must have looked on us very favourably during our tour, for in this instance also we were successful—scoring a good peal in 2 hours and 58 minutes. Much credit is due to our treble ringer, who, before attempting the peal, had rung no Minor of any sort at all. Our day concluded with more handbell ringing at the home of Mr. Smith, to whose kindness we owe a great deal during our delightful stay in Hobart.

The next day, Sunday, March 15th, was, unfortunately, the last day of our holiday. Our aircraft left Cambridge Airport too early for us to join in any morning service ringing. At eleven o'clock we were 'looking our last' on the green and beautiful country of Tasmania and calculating just how soon we could afford to come back again. We left Joan behind to spend a further month's 'working holiday' in Hobart, during which time she may be able to help our new ringing friends there.

And so ended a wonderful ringing holiday, in the course of which we were able to renew acquaintance with many old friends and also forge new links with a ringing centre which is seldom visited by touring bands. Our thanks are due to all who helped to make our holiday the happy experience that it was.

Methods rung during the tour included the following:—Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters; Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus; Kent and Oxford Minor and Major; St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Reverse Bob and Double Bob Minor; Court Bob Triples and Double Norwich Major. J. E. H.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Cycle Tour for Coronation Ringing

The Northern District held its first summer meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 at Weston with a 120 of All Saints' Doubles on this mixed ring of five (tenor 10 cwt. 3 lb.). The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Howells), with Mr. J. H. Tucker at the organ. Mr. B. Clements, of Weston, read the lesson.

The Vicar welcomed the Association to Weston, but apologised for having only five bells. He hoped the afternoon's ringing would make the village realise that another bell would make a vast difference to all concerned with the bells. An ample tea was provided by the Weston ringers and their wives and friends for a company of 39.

The Vicar was elected to the chair for the business meeting. Coronation ringing was discussed and it was hoped that there would be a cycle tour around some of the villages on Wednesday, June 3rd. Six new members were elected—the Vicar and Mrs. M. E. Marks, of Knebworth, as associate members, and Messrs. B. and T. Clements, J. Sandford, of Weston, and K. C. Timbury, of Hitchin, ringing members. The next meeting will be at Knebworth on Saturday, May 23rd, and the special method will be Hereward Bob Major. After tea further ringing continued until 9 o'clock at Graveley.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Borley 1. A. E. Barker 2. A. Armstrong 3. W. Benton 4. G. Bradbury (cond.) 5. E. J. Borley (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal in three methods by all the band.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. J. Fleetwood 1. J. Armstrong (cond.) 2. D. M. Salisbury 3. D. W. Beard 4. A. J. Salisbury 5. C. E. Wright 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Fourteen Bells Suggested for Cathedral

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Stratford-on-Avon on April 18th. There was a good attendance of members and friends, with visitors from Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Oxfordshire and Staffordshire. The ten bells of Holy Trinity Church were made good use of during the afternoon until tea at 4.15 in Trinity Hall.

The Vicar of Stratford (Canon Noel Prentice) welcomed the company and took tea with them. The president of the Guild, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, also arrived in time for tea and to preside over the business meeting.

In her report the hon. general secretary (Mrs. Beamish) reviewed the year 1952 when the decision was made to dispense with printed reports and issue a Guild handbook. The then Mayor of Coventry, Councillor Harry Weston, presented the Guild with a beautifully bound peal book in which had been inscribed all the Guild peals since 1950, being the painstaking work of Mr. C. H. Webb, of the Allesley (Coventry) band. The Guild Committee had been active during the year in making representations to the Coventry Cathedral Reconstruction Committee with a view to getting the 14 bells of the Cathedral hung for ringing.

Fully paid up members numbered 219, made up of 14 honorary life members, 11 honorary members and 194 resident members: 38 resident and 8 non-resident members were elected during the year.

Twenty tower bell and five handbell peals were rung, one of the handbell peals being a first for the Guild, namely, Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major. Three rang their first peal and 27 their first in the method. There were 15 conductors.

HEAVY EXPENDITURE

The balance sheet showed a balance of £7 9s. 5d., low on account of heavy expenditure on the publication of the handbook and the purchase of a further supply of badges. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £22 2s., having been augmented by the sum of £4 following a collection at the annual meeting. No calls had been made on it during the year.

The Guild lost an enthusiastic worker by the death in January of Mr. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington.

The district secretaries reported good attendances at meetings with an influx of new members from the Southern District.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, re-elected: vice-presidents, re-elected with the addition of Canon Noel Prentice (Vicar of Stratford) and the Right Rev. Newnham-Davis (Assistant Bishop of Coventry): Master, Mr. F. W. Perrens, re-elected: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, re-elected: hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin.

Following a proposal, which was carried, to divide the diocese into two areas, northern and southern, the election of the northern district secretary resulted in Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward being appointed, with Mr. R. J. Edden being re-elected for the southern district.

New members elected were: Miss G. Styles and Miss M. Stokes (Nuneaton), G. Brown (Stratford), D. Harrison (Hatton) and H. Niblett and J. Keyte, non-resident.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers, and members hastened to church to take part in evensong. The Canon spoke of the important part played by ringers in the service of the Church, the bells having a wider appeal than the clergyman. 'Stick to your tasks Sunday by Sunday without thought of reward,' was the keynote of the Vicar's remarks.

Ringing was resumed following the service until 8 p.m.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE MARTIN

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, and more particularly the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, has lost one of its oldest members in the passing of Mr. George Martin at Maidenhead St. Mark's Hospital on May 5th in his 76th year, six months after undergoing an operation. During the last few months he had endured much pain with great patience and fortitude.

George was born in Maidenhead in 1877. He learned to ring at All Saints', Boyne Hill, where for more than 60 years he was a most loyal ringer. He set a very high example by his regular and punctual attendance for Sunday service ringing and weekly practices. He was a bricklayer by trade, an excellent tradesman, and served in the Royal Engineers during the first World War.

Everyone who knew George, and there were not many ringers in his area who did not know him, loved and respected him. He was always ready with help and advice to learners. He was well known as a most reliable ringer, a perfect striker and a brilliant conductor. It was mainly due to his ability as an instructor that the Boyne Hill band reached such a high standard in the period 1905–1935.

George was well known for his fearlessness in speaking out for what was right and fair; he spoke his mind without fear or favour and he was held in very high esteem by all who were privileged to know and ring with him.

George Martin rang and conducted his first peal, Grandsire, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, in 1895. He rang 621 peals for 27 different Associations, 449 for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for 60 years; he conducted 254 and took part in four non-conducted peals. He went on many tours arranged by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, who in his diary affectionately refers to him as George III. In 1934 he went to Australia and New Zealand on the 'Great Adventure.' On that tour he rang in eight peals, conducting four of them.

It was most fitting that the last time he rang was in the opening touch of Stedman at the dedication of Hughenden bells for he had such happy associations with that tower where he rang 87 of his peals.

We wish to record, as encouragement to beginners, that Mr. George Martin scored his first peal at the 50th attempt.

THE FUNERAL

On Sunday evening, after Evensong, his body was received into the church to which he had given so many years of devoted service, to rest the night.

The funeral service, which was attended by the family mourners and a large number of ringers, was held in All Saints' on May 11th, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Perkins; it was fully choral. The 150th Psalm and the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God Who Livest,' was sung.

Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Stedman by visitors and members of the local band.

The Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (chairman of the Branch) officiated at the interment at Maidenhead Cemetery, which is within hearing of his beloved bells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by A. D. Barker 1-2, F. Goodfellow 3-4, W. Welling 5-6, H. Wingrove 7-8.

Among the many ringers present were Messrs. R. Biggs (Branch Ringing Master), A. D. Barker (treasurer of the Oxford Guild and Branch secretary), F. Goodfellow (Middlesex Association), J. Hawkins (Holborn), W. Lee (Wendover), A. Cross and W. Welling (Old Windsor), N. W. Wolstencroft (Stoke Poges), T. J. Fowler (Cookham), J. H. R. Freeborn (Amersham), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield), L. Stilwell (Horsham), R. Atkins, F. O. Nichols and D. Poole (Marlow), F. Hayes and P. Evans (High Wycombe), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), T. Cox (Hughenden), F. Russel, Mrs. Rolls, Mr. Norsworthy (Bray), Mr. Sinkins (Slough), Mr. R. Reid (Windsor) and many members of the local band.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from Fellow members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the Marlow Ringers; Brother Ringers at All Saints', Boyne Hill; Beaconsfield Ringers and Hughenden Ringers.

In the evening at attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman unfortunately came to grief after 1¼ hours' beautiful ringing.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Martin's peals are as follows:—

Minor.—Two methods 2 (conducted 1), three methods 3 (2), four methods 3 (3), seven methods 7, Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 18 (7), Grandsire on handbells 2 (2), Stedman 52 (20), and one non-conducted Oxford Bob Triples 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 24 (12), Plain Bob on handbells 4, Double Norwich 111 (60), Kent Treble Bob 20 (11), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1; Superlative Surprise 82 (42), two non-conducted Cambridge Surprise 117 (42), New Cambridge Surprise 6 (4), London Surprise 55 (36), Bristol Surprise 17 (7), Yorkshire Surprise 24 (5), 1 non-conducted, Lincolnshire Surprise 4 (1), Rutland Surprise 2 (1), Norfolk Surprise 5 (1), Beaconsfield Surprise 2, Ashtead Surprise 1, Hughenden Surprise 1, Cranborne Surprise 1, Cassiobury Surprise 1, Painswick Surprise 1, Pudsey Surprise 1, Newcastle Surprise 1, Spliced Surprise 3, St. Clement's 1, Brighton Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 8.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich 2, Cambridge 7, Kent Treble Bob 5.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 6.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 5.

E. E. G.

MR. ARTHUR STURMAN

By the passing of Mr. Arthur Sturman, at the age of 81, the Bunwell company of ringers has lost its oldest member.

Mr. Sturman had been a ringer at Bunwell for about 60 years and a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for over 50 years. From 1932-1946 he was Ringing Master at Bunwell and though living almost three miles from the church was most regular in attendance.

Besides being a ringer, he was for a period churchwarden and served for many years on the Church Council and as sidesman, and we at Bunwell feel we have lost an old and valued friend.

Ringers and choristers attended the funeral service and in the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells by members of the Bunwell company. C. F. W. P.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, G. E. Retter (cond.) 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, W. Reeks 7, A. Tapley 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of A. E. Allen, former captain of the local band.

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BIRTH

CROFT.—On Wednesday, May 13th, 1953, at Southampton, to Kenneth and Madeline Croft, a second son. 2633

MARRIAGE

PARSONS—BRITTAIN. — At All Saints' Church, Banstead, on Friday, May 8th, 1953, Mr. Raymond Parsons and Miss Jill Brittain. Future address: 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, Surrey. 2619

SILVER WEDDING

COOK—CLARKE.—On May 28th, 1928, at All Saints' Parish Church, Asfordby, Leicestershire, by the Rev. W. R. Finch, J. Harry to Doris V., 18, New Street, Asfordby. 2638

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ashbourne (8), May 23rd at 3 p.m. 2603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Sat., May 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2590

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hereward Bob Major.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2589

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cobham (6), Saturday, May 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. 2615

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY.—Bournemouth, May 23rd. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 2.30 p.m.-5 p.m.; St. John's (Surrey Road) 2.30 p.m.- 5 p.m. 2636

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Mitcheldever, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 2558

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's Church, Goldington Bedford. Restored and augmented ring of six. Dedication, Sunday, May 24th, 6.30 p.m., by Archdeacon of Bedford. All ringers welcome. 2631

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2602

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 nonmembers 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), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). — Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The bells of All Saints', Writtle, will not be available for ringing on Whit Monday following the annual meeting.—Robert C. Heazel. 2642

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. 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 particulars of 13 other towers available apply E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 2548

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Hersham (8), Whit Monday. Practice meeting 6.30-9 p.m. Everybody welcome. 2630

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—Re-opening of the five bells, Saturday, May 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. J. L. Head, Vicar of St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea. Tea provided.—H. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 2634

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey (8) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road. 2628

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Dyrham, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Doynton (5) during evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 2626

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 30th. Bells available: Bushey Heath (8) 3 p.m.: Harrow Weald (8) 6.30. Names for tea, by May 27th, to Miss A. M. Bailey, 1, Pleasant Road, Bishop's Stortford. 2601

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, May 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2623

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, May 30th, Batley Parish Church. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Business meeting after tea.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec. 2624

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, May 30th, St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, St. Mary's Institute. Meeting 6. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec., 152c, Walton Street, S.W.3. 2611

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, May 30th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2645

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon, May 30th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. J. Chester, Helmdon, near Brackley.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 2606

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edith-Weston (new 6), May 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, May 26th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton. 2597

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, May 30th, Barford St. Martin (6), 2.30-4.45. Tea, King's Elm, Compton Chamberlayne, 5.10. Bells: Compton (6) and Fovant (5) afterwards. Please send names for tea, by 26th, to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 2604

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 30th (**note advanced date**), Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), 2.30-3.45. Mansfield (8) from 5 p.m., preceded by business meeting at 4.30 in ringing room. Frequent buses Sutton to Mansfield. Own arrangements for tea. 2618

STANTON LACY, LUDLOW.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Hereford of the rehung bells (6) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Buses from Market Hall, Ludlow. For teas notify, by May 26th, Rev. A. G. Durston, The Vicarage. 2627

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ASFORDBY. — Rededication of tower and bells after restoration, Sunday, May 31st, 6.30 p.m. Also open for ringers Saturday, June 6th. Tea for all who send names by 4th to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street. 2639

MARKSBURY, NR. BATH. — Corporate Communion, May 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by May 28th.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2612

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, Saturday, June 6th. Details later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2641

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Horsmonden (6) June 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Tea arrangements are very difficult and tea will be provided **only** for those who send their names and 2s. 6d. each, not later than June 2nd, to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge. 2613

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Kindly notify for tea by June 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2635

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Cheriton, June 6th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in the Bricklayer's Arms. Names, by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2629

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Royston, near Barnsley, June 13th, 3 p.m. Entrance fee 10s. per band. All entries must reach me not later than June 6th. Names for tea to Mr. D. M. Hall, 25, Midland Road, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than June 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2643

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Walgrave, June 20th. Note change of date.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 2622

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Meeting on list scheduled for July 11th should read July 4th. Venue has been changed. Will be announced in good time.—F. V. G. 2644

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