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THE NORTHERN LAND

IT was Sunday morning in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the sun shone upon the Westgate Road to greet the Whitsun Day with a promise it failed to fulfil. Towards the hour of noon there stood at the junction with Elswick Road three of the men of that place. They may have been merely enjoying the morning sun or they may have been awaiting the striking of the hour of twelve when (as H. G. Wells says) 'the shooting of bolts and the turning of keys had ended the British Ramadan, that weekly interlude of drought our law imposes.' Whatever their ultimate motives they were at that moment noisy, argumentative, somewhat uncouth and uninviting. Suddenly, in a break in the flow of cars and buses, there pranced into the road a tiny tabby kitten, chasing in ecstacy a scrap of paper that was clearly luring it to destruction. The group on the pavement turned and one man detached himself, darted into the highway and gathered the creature from under the approaching wheels of a fresh gush of traffic. He returned to the footpath, set down his tiny burden and urged it along a straight and narrow path that led to safety. The noisy argument was then resumed.

It was a kindly act, unpremeditated and, to the onlooker, unexpected, and it seemed to hold within it the parable of this northern land where so much is dour and perhaps at first sight repellent covers so much unexpected beauty and kindliness.

One approaches Newcastle from the South through country where the industries of Yorkshire reluctantly give way to much wooded upland beauty, and where this, in its turn, is suddenly succeeded once more by grimness: flats where the machines of man, to use Auden's simile, stand about like giant chessmen, and where into the loveliness of woods and dells there intrudes the sinister pyramid of a pit bank stealing along in greyness behind distant folds and coppices. The grandeur of Durham Cathedral is seen through the monstrous railway viaduct that straddles the city like a great long-legged caterpillar, and roads towards Gateshead, not perhaps without natural attractions, bear warnings of road subsidence.

And so the Tyne is reached, and as one comes across the high land and gazes over the valley, the steep heights rise gloomily from the industrial fog of the Scotswood Road, the great single-span bridge humps itself grotesquely, and the dark castle seems to frown at the visitor. One crosses the dark river with, perhaps, some lowering of spirits and a longing for something brighter and more attractive.

But surprise is in store, for in this place there is a wealth of kindliness, good nature and spiritual beauty, and these things are, like the natural beauties, revealed at unexpected times and in unexpected places. The man in the street, whom you perhaps hesitate to approach, is most helpful in directing you, even to the point of conducting you; the hotels feed generously, and even in the common inn or tavern there is a rugged friendliness and a feeling of welcome.

One cannot escape the consciousness of a growing attraction to this city and an increased liking for its people. The great Coast Road, running mile after mile as straight as a ruler across vast and desolate flats, broken only by the great Wills factory and the colossal Wallsend mine, slips suddenly into the entrancing beauty of Jesmond, Dene, and lo! the dreary wastes are forgotten. Above Newburn the wooded slopes of the valley are seen as through a glass darkly, but, on occasion, a gleam of sunshine smites the hillside, picking out farm or copse and throwing it into a tiny picture of exquisite beauty. The dark tower of Christ Church, North Shields, with its strange round windows and its ominous cracks, opens up to reveal a charming ringing chamber, a delightful ring of bells, and the kindliest of welcomes from the tower-keeper.

Thus, as the great thunderstorm, which crashed its way on Tuesday evening from Hexham to the sea, gave place to the first pale shaft of light falling strangely upon the peak of Grey's Monument and succeeded to a great evening calm, so there may come to us with recollection in tranquillity our own pictures suitable for vacant or pensive mood. To one who was privileged to revisit this city at a memorable week-end there will be, together with the kitten on Westgate Road and the lovely vision of the little black girl behind the flowers in St. John's ringing chamber, one more tiny vignette. It will be the memory of the little boy asleep on his father's knee in a corner of a crowded milk bar in the Haymarket. His day at Cullercoats had been cut short; outside the rain swept down relentlessly, and the room was hot and noisy. But he slumbered on, clutching a sand-smeared bucket, and he brought to this unattractive eating house a certain beauty, and inspired thoughts that lay too deep for expression. E. C. S.

Rung in connection with the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle-upon-Tyne

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	6
ROLAND PARK	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	THOMAS LOCK	8
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
ARNOLD BRUNTON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Congratulations are extended to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Heselton, on his appointment as Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	JOHN FREEMAN	8
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
WILFRID F. MORETON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

FRED E. DUKES	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
NORMAN V. HARDING	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	‡ANTHONY AGER	7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	LEONARD TREVOR	8
†MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 300th peal together. † 300th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 22, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*RALPH ELKINGTON	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	*BRIAN MARTIN	8
TERENCE A. THORNBER	4	JOHN A. ACRES	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	REGINALD W. REX	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	8
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the fourth centenary of King Edward VI. School, Southampton.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	MAURICE G. TURNER	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	7
SYDNEY T. HOLT	3	JOHN LLOYD	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.
This is the 100th tower in which T. W. Lewis has rung a peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*†VINCENT A. HEMMING	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	*GERALD C. HEMMING	8
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	‡JOHN J. STANIER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JACK A. C. KING	*Treble*	REGINALD A. REED	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
The first peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*HELEN SKINNER	*Treble*	HAROLD WOOD	5
†MARIAN SKINNER	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	BRIAN BUSWELL	5
*JOAN HOODLESS	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
*ALLAN SIMPSON	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.

JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Treble*	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 100th peal for the Association.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
SYDNEY A. WARWICK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and the tenor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method by all except the conductor and for the Association.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Ernest W. Beadsmoore, ringer at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church for 60 years, who passed away May 31st, 1954.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	DAVID SMITH	5
VICTOR NEAL	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
A. GORDON LAWRENCE	3	HENRY PARKER	7
REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	*JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* 100th peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
†WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.
Rung to mark the first visit to the parish of the new Bishop of Leicester (Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams).

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

DEREK G. BROYD	*Treble*	R. JOHN SCOTT	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
FREDERICK J. RUMMER	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal on the bells since augmentation to eight.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. BARTON	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	6
*TERENCE BARTON	3	WILFRID S. PALIN	7
EILEEN S. WYLES	4	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Barton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	BARRY HOLLAND	5
IAIN M. HOLLAND	2	HARRY MORTEMORE	6
RONALD BIRCH	3	DENNIS HOLLAND	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	4	GEORGE R. HINER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
RALPH BIRD	2	JOHN CANNELL	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	AUGUSTUS J. HEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal on eight bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

JUDITH K. E. HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID S. HARRIS	5
*JEANETTE M. SIMPSON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	*ALBAN DISNEY	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	4	*GORDON H. ARGUILE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Mr. David S. Harris and Mr. Gordon H. Arguile have now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the eve of the 48th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of eight.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., June 9, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRIAN GRINTER	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
The first peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 7th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	PETER BORDER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FBARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's B29/1).

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Containing 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court, 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Court and Oxford, 280 each of London, Hereward and Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
This is the first peal ever rung containing all the eleven pure Triples methods.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. T. N. Crowther-Green and to commemorate his 25 years in the Ministry.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	*†E. JOHN WELLS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
*C. ERNEST SMITH	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*HAROLD A. MAY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the official birthday of H.M. the Queen and the 33rd birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
†JOAN BERESFORD	2	‡ALAN TAYLOR	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	†GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Hunt. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Philip H. Whitaker to Miss Audrey E. Thackray, which took place this day at the Church of the Holy Cross, Gilling East, York.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
PAUL A. WILLIAMSON	3	*JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ALAN JACKSON	*Treble*	WALTER BROWN	5
GEORGE JOHNSON	2	*ALFRED C. HARRIS	6
†MARION JACKSON	3	GEORGE CHERRY	7
DAVID L. GULLICK	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ETHEL CLEAR	*Treble*	ALFRED H. WINCH	4
MRS. H. A. TULLETT	2	EDWARD E. COWARD	5
MARGARET BROWN	3	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Oliver Toogood, of the local band, and Miss Peggy Brunning.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	LOUIS WILDERS	4
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

A birthday compliment to William R. Parker.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

E. M. BRADLEY	*Treble*	*A. HARTLEY	4
MISS D. M. HAWLEY	2	S. STEEL	5
G. F. TERRY	3	A. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. TERRY.

* First peal in three methods.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Two each of Norwich and Annable's London, one of Netherseale, and two of Cambridge.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

MAURICE COLLINGS	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	4
JOHN CHURCH	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
*C. MICHAEL ORME	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARK LONG	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	4
WILLIAM H. TARR	2	ROBERT W. SHIRE	5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung for the first anniversary of the Coronation.

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ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*ADRIAN P. BECK (10)	*Treble*	†ERNEST E. BRAY	4
*ROBERT E. BECK (13)	2	A. GEORGE CLARE	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	VICTOR SAVAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods of Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDA ROBINSON	*Treble*	†HAROLD DENMAN	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal in this tower.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Brothwell, a non-resident life member, which occurred on June 2nd.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	LEONARD A. TIDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* 50th peal together.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London, (2) Ipswich, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Court, (5) Oxford, (6) Kent, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD	*Treble*	LAURENCE H. TURNER	4
*ALBERT PRYKE	2	HARRY TURNER	5
*ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JOHN H. SITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. J. Baxter and Miss J. Lincoln, married at St. Paul's, Bentley, on May 29th, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pryke on the 29th anniversary of their wedding.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GLYN F. JENKINS (Keble)	*Treble*	GEOFFREY HARPER (Hertford)	4
WILLIAM H. JACKSON (Christ Church)	2	R. JAMES COOK (University)	5
DAVID A. EDWARDS (Corpus Christi)	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis J. Holborn.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. BARTON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	JOHN CANNELL	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN V. BLACKLIDGE	*Treble*	†WALTER MANSLEY	4
*BRIAN G. HENRY	2	HARRY CALDERBANK	5
J. RICHARD JENKINSON	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in method. First peal by a Sunday service band since 1910.

Rung in connection with the celebrations to mark the 90th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*PETER JOHNSON	*Treble*	ROGER G. W. SOARS	4
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	HUGH MATTHEWMAN	5
F. KEVON THOMPSON	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE SUGG	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	4
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	MAURICE BAILEY	4
JOHN S. HARRISON	2	W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
JAMES MOULD	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the treble ringer.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS G. GOODWIN	*Treble*	*THOMAS O. GREASLEY	4
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
*J. DAVID CLARKE	3	BRIAN BUSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

* First peal.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Colomb, Southrepps Pleasure, Norfolk, April Day, Old, Kennington and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*ANTHONY G. OSBORNE (14)	*Treble*	†C. SANDOW SWANNELL (15)	3
IVOR J. DICKIN	2	‡ALAN C. COZENS	4
KENNETH D. PERKINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in ten methods. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Ivor J. Dickin, who is going into H.M. Forces.

OUTINGS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM

The young ringers of the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, had their first outing on May 22nd. with an accent on ringing rather than tower-grabbing.

Towers visited were:—Stowe-by-Chartley (6), St. Peter's, Marchington (6), St. Giles', Cheadle (6), St. Giles' R.C., Cheadle (8) and St. Werburgh's, Kingsley (6).

Ringing included a touch of Cambridge Minor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT

The West Riding of Yorkshire was visited by Sutton-on-Trent ringers on May 29th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Tickhill, St. Giles', Pontefract, Ripon Cathedral, All Saints', Kirk Deighton, and St. Mary's, Tadcaster. A visit was paid to Fountains Abbey. Thanks are due to the Misses K. and G. Burchnall for organising such an enjoyable day, and to the Vicar, who participated in the outing.

ROMFORD, ESSEX

Surrey was visited by a party of 36 from St. Edward's, Romford, on May 22nd. The first call was Redhill and afterwards came Crawley, Dorking, Old Woking, Walton and Kingston.

At tea, at Old Woking, the Rev. F. R. Wright presided. The warm welcome at each tower and the good companionship combined to make the tour a great success.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON

An early start, with Twyford as the first tower at 9 a.m., was made by St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 22nd. Then followed Newbury, a fine ten, and, after lunch, Whitchurch, with its dumpy tower and tall spire, Petersfield, a good eight rehung by Taylors in 1934, and finally Chiddingfold. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Blow.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK

Stonham Aspal selected Kent for their annual outing on May 29th, leaving home at 6 a.m. and crossing the Thames by the Tilbury ferry. First ringing was at Chatham, then followed the long run to Bexhill, where unforeseen circumstances did not permit ringing.

After lunch at Bexhill the return journey started with an hour's ringing at Hawkhurst; later came the noble ring at Goudhurst and the bells at Frittenden. Home was reached soon after midnight. 'Participant' extends on behalf of the party their best thanks to Bill Button, the organiser.

SWANAGE

The ringers of St. Mary's tower, Swanage, held their annual outing on Whit Monday. Arrangements were made to ring at five towers, stopping at Salisbury for dinner; to visit Longleat House in the afternoon and have tea at Mere. Before reaching Ringwood, the captain (Mr. C. Turner) had the happy idea of stopping at Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart's house and asking him to join the party for the day. The coach drew up and he was persuaded to come, thus greatly adding to the day's interest and enjoyment.

The towers visited were SS. Peter and Paul's, Ringwood; St. Paul's, Salisbury; St. Michael Archangel, Mere; SS. Peter and Paul's Blandford; St. John-the-Baptist's, Bere Regis—thus ringing in three counties. At Salisbury a wedding was taking place when the ringers arrived, and they were able to give unexpected pleasure to the wedding party by ringing as the bride and bridegroom left the church

Thanks are due especially to Mr. W. Brown, who made the arrangements.

FARNHAM

Farnham bellringers had a jolly outing into Kent and Sussex. Ringing took place at Reigate, where some of the party had their first experience of ten-bell ringing, and afterwards at Westerham, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead and Crawley.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

In two cars, twelve ringers of Loughborough Parish Church had a free and easy 'busman's' outing on May 29th. Ringing took place at Asfordby, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs, Grantham (where ham and eggs were disposed of and the ringing was not quite up to Loughborough standard), Bottesford (where the party were locked in the church and the chiming of the service bell eventually brought a half-shaved verger to the church) and Stathern.

PILTON, SOMERSET

Pilton ringers spent a very pleasant day on May 22nd ringing in Devonshire. The towers visited were Rockwell Green (six bells, and still in Somerset), Cadeleigh (6), Twerton (8), Bow (6), Hatherleigh (8) and Exbourne (6).

Especially noticeable on the outing was the fact that at all six towers the bells were so obviously well looked after and used regularly. Equally pleasing was that at each tower a local ringer met the party, and at Rockwell Green the Vicar was present and said a prayer before the day's ringing began.

Two words of warning! Ringers used to heavy bells which set rather far back may find the light bells with a very long draught and which set fine, somewhat disconcerting; make sure beforehand that the Devonshire lanes are suitable for 'luxury' coaches.

Mr. E. Lambert (captain) and Mr. T. Harris (vice-captain) were responsible for the arrangements.

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LATE NEWS

The Yorkshire pacemakers have done it again! Last Friday a peal of 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Conisbrough. Congratulations to Mr. W. Eric Critchley and his band on a wonderful performance.

BELFRY GOSSIP

When the Central Council ringers visited Morpeth Watch Tower on Whit Sunday, ringing was interrupted for the 8 o'clock curfew to be rung. Mr. Harry Miles was asked by Miss J. Armstrong to ring the bell 100 times. As he proceeded, the wit of the party asked him if he was tolling his age.

Mr. Fred Savage, who for the past two years has been ringing at Christchurch, New Zealand, has left for Australia. He sails for England in August.

We have received a number of congratulatory letters regarding the broadcast of Stedman Caters from St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on May 30th. The ringers should know that their efforts were appreciated.

Miss J. Monica Whitehead, aged 11, who rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leicester on May 10th, is probably the youngest ringer to score a Surprise peal. She rang a peal of Stedman Triples last year for the Coronation.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, hit the headlines in 'The Western Evening Herald' when he visited Plymouth for the annual meeting of the Devon Guild. He rang at the four local churches and thanks especially Mr. 'Daddy' Myers, now 83, for enabling him to have a pull at St. Andrew's, and also Mr. T. G. Myers.

When the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, were recorded for broadcasting purposes in connection with the Queen's visit, the volume of sound was the second strongest the recording instruments had ever been called upon to handle in New Zealand. The strongest was the noise made by one of the large geothermal steam bores at Wairakei. There are nine learners at Christchurch Cathedral, who are showing great keenness.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung at Farnham Royal, Bucks, on Whit Monday as a compliment to the Central Council and 'in case the method should come under the axe the following day.'

By ringing the 2nd to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Measham on June 5th, Mr. W. F. Woodward 'completed the circle' at this tower.

The peal rung at Stamford Hill, London, on May 15th, was conducted by John L. Morris and not E. J. Rowe as stated.

Mr. R. D. Edge, of Heaton, Bolton, leaves for Australia in a week's time. He will be at the School of Research Physics, Australian National University, Canberra.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Wolverhampton on May 29th was by coincidence the 300th peal together of Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, and Miss Muriel Reay's 300th peal.

A band composed mainly of members of the Society of Roving Ringers rang in the peal of Stedman Caters at Wrington (recorded last week) in honour of the christening of Teresa Jane, daughter of Billy and Hilda Kingcott. The christening took place on Sunday afternoon, the god-parents being Miss Evelyn Kingcott, Mrs. Gillian Parsons and Mr. R. O. Fry.

As Tavistock ringers were competing in the Devon Association (call changes) festival, ringers mainly from Plymouth (Emmanuel) and Plympton St. Maurice, who were attending a neighbouring meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, rang for a wedding at Tavistock. Some good Grandsire Triples and a 'fall' were rung, and it was agreed that the fees should be divided between 'The Ringing World,' the S.W. District of the Devon Guild and the local church funds.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year your committee have continued their efforts to keep the paper solvent. Every possible economy has been effected, but without the generous support which has been given by the Exercise in donations and voluntary levies we should have ended the year with an adverse balance.

Subject to audit, we have finished the year with a small balance on the right side. The great increase of peal and quarter peal ringing due to the Coronation made it necessary to produce larger 20-page papers, and practically the whole cost of this was defrayed by donations from well-wishers.

Your committee recently launched another drive to obtain the necessary number of postal subscribers needed to place the paper on a sound self-supporting basis. Previous efforts to this end have been most disappointing and your committee regret that they have not received the support they had expected. If this last effort is unsuccessful, a serious position will arise. Although we have repeatedly stressed that the key to the solution of financial difficulties is increased postal circulation, sufficient appreciation of this fact would appear to be lacking. We look to every member of the Council to support the latest drive for postal subscribers. It would be unwise to expect that the donations, voluntary levies, etc., will continue indefinitely—and whilst gratefully admitting that these have saved the paper, we cannot reasonably continue to depend upon them. We feel confident that, with sufficient effort all round, our goal can be reached and some easement can be accorded to those who are making frequent donations.

Whilst we are unanimously of the opinion that it would do more harm than good to raise the price of the paper, we must bow to the ruling of the Council on the matter.

During the year we have co-opted Mr. R. S. Anderson to serve on this committee and have found his ideas and interest most helpful.

Your committee unanimously decided to instruct the Editor not to accept anonymous letters and, whilst there have been a small number of protests at this action, they feel they were interpreting the general wishes of the Exercise. We should be grateful if the Council will either endorse or reject this decision.

Once again we would express, on behalf of the Council, our most grateful thanks to all who have helped in the continuance and production of 'The Ringing World.' To Mr. White, the Editor, for his capable and conscientious work and interest, to Mr. Jeater, to all literary contributors and to the many generous subscribers who have helped us through a most difficult period we accord our warmest thanks.

A REVIEW

In the absence of Mr. Smallwood, Mr. H. J. Poole presented the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee.' He said when the committee was appointed three years ago they were in dire distress. The price of paper had increased by £8 an issue, and it was a job to know what to do for the best. The committee made various decisions and had kept the ship afloat. Three years was a long time with a sinking ship, but it was still afloat. They had tried all along to avoid increasing the cost of the paper.

He would like to say how much the committee appreciated the donations that had been received, but they felt that they ought not to rest on that support. They did not want to increase the price. At the present time they were in the midst of their second drive for postal subscribers, which was being backed up

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by each association. He hoped the meeting would support the recommendation that they carry on as they were at the moment and see the effect of the new scheme.

Now in regard to anonymous letters in 'The Ringing World' the committee were asking the Council either to endorse or reject that decision. That matter would be discussed when the motion was received. The committee were there to carry out the wishes of the Council and they hoped the Council had sufficient confidence in them to confirm what they were doing.

In connection with 'The Ringing World,' a lot of work was done behind the scenes, and in that direction he would like to refer to the work of Mr. Smallwood. He thought it was only right that the Council should show their appreciation (applause). So far as the Editor was concerned, the relations between him and the committee were very cordial. In their efforts to cut their expenditure Mr. White accepted a reduction of £1 a week in his salary. That cut had now been restored. Mr. Jeater was now also receiving £2 a week for his work

> ***A WEEK FOR A BIG EFFORT***
>
> *Next week starts a new half-year. We ask all representatives of 'The Ringing World' to make a great effort to start with a bumper number of new postal subscribers.*
>
> *Rate for the half-year 11s. 8d. Send your remittance to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.*
>
> *Existing postal subscribers are requested to renew their subscriptions without delay.*

and the committee did appreciate very much what he was doing. Mr. Hughes had been appointed hon. treasurer to 'The Ringing World,' and his experience and knowledge had been most helpful. The secretary (Mr. Barnett) had worked hard as the link between the Council and the Exercise.

Mr. A. B. Peck seconded the adoption of the report.

In reply to questions by Mr. N. Chaddock, the General Secretary said the accounts for 1952 had been revised and the profit was £62 and not £136. These figures had been certified by their professional auditors.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the late Mr. Goldsmith had no illusion about the difficulties of 'The Ringing World.' Of about 40,000 ringers approximately 36,000 were only interested in their Sunday ringing and did not care a hang about ringing in general. Personally he would not pay 4d. for a paper dealing with football (laughter).

In answer to another question from Mr. Chaddock, Mr. Poole said the drive for new postal subscribers had produced to date 140 from 49 associations.

LEVY OF 1s. A MEMBER

Mr. B. G. Key said the secretary of the Archdeaconry of Stafford had written suggesting a levy of 1s. per year from each member of every Guild or Association. That revenue would make 'The Ringing World' solvent.

Mr. P. J. Johnson criticised such a suggestion as impossible. The secretaries had a hard job to get in the subscriptions.

Mr. Key: It was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Mr. H. Miles: How would you do it in Cornwall where we don't have individual subscriptions?

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked the committee not to worry too much on having to depend on charity. He would remind them of what St. Paul said about charity—the most valuable of all gifts. It was on charity that the Christian Church depended and it was on this charity that they kept their bells going. He would like £3,000 from anyone who felt charitably disposed for the restoration of the bells of St. Andrew's, Norwich. They would only get those bells by charity and they would also only keep 'The Ringing World' going by that means—and it was a grand thing to exercise this charity in this uncharitable age of 1954.

Mr. C. K. Lewis suggested sending a letter to all parish priests in Crockford calling attention to 'The Ringing World.' They would get the parsons asking their ringers if they took 'The Ringing World.' It was surprising what gentlemen in the dog collar could do.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said Mr. Thurlow spoke of charity seriously. 'The Ringing World' was a business and not a charity. Mr. Thurlow, however, did not exercise charity when he asked him for a contribution towards the £150 required for his own bells.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: But I did offer him a contribution on condition (laughter).

Mr. F. E. Dukes asked how many members of the Council were supporting 'The Ringing World' by becoming postal subscribers.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Last September 120 members took 'The Ringing World' by post and 52 did not.

The report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

'The Ringing World' accounts for the year showed a total revenue of £4,721 3s. 6d., made up as follows: Rolls Publishing Co., £1,799 10s. 11d.; postal subscribers, £1,765 8s. 9d.; donations, £310 14s. 2d.; sundry sales, £15 13s. 8d.; notices, £383 3s.; advertisements, £421 4s. 6d.; blocks, £5 8s. 6d.; general fund advertisement, £20.

Expenses. — Printing and blocks, £3,441 3s. 6d.; despatch of copies, £131 15s.; postage and wrappers, £547 19s. 6d. Editorial Office — Editor's fees and expenses, £258 6s.; clerical assistance, £115 13s. 8d.; postage, stationery, £19 12s. 9d. Accounts Department—Clerical assistance, £104: postage, £20 0s. 6d.; stationery and telephone, £9 15s. 9d.; audit fees, £21; sundry, £5 1s. 7d. Excess of income over expenditure, £46 15s. 3d.

Introducing 'The Ringing World' accounts, Mr. Barnett said the Editor's cut was restored in July, 1953, and the additional sum had been counterbalanced by £20 received from the Council's publications account. They had also to pay £21 for professional auditors' fees. The sum of £800 had been invested and that would bring in £28 a year for the next eight or 10 years. The investment was made last November. He had received the auditors' official report on the 1951–52 accounts.

The accounts were adopted.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Mr. J. R. Worrall submitted the following motion:—

> 'That this Council disapproves of the ban on the publication in "The Ringing World" of letters signed with a pen name and instructs the Editorial Committee to rescind it forthwith; furthermore, that this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of the Editor of "The Ringing World" to select only such letters as he considers suitable for publication.'

He said the Editorial Committee gave no reason for the imposition of the ban. He thought that the matter arose from the letter signed 'Cumberland' and there was very little

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

in that letter at which to take offence. It criticised the Ancient Society of College Youths, but apart from that he saw no reason why it should have occasioned the ban. These letters were not really anonymous, as the Editor knew the name and address of the sender. No Editor would accept correspondence unless it was so signed.

He felt that this ban was imposed because it was a matter dealing with the College Youths. He felt that had it been criticism of a lesser Society it might have passed unnoticed.

He would like to put forward two points against the ban. First of all it enabled a writer to submit a critical letter without the fear of any possible recriminations. He himself was a member of the College Youths, and in consequence of that motion he was afraid he would be very unpopular at the annual dinners. They had an example in a letter at the comment that was aroused when an individual said he was a College Youth and that was taken as the official view. That was clearly stated in the letter as the view of the individual and not the College Youths.

If the president or general secretary wished to write a letter and his name appeared at the bottom of it that letter would be taken as coming from the Council. Under a nom-de-plume those individuals could express their personal opinions without it being interpreted as the official view. He submitted that there were more reasons in favour of the ban being removed than against it.

Miss Jacqueline Evans seconded.

Mr. Anderson said the argument advanced for a nom-de-plume in a national journal could not be advanced for 'The Ringing World,' which was purely a domestic and parochial journal. In the past there had been numerous letters in 'The Ringing World' of a very controversial nature and very scathing remarks had been made. In a number of cases the originator of the criticism had been directed to the wrong person. 'The Ringing World' Committee felt that if anyone had anything to say of a constructive nature he should not be afraid to hide his light under a bushel. The committee considered that this motion was the equivalent of a vote of no confidence in them.

NO PISTOL THREAT

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said his first Council meeting was at Norwich, and they all knew some of the unfortunate things that happened about 'The Ringing World' there. It was then a case of a pistol being held at the representatives' heads and a threat to resign if they did not agree with the Editor. Surely they could express an opinion that day without it being interpreted as a vote of no confidence and it being accompanied by a threat to resign.

Mr. H. J. Poole assured Mr. Felstead and the Council that there was no pistol threat about the report of the committee. There was no suggestion that if they passed the resolution the committee would retire. He would say that the motion was very badly worded in instructing the committee to rescind the ban. It was suggesting that they had every confidence in the Editor and no confidence in the committee. The relationship of the Editor with the committee was most cordial.

Mr. Worrall explained that he intended no such thing. He thought the Editorial Committee was elected by the Council and that the Council was the only body that could instruct the committee.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that anonymous letters were a constant source of trouble and stirred up trouble up and down the country. If they permitted such letters they would have a lot of dirty linen washed in public. He hoped the day was far distant when they would give carte blanche authority to insert such letters.

Mr. R. G. Blackman asked the Standing Committee if he offered a contribution of £300 to 'The Ringing World' would they insist on his name being published. There were often very good reasons why a man's name should not be published.

'SPICED ALE'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards hoped 'The Ringing World' Committee would reconsider the ban. There were uses to anonymous correspondence. In regard to 'The Ringing World,' all the letters he had written had appeared under his own name. A short time ago he had occasion to use a nom-de-plume. 'The Western Gazette' published extracts each week of 100 and 200 years ago, and one of these reports gave an account of a celebration with spiced ale. He thought it would be an interesting to know what were the ingredients of this beverage. He could not as a parson ask the question under his own name — there would have been protests from temperance societies and other bodies. The result was that many interesting letters were received.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said in regard to the possible anonymous donor of £300 he had only to write a postcard to the Editor and it would be published in Belfry Gossip. To officials who were afraid that their views in a letter might be taken as an official expression: they could disclaim it in the letter. The president could write: 'This is not connected with Cambridge, cement or the Central Council.'

Mr. P. A. Corby said he thought it was most unfortunate that in this discussion personalities should be allowed to creep in. It was entirely wrong to assume that because a letter was written anonymously it was necessarily pernicious. Some years ago a certain ringer of his acquaintance was tackled by the Editor to write a series of articles on a technical subject. The ringer concerned said, 'I can do it, but I think a lot of people can do it a lot better, but I will do if you keep my name out.' The result was that the articles were written under a nom-de-plume selected by the Editor, but eventually recognised. As far as 'The Ringing World' Committee was concerned, they had taken a steam hammer to crack a walnut. There was no reason why this question of anonymity should not be left to the Editor. He asked the proposer and seconder if they were prepared to amend their motion slightly to that effect.

Mr. A. A. Hughes recalled the anonymous letters in the old 'Bell News,' which caused a frightful lot of ill-feeling.

SIGNATURE A YARD STICK

Mr. F. E. Haynes said a letter signed gave a yard stick by which it could be judged. Many regular correspondents to 'The Ringing World' would find it useful if they could send their letters in anonymously. He would like to plead for the maintenance of the present practice.

Mr. Bernard Ashford commented that matters frequently raised in anonymous letters were local which should be thrashed out at branch or annual meetings. That was a point they should bear in mind.

Mr. N. Chaddock said the late Editor wrote anonymous letters to stimulate correspondence.

Mr. A. B. Peck asked if it was the letter signed 'Cumberland' that caused the motion.

Mr. H. J. Poole: It was that letter which brought it to the notice of the Editorial Committee. In the past there had been a great deal of misrepresentation of facts in anonymous letters and his Guild decided not to reply to them. The result was that many people got a false impression of the Guild.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody asked in the light of the discussion whether the mover would withdraw the motion and leave it to the discretion of the committee.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the committee in their wisdom imposed the ban. The motion to him appeared to be a direct negative.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher thought the motion was badly worded. He suggested the following: 'That this Council expresses complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such anonymous letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

This was carried nem con.

'The Ringing World' Committee was then re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

About the time that our report for 1953 was being prepared a critical examination of the Press reports of every Council meeting was undertaken by Mr. Stilwell with special attention to those elected to membership of the Council and their attendance at meetings. The result of his investigation was complete and set out in a book provided for the purpose before the 1953 meeting. Thus the figures given to the Bournemouth meeting were not quite accurate.

Mr. Stilwell's effort disclosed that in the 63 years of the Council's existence, 663 persons have been elected to membership. Of these 64 did not attend a meeting of the Council, 96 attended one meeting only and 285 former members are known to be deceased. Concerning the latter item there is reason to believe that some former members have died without the event being reported, either in the Press or to the Council. A few such cases have been found and the committee urge all members to be watchful to see that notices of deaths of past members, if not reported in The Ringing World,' are furnished to the Biographies Committee. Since the Bournemouth meeting the following deaths have been announced: W. H. J. Hooton, G. R. Newton, W. Perkins, J. H. W. White, H. R. Butcher, D. D. Cooper, T. Law.

Nearly fifty biographies have been added to our Record Book as completed during the past year and we need only photographs to complete the records of the following deceased past members: Messrs. J. Dillon, H. A. Heywood, W. Walmsley (Chester Guild), E. E. Burgess, A. E. Coles, Rev. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells), Messrs. F. E. Dawe, H. Walton (College Youths), E. F. Strange (Surrey), T. Groombridge, sen. (Kent County), T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell), B. Keeble (Essex), R. G. Knowles (Hereford), G. T. McLoughlin (London County), C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District), J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle), Harvey Reeves (Worcester).

The committee again offers thanks to its many friends in all parts of the country who have endeavoured to help it in what is and must remain a difficult task.

The committee was re-elected with thanks for its services. Mr. Blackman asked new members to fill in the forms as quickly as possible.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher congratulated Mr. Stilwell on his analysis. Before those figures were used, he said, they should make certain that they conformed with the official records of the Council.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The committee has considered the question of a collection of compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and considers that a useful one could be produced of the same size as the 'Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods.' The committee now awaits the decision of the Council as to whether such a collection shall be undertaken.

Since submitting the report for 1953–54, the committee has learned that 'Stedman' in the J. W. Snowdon series is being republished in revised form and will include a collection of more modern peals of Caters and Cinques. The committee recommends that no decision be taken until this book has appeared, when the position can be reviewed.

The Secretary stated that he had received a minority report from Mr. C. W. Roberts strongly dissenting from the view expressed. He felt that it would not be a modern collection of peals and that the collection could be improved. The Standing Committee discussed it and recommended that the minority report be not accepted.

The report was adopted, and Messrs. C. W. Woolley, A. J. Pitman and C. W. Roberts were elected to the committee with power to co-opt.

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A FOURTH CENTENARY PEAL AT SOUTHAMPTON

The peal of Cambridge Royal rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on June 5th, as part of the fourth centenary celebrations of King Edward VI. School, had an especial interest for some of those taking part. The treble ringer is head of the Spanish department at the school; the ringer of the second, besides being Vicar at St. Michael's, has a close connection with the school in his capacity as Rector of Holyrood, Southampton; and the ringer of the fifth is an Old Edwardian now well known in the Exercise.

The original intention had been to attempt the peal on Southampton's other ring of ten, at St. Mary's, whose former rector, by his will of 1553, left the sum of money by which the school came into existence, receiving its letters patent from King Edward VI. and first opening its doors to receive pupils in 1554. St. Mary's is now rising from its ruins and when, owing to the repair work, the tower had to be closed for several months, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead very kindly offered to permit the peal attempt to be made at St. Michael's.

The headmaster of King Edward VI. School (Dr. L. J. Stroud) took a keen interest in the ringing and with his wife and two children came to the belfry at the start of the peal to meet the band and wished them every success, staying to hear the opening leads of the peal.

ARTILLERYMEN & WOOLWICH

The granting of the freedom of the Borough of Woolwich to the Royal Regiment of Artillery was not allowed to pass without special ringing at St. Mary's Church at the civic service on May 30th. Many Royal Artillerymen have rung these bells. In the famous Surprise peals rung in 1849 by the Banisters, two soldiers in the Garrison took part. It is said that both were Artillerymen and were presumed to have died on active service during the Crimean War.

An endeavour was made to arrange a band of Gunners to ring a quarter peal at the conclusion of the celebration but it could not be mustered. A composite band attempted a quarter peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately did not come round owing to a shift course. The band was:—Ian Oram 1, J. L. Morris 2, Gunner D. Holland, R.A., 3, A. Grove ex-C.P.O., R.N., 4, R. A. Johnson, ex-P.O., R.N. 5, T. Culver, ex-Gunner, R.A., 6, M. Parry, ex-Signalman, Royal Signals, 7, B. W. Aldridge (conductor) 8.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World" June 26th, 1914

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, June 18th, 1914, in 2 hours and 59 minutes
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
5,024 CHANGES
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

George H. Cross	Treble
James F. Duffield	2
Edward P. Duffield	3
Alfred Funnell	4
Cecil R. Chamberlin	5
William C. Duffield	6
Bertie F. Turner	7
Frank R. Copeman	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by George H. Cross

The ages of the above ringers were 20, 14, 15, 21, 21, 18, 19 and 20 respectively, forming an average of 18¼ years. This is the first peal of Major rung on tower bells by a band as young as the above.

[The record stood until 1926, when a local company at Beddington knocked three years off it. The present record, by a band who aggregated between them, including the odd months, 120 years, was set up at Crayford in 1934.]

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Forty-five members attended the spring meeting of the Lewisham District at St. Mary's, Woolwich. The Rector (the Rev. W. Thompson) presided at the business meeting, when six new members were elected and the election of one non-resident member ratified.

Members considered that the annual meeting at Bromley had been most successful and decided that thanks be recorded in the minute book to Mr. P. Spice, Mr. I. Emery and others who had assisted in the arrangements.

Downe was chosen for the summer meeting on July 24th with Foots Cray as an alternative.

Mr. P. Brown (Ringing Master) moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Rector and the Rev. F. Walker (who conducted the service) and to Mrs. Coleman and her assistants for a very attractive tea.

Canterbury District

Goodnestone, which has a bus twice a week, was selected for the Canterbury District's latest meeting. Nevertheless, 45 ringers, representing 13 towers, attended. The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. M. Davies) conducted the service and this was followed by an excellent tea.

Lord Fitzwalter, himself a ringer, took the chair at the business meeting, when one hon. member and ten practising members were elected. The day concluded with a convivial half-hour in the Fitzwalter Arms.

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY

Despite the weather, 29 members and friends of the Halifax Archdeaconry Society had a successful outing on Whit Tuesday.

After ringing at Bedale, one of the sturdiest towers in the north, with eight bells (tenor 26 cwt.), the journey continued to Richmond. Here an excellent lunch at the Fleece Hotel was followed with ringing at the Parish Church, which contains a memorial chapel to the Green Howards. A sudden thunderstorm delayed departure.

Middleham, famous for its racing stables, has a church dedicated to St. Alkelda. The Taylor eight (tenor 18 cwt.) were good in every way. The climax of the day's ringing was on Ripon Cathedral bells, where the visit coincided with the local practice night. Tea was enjoyed at the Old Deanery Hotel.

The route home was via Harrogate and Leeds. Thanks were expressed to Mr. John Pearson, the Ringing Master, who had organised a flawless outing.

WEDDING BELLS IN KENT

A congratulatory message was sent from the Canterbury District meeting at Goodnestone on May 22nd to two members who were getting married that day at Great Mongeham Parish Church. They were Miss Janet Rosemary Wells, of Sparrow Court, Great Mongeham, and Mr. Frederick William Lawrence, of Walmer.

It was a true ringers' wedding. After the ceremony the newly-married couple passed under an archway of handbells held by the bridegroom's colleagues from Walmer, while the bride's colleagues—Mrs. Court, Marjorie and Mary Strong, Jean Rubottom, Queenie Lee and John Penfold—were ringing the Parish Church bells.

As the couple left for their honeymoon in London and Yorkshire a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, J. Penfold 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye (cond.) 5, Ann Vine 6.

After a grand week in Cornwall, thanks to the Sangwin brothers, Mr. W. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Guild, writes: 'Many a change ringer would realise what accurate striking really meant if he leaned on a gate near the tower and listened whilst call changes were being rung.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Miss Thompson, the vice-president, at the successful meeting of the Midland District at Ibstock on May 29th, presented an engraved silver spoon and a badge to Mrs. Staniforth for her baby daughter, Rosemary, the youngest member. These were given as a token of the District's appreciation of Mrs. Staniforth's excellent work during her term as secretary since the District was formed in 1946.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Iris Rowley and John Lewis on their recent engagement.

About 40 ringers attended. Tea was kindly prepared by Mrs. Rowley, Iris and other helpers, in the Rectory. Next meeting, Bottesford, September 25th.

Central District

The most successful meeting of recent years was held at Norton, Herts, on May 29th. A coach collected members and friends from outer London and arrived at Baldock at 2.45 p.m., where, with the assistance of the gentlemen on the heavy end, this fine ring of eight was rung in a variety of methods until 3.30 p.m.

Then the coach proceeded to Norton, a very light eight and most suitable for the fair sex. Touches included a well-struck course of London Surprise Major in which five ladies took part.

The Vicar of Norton (the Rev. G. Kenyon) conducted a short service, at which the lesson was read by a former secretary of the District, Mrs. E. E. Davis, and the organist was the vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lock.

A party of 49 partook of an excellent tea in the nearby schoolroom, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. H. Werrett and family.

At the business meeting Mrs. M. Hodgson was voted to the chair. Seven new members were elected:—Marjorie Collins, Juliet Mennell and Ivy Werrett (Norton), Patricia Hutton (Baldock), Roselyn Crewe (Hampstead), Barbara Marsh (Finchley) and Claire Chambers (Knebworth).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

About 40 members, representing 20 towers, attended the joint meeting with the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 29th. Good striking was achieved in the ringing which extended to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar (the Rev. K. Morgan), who conducted the service, also presided at the business meeting, when the Northern band were elected members of the Association. The June practice meeting will be held in this tower, as Wadhurst bells are due to go to the foundry.

The ladies present promised full support to Mrs. Percy, who stated that she was prepared to get the Ladies' Guild started in Sussex.

The proposed Association badge was discussed and the opinion was expressed that the price of 6s. or 7s. was reasonable. The suggestion of Mr. F. H. Dellaway that the badge be produced in monel metal, which would not tarnish, was passed on to the general secretary.

The secretary stated that Bexhill tenor was now so badly cracked that it could not be rung, and, in fact, all eight bells badly needed attention.

Mr. S. G. Waters thanked Christ Church ringers for a most enjoyable meeting and the Vicar for an excellent address

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual Festival

THE annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire ringers took place at Plymouth on Whit Monday. As the numerical strength of the Guild lies chiefly in the eastern half of the county the presence of over 100 members was proof of the popularity of the occasion, and many travelled long distances to be present, return journeys of over 150 miles being nothing out of the ordinary.

The centre of the festival, as on the first general meeting day in 1874, was St. Andrew's Church. The tower and bells, which providentially escaped the German bombs, remain much as they were, but the rest of the fabric, although re-roofed and watertight, is still gaunt and bereft of all but the most essential furnishings. The austere atmosphere of the building, far from having a chilling effect, seemed rather to lighten and warm the hearts and minds of those privileged to be present at the service, which, although following the standard form used at all Branch meetings, took on a new significance from the fact that in that same church, 80 years before, the founders of the Guild had met to ask God's blessing on their endeavours

The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The collection, in aid of St. Andrew's Restoration Fund, amounted to £2 13s. 4d.

The Vicar, in a stimulating address, welcomed the Guild to St. Andrew's, and said that although 80 was a good age, it was by no means old when compared either with the life of the Church or with the time that bells had been used to call people to worship. Nevertheless, 80 years of service to the Diocese was something for which to be thankful, and he was sure that the Guild had earned the thanks of the Church for all it had done.

He had read in the annual report that the past year had seen a slight falling off in numbers which he hoped would prove to be only temporary. Although this was often blamed on the lack of interest and other diversions of the young people of to-day this was only partly true. What was needed was a realisation by all concerned that a church was not a collection of independent units—clergy, choir, ringers and congregation — but an interdependent fellowship, no part of which was more important than another, but all united to promote the one and only thing that mattered, the worship of Almighty God.

Over 80 members and friends sat down to luncheon at the Invicta Hotel. Among the visitors were Mrs. E. S. Powell and friends from Stoke-under-Ham, and Mr. and Mrs. Stenson, of Crewe, as well as others from Cornwall and Somerset. At the subsequent business meeting the president was supported by the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, Mr. F. C. Smale (vice-president), Mr. T. G. Myers (secretary of the S.W. Branch) and the general secretary. Apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Myers, Mr. A. W. Searle, Mr. S. H. Green, Mr. E. M. Atkins. Capt. A. R. Poyntz and Commander Gordon Cross.

MEMBERSHIP OF 525

The annual report stated that after a slight increase in 1952 numbers had fallen this year to 525, but in no Branch was the loss greater than six except in East Devon, where the Payhembury band had not felt able to continue its membership. The Guild had fully played its part in the Coronation celebrations, six peals and seven quarter peals having been rung in honour of the event, and in these every Branch of the Guild was represented. The total number of peals for the year was 27 and three new peal conductors had emerged. The accounts showed that Guild and Branch balances in hand amounted to £259 7s. 11d., whilst there was £172 9s. 9d. in the Bells Restoration Fund. The report and accounts were duly adopted.

A motion sponsored by the S.W. Branch 'That the Chancellor of the Diocese be approached in the name of the Guild with a request that faculties for the installation in churches of amplifiers for bell reproduction be restricted or refused' was moved by Mr. T. G. Myers. All present seeming to be in one mind on the subject, there was little discussion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Nor had anyone much to say to the proposition of the East Devon Branch, moved by Mr. F. H. Parr that subscriptions for members of 16 and under should be reduced to 1s. 6d. It is hoped that this will bring many youngsters who now find 3s. rather beyond their capacity—especially where there are several in one family—into full membership of the Guild. The motion was carried nemine contradicente.

A letter from the secretary of the Central Council with regard to the future of the 'Ringing World' was next given an airing. The president and general secretary urged everyone to do his utmost to promote the sale of the paper, and the meeting heartily agreed with the suggestion that each Branch should appoint a correspondent and sales promoter.

The meeting endorsed the recommendation of the General Committee that next year's festival should take place at Exmouth on Whit Monday, and also that the retiring officers should be re-elected

Mr. F. C. Smale, in moving the re-election of Prebendary Cox as president, mentioned that since its foundation the Guild had had only five presidents, and that this coming year would see the 21st anniversary of Prebendary Cox's tenure of that office.

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In his reply the president celebrated his coming of age with some carefully-chosen, but most pregnant and provocative remarks on the subject of striking. He had, he said, been doing duty recently at a church with a well-known call-change band, and he had been impressed, as he had been all his life in similar company, with the wonderful accuracy of their striking. There had in recent years been a great increase in the number of competitions for call-change ringers, which had no doubt helped to maintain their high standard. He could not help feeling that much half-pull ringing was not as good as it should be and that if something were not done to enable method ringers to give of their best the comparison with call-change ringers would not be a favourable one. He did not suggest that the Guild should hold competitions, but he felt very strongly that it should do something to improve half-pull striking.

These remarks did not fall on deaf ears, and under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' they gave rise to a discussion in which the arguments for and against competitions were ventilated Rather significantly, the chief note of warning was sounded by Mr. S. G. Sully, who is both a member of the Guild and secretary of a call-change tower, and who pointed out that no matter how many members a band might have, only six or eight could take part in a competition, and human nature being what it was, this did not always promote a feeling of good fellowship More will be heard on this subject at Branch meetings during the coming months, and the general secretary is bringing a fire extinguisher with him to the next General Committee meeting!

The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, members dispersed to the various towers placed at their disposal. The three Guild towers in Plymouth were kept open as long as anyone came to ring: at seven others permission had been granted, but those wishing to ring had been asked to notify their arrival. In some cases, however, this had not been done, and there was much running hither and thither in search of keys, resulting, it is feared, in some cases of disappointment. However, both this and the rain, which came on in real Devon fashion during the afternoon, quite failed to damp anyone's spirits, and it will be many a long day before the cordiality of the welcome given to the Guild by the South-West Branch will be forgotten.. E. J. T.

A DAY TOUR OF DEVON AND SOMERSET

On one of the brightest of Easter Monday mornings for several years, the ringers of All Saints', East Budleigh (Devon), were joined by friends from Littleham, Honiton Clyst and Exeter on a really enjoyable tour.

The first stop was at Calverleigh, tenor just over 5 cwt., which is, I've been told, just about our weight. Anyway we enjoyed a full 45 minutes here and then pressed on to Winsford and something a little heavier. Talking of 'something,' that is certainly just what Winsford has in more ways than one. Clean, neat cottages, with trim thatch and gardens, a rippling brook, which, together with the song of the birds and the buzzing of the 'dumble-dors' were the only sounds disturbing a peaceful atmosphere, until we started. The lovely old church has six excellent bells. All this set in really beautiful countryside, a very fitting birthplace for a man like the late Ernie Bevin.

Here, we decided, was the spot for our picnic lunch, as good an excuse as any to linger another half hour in such a delightful place. All of us except two had finished well within that time, and be it put on record that these two were still eating when we arrived at Dunster; they are obviously in the 'one meal a day type'—all day.

Dunster is surely the Queen of West Somerset. Here one felt the urge to 'Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile,' and more than that I must leave to a better pen than mine.

Wiveliscombe, Milverton and Wellington followed, and by this time our driver must have thought he was getting a full share of ups and downs and ins and outs. It was a tortuous route of steep hills and narrow lanes, in fact the proprietor of the coach company must have thought we had been glass-papering the sides of the bus in our spare time! All lovely country, though, and very nice bells.

Tea at Wellington, and while our waitress easily coped with 25 of us, those same two kept three extra waitresses going at full tilt until long after the allotted span! Ah well, they are big fellows, anyway. Here ended our eight-bell ringing for the day, and the way ahead lay through more lovely countryside, and the bells at Hemyock and Upottery were well used. C. S.

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ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: E. J. Bragg 1, Miss E. M. Turner 2, D. Williamson 3, Miss S. Corke 4, E. J. Wells 5, W. H. Viggers 6, K. Williamson 7, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Plain and Little Bob by all the band. For the first anniversary of the Coronation.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Spliced Plain Minor (720 College and Wavertree College, 720 St. Clement's and Childwall; 73 changes of method): C. Harwood 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, M. Collings 3, M. Orme 4, P. Mellew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter of this type by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: J. F. Galyer 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Miss J. A. England 3, W. Parrott 4, Miss K. E. Weller 5, S. Kimber 6, F. D. Jennings 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10. First of Stedman Caters by 4, 5 and 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. R. Gasson 1, G. A. Packham 2, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, K. G. Knight 5, E. F. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (first in method as cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wright 2, A. B. Cooper 3, Mrs. L. Holmes 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, D. Cooper 6, J. Saxton 7, S. Slaney 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Leslie Vass, former churchwarden.

BORDEN, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. A. Kennett 1, Mrs. E. C. Barton 2, T. Barton 3, A. J. Dunk 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. Kenward (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On June 14th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. R. Eyles 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, P. W. J. Harding 3, S. J. Grant 4, H. Heath 5, G. R. Eyles 6, J. Romain 7, S. Prescott 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, B. R. Millward 2, J. E. Usher 3, P. C. Roberts 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, L. R. Millward 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday, and as thanks to all parishioners and friends who sent donations towards the cost of the recent bell repairs.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Sims (first of Kent Treble Bob) 1, K. Everett 2, D. Deacon 3, G. Rouse 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Butler 1, P. Barker 2, P. A. Ruch 3, G. Bradbury (cond.) 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. E. Barker 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's official birthday, and as a birthday compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Evans (first quarter) 1, A. Ling 2, A. Sayer 3, B. Cracknell 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 6th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Old 1, J. Hadley 2, J. M. Nash 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nobles.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin (Ned) Jones, a ringer at Easton Maudit for many years.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On June 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, A. M. Warris 2, D. J. Ward 3, C. C. Mayne 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 5, H. E. Clayton 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on joining H.M. Forces.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. F. Butler 1, A. Bridges 2, J. C. Birt 3, J. Harrison 4, Mrs. J. C. Birt 5, A. D. Rivers 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, Mrs. W. F. Butler 8. Rung as a compliment to the Central Council, meeting at Newcastle.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Leonard 1, A. Mynott 2, C. Pettengell 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, T. Leonard 5, P. Turnell 6. First quarter by local band (except the conductor), which started to learn change ringing last December.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On June 13th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, S. A. Warwick 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss S. A. Richardson (first quarter as cond.) 2, Miss J. Burroughs 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5.

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—On Whit Sunday, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. E. Brown 1, D. R. White 2, W. Tomlinson 3, H. Lowman 4, G. Paul 5, S. A. Chambers 6, H. L. Pask 7, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 8. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,440 Oakham Surprise Royal: C. E. Brown 1, H. Lowman 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, S. A. Chambers 4, W. Tomlinson 5, G. Paul 6, R. F. Smith 7, J. Walden 8, H. L. Pask 9, J. Freeman 10. First quarter in the method by all.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wheeler 1, C. S. J. Pearce 2, E. Cadle (cond.) 3, J. Hutt 4, F. H. Whipp 5, D. F. Vincent (first of Doubles) 6.

MARGATE, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Nugent (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. Page 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, L. Twyman 7, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Page on the occasion of the 46th wedding anniversary.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Olive Taylor 1, Ellen Chandler 2, I. Taylor 3, F. Parsons 4, A. Ham (cond.) 5, D. Elliott 6, P. Lampert 7, D. Neville 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. For the homecoming of H.M. the Queen.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 six scores of Plain Bob, 6½ of Grandsire): P. Gardner 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fray 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardrige 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gammage (auditor) 1, F. Burgess (committee) 2, P. Jones (Guild committee) 3, G. F. Roome (secretary and treasurer) 4, B. E. Frost (ringing master) 5, S. Earl (committee) 6, E. Nobles (ex-officio C.C.R.) (cond.) 7, Rev. J. M. Ouless (committee, first quarter on eight) 8. To commemorate the 66th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Monk.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On May 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: P. L. Baycock (first of Little Bob) 1, G. A. Spencer 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. Lofty 8. Also on May 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, Mary F. Lawrence 2, Barbara A. Mitchell 3, P. L. Baycock (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. G. Hall 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. A. Spencer (cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (360 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Bridges 1, S. King 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, S. Stevens 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by a local band. A birthday compliment to H. King (capt.) and S. Stevens (vice-captain) and S. Blatch.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Glanvill 1, C. Turner 2, L. Hine 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, E. Marks 5, W. Burrows 6, J. Arbury 7, R. Wood 8. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Price (father and mother of the Vicar of Ottery). The ringers were afterwards entertained at the Vicarage.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, T. Clark 4, Mary Delderfield (first as cond.) 5, C. Randall 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PAUL, PENZANCE.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marlene Ladner 1, Elizabeth Ford 2, J. Waters (cond.) 3, J. B. Rodda 4, R. Curtiss 5, J. Ladner 6. For the festival of Whitsun.

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smallwood (cond.) 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Blackwell 3, G. Dean 4, A. Sansome 5, T. Nott 6. For the Queen's homecoming.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 behind: Miss D. Woolnough (first quarter) 1, D. Surman 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, A. Elliott (first 'inside') 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, Miss A. Rowles (first quarter) 6, F. Pendry 7, Miss B. Bridgeman 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam John Wilfred Davis.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. King (first quarter) 1, T. Osborne 2, S. Swannell (first as cond.) 3, A. Cozens 4, I. Dickin 5. Rung on the first anniversary of the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Cooke 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, H. Woodhall 3, T. C. Ryder 4, P. Coote 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 3. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anthea Doust (17) 1, R. Hodgson (16) 2, Ruth Carey (17, cond.) 3, Patricia Forster (16) 4, D. Jackson (19) 5, Margaret Twidale (17) 6, G. Smith 7, J. Moore (15) 8. First quarter peal for all except the 3rd and 7th. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung for Mayor's Sunday.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. G. Selley 1, D. G. French 2, J. Lamacraft (first quarter) 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, H. Ransom 5, A. G. Selley (cond.) 6, W. E. Richards 7, A. Hawkins 8. Rung on the back six. Half-muffled as a tribute to Robert Harris, a valued member of the local band, 1928–1954, who was interred in the churchyard of St. Mary's the same day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. M. Murkett 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. Welling 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, J. C. Birt 5, Mrs. J. C. Birt 6, Mrs. W. Butler 7, D. Stone 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, W. Butler 10. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham, but half-muffled for the death of Dr. K. E. Kirk, Bishop of Oxford.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Phillips 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a thank-offering for the safe return of Queen Elizabeth II. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Barrett (first quarter) 1, J. Haynes 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Barrett, leader of the local ladies' team.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mowl 1, C. Brettell 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, J. Corbett 4, J. W. Jones 5, J. H. Jones 6. Rung as a farewell to Sergt. C. Brettell, R.A.F., on being posted abroad.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl M. Gelder 1, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 2, R. E. Dannatt 3, R. Bassett 4, J. Bull 5, J. Bassett 6, T. Bassett 7, M. R. Caton 8.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On June 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Hereward Bob and Double Oxford Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, T. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar 3, W. Curson 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. W. Beadsmoore, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet E. Goodier (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, S. A. White 3, C. W. Hancock (first 'inside') 4, E. J. Ladd 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, R. Luckhurst 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Noad 1, Beryl Churchill 2, P. Cridge 3, R. Baker 4, B. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 23rd, 1,264 Stedman Triples: J. L. Hilton 1, B. V. Collison 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. F. Wellington 4, J. A. Hilton 5, K. S. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, C. Hancock 8. First quarter 4 and 8. Rung prior to the service of thanksgiving for the 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss S. Hughes 3, Miss S. Thomas 4, A. Bottercll (cond.) 5, R. E. Woalley 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cave 1, Mrs. Lathbury 2, Miss Shorter 3, P. Alderton 4, G. Curtis 5, G. Barnett 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, W. Alderton 8. Rung by the local band as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Crichton Melville).

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On June 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Belcher 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Richardson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Burroughs (first 'inside') 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5, D. H. J. Body 6.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Boucher 1, J. Rich 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, A. Bisset 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On June 12th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. B. MsKie (cond.) 1, J. Suckling 2, A. Bull 3, J. Roberts 4, J. Ketteringham 5, H. J. Hazell 6.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret L. Elliott 1, Valerie J. Tebbutt 2, P. M. Giles (first 'inside') 3, C. Hammond 4, B. Buswell (cond.) 5, Marjorie Twells 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. D. Bettridge 1, W. Vince 2, A. W. Kelvie 3, D. A. Emery (first in method) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. Rung for the service of thanksgiving after extensive restoration.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 23rd, 1,008 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wakefield 1, A. Grove 2, P. Parry 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Price 1, M. Davis 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. Pullin 4, R. Brice 5, H. Marshall 6, H. Price (cond.) 7, D. Vowles 8.

OBITUARY

MR. A. D. CULLUM

With deep regret we record the death on June 7th of Mr. Albert Doughty Cullum, of 40, Cardiff Road, Reading, aged 76 years.

He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Caversham tower for just over 60 years and a member of the College Youths for nearly that period. His passing means the last of the famous old Caversham band. He was taught to handle a bell by Mr. W. J. Williams at St. Laurence's, Reading. He was captain of Caversham tower from 1936 to June, 1953, when he retired on account of ill health.

His first peal, on the treble to Stedman Triples, was rung in 1896 and before the 1914 war he rang many peals in the four standard Surprise methods, but the peal he was most proud of was the first peal of London at Westminster Abbey.

Apart from his ringing ability he was very keen on the business side of the Guild, and would not tolerate anything at meetings unless it was in strict accordance with correct procedure, and the first Master of the Guild, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, was often heard to remark in the early days of the Guild, 'There'll be trouble to-day, the big fair chap with his little dark pal are coming.' This was referring to his lifelong friend, the late Tom Hibbert, and himself.

He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn, two of the sons also having rung peals, but unfortunately, through business, are not able to carry on with the art.

At his funeral, on June 11th, the Oxford Guild were well represented, among those present being Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master), Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer). The bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service. The first 'touch,' on behalf of the Guild, was called by Mr. E. Humfrey, aged 84. Handbells were rung in the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. W. Hibbert and Mrs. Lewington.

MR. JOHN WILFRED DAVIS

In his 85th year, Mr. J. W. Davis died at Lydney, Glos, on Sunday, June 6th, after a very short illness. He fell on the Friday, saw a doctor, and was apparently all right, but fell again on Sunday, and the end came quickly.

Born at Prestbury, Mr. J. W. Davis learned to ring under his father at a very early age, his sister says, almost as soon as he could walk, and he never lost interest. His last visit to Prestbury was only a few weeks ago, when he had great pleasure in helping the learners. They have since rung their first quarter peal to his memory.

At the age of 21 he lost a leg, but was soon in the tower again, on crutches, before an artificial limb had been fitted. He caught a crutch on a bolt head in the floor, falling and opening up the wound. Later he had a cork leg and, later still, one made of nylon, and he still went on ringing.

In 1886, when the Days of Eye added the two trebles and rehung the old six at Prestbury, it was J. W. D. who assisted them. There are some photographs in the tower in frames he made from the timber of the original Rudhall frame. His last peal was probably at Lydney in January, 1951, at the age of 82.

The funeral was at St. Mary's, Lydney, on June 10th. C. R.

MR. FREDERICK A. HACKER

The Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild mourn the passing of Mr. Frederick A. Hacker, one of its oldest members.

'I well remember the time when the family lived at Broad Hinton, some 40 years ago,' writes Mr. L. A. Wilson.

'Fred learned to ring on the heavy five at Wroughton, and it was there I planted the foundation of half-pull ringing which resulted in the first peal at Broad Hinton, in which Fred took part. This peal was to commemorate the wedding of Princess Mary. Since then we have travelled many miles together and started others on the way to change ringing.

'Fred and his family moved to Heddington in 1931 and there joined up with the Calne band. Both at Calne and Heddington, after the five were restored, he did a great deal of spade work and together with members of his family played a leading part in getting the five at Heddington augmented to six. It will be hard to replace him; he was always willing and cheerful, regular and reliable as a ringer.

'Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hacker. Jim and Bessie and other members of his family, and we leave our friend Fred to his eternal rest. May he rest in peace.'

The interment took place at St. Andrew's, Heddington, on June 15th, the service being taken by Canon White, R.D., chairman of Calne Branch, assisted by the Rev. D. O'Hanlon, Vicar of Calne.

MRS. C. V. ROBERTS

An associate member of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mrs. Roberts, of Wickwar, Glos, died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 25th. She was buried at Wickwar on May 29th.

The wife of a ringer, though not herself one, she was very regular in attendance at Branch meetings and will be sadly missed by her husband and all who knew her. We have far too few such members as was Mrs. Roberts, who, by their cheerful presence, make meetings so much brighter. There are also left two sons. C. R.

MR. W. J. WINTER

The Heston band lost one of its most regular members by the sudden death of Mr. W. J. Winter on May 28th at the age of 68.

A native of Frampton-on-Severn, where he first learned to ring 'Jim' Winter moved to London to join the police. Of the 26 years he served, 24 were spent at Fulham, during which time he was associated with the Putney band and the Police Guild. The last 12 years of his retirement were spent in Heston, where he joined the local band and maintained an unfailing attendance at all Sunday ringing and practices.

He rang two peals; the first was for the Police Guild several years before the war, when he rang the tenor behind at the Borough, and his second was only last year when he rang his first 'inside' on Coronation Day at Heston.

As a last token of respect a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at Heston on June 3rd, the day of his cremation at Mortlake, by W. W. Webb 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. A. Rose 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, E. R. Gladman 6, J. Chilcott (conductor) 7, E. Ricketts 8. J. B. S.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A recognised rule in the weather lore of the village of Nunburnholme is that when the Ringing Society visits the church the sun will shine. May 8th was no exception. Twenty-five ringers attended and rang standard methods on the lovely ring of six during the afternoon while the ladies went on a primrose hunt. The Rector of Goodmanham (the Rev. E. A. Bailey) conducted the service, with Mrs. Bailey as the organist, and the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson. Mr. A. Young, one of the churchwardens, arranged the tea in the old schoolroom and, with the ladies, was heartily congratulated on the effort.

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ENGAGEMENT

DEW—COWLIN. — The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dew, Westbury, Wiltshire, and Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlin, Ealing, W.5. 4624

DEATHS

MAULDEN. — On Jan. 21st, 1954, missing during flying reconnaisance at Kuala Lumpur, now assumed killed, Jack Rochford, younger surviving son of W. E. and B. M. Maulden, Framlingham, Suffolk, aged 31. 4617

RUSSELL.—On June 17th, 1954, Frederick Joseph Russell, Ringing Master at St. Michael's, Bray-on-Thames, for over 40 years, aged 57.

PERSONAL

Mr. Ernest Weatherby hopes to meet a few of his old ringing friends at the joint meeting of the Hereford and Shropshire Guilds at Shrewsbury, July 10th.—1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, California. 4613

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Next monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be June 30th and not July 7th. 4630

THE COMMITTEE of the Stonham Aspal Bell Restoration Fund wish to thank all bell ringers and friends for their donations and help for restoring their bells. The fund is now closed. Thanking you one and all.—W. J. Batton. 4638

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Alfreton (8) on June 26th, 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mary Hobbs, Dis. Sec. 4589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, June 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4581

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Barkway, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Little Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8), June 26th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. P. G. 4544

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. NAMES, PLEASE, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray. 4580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 331st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea available in town.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfield. 4576

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Wool, June 26th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4567

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Staines, St. Mary's (8), Wraysbury (8) and Egham (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Egham Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing from 6 p.m. at Egham, Staines, St. Peter's (8) and Old Windsor (8). Names for tea to D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Yateley (8), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4582

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4537

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Saturday, July 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4622

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for all 5 p.m. at moderate cost. Business meeting and bells afterwards. 4609

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, North Curry (8), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4585

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Keysoe (5 bells), July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please look up a variety of Doubles methods.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 4616

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Burton Bassett (6), July 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Names for tea by June 30th, please. — A. R. Barrett, Pineham Avenue, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. 4607

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 4632

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland, by July 1st. 4621

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Armstrong, 46, Oval Road South, Dagenham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A combined practice will be held at Dunsfold, Saturday, July 3rd, 6–9 p.m., in lieu of the meeting fixed for this date.—Ron Kenward. 4628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea in St. Christopher's Hall (near police station) 5.30 p.m.—R. G. Bell, Dis. Sec. 4615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 45, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough, by Wednesday, June 30th. — Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 4563

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Marden, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, Vicarage Flat, Marden. 4536

LADIES' GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Cardiff, Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. James' Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. John's (10) from 12.45 p.m.; Llandaff Cathedral (10) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Penarth (8) and Whitchurch (8) will also be available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon. 4608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Ribchester, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Sagar, 11, Blackburn Road, Ribchester, near Preston. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4604

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, July 3rd. Ringing at Beetham (6) 2.30–4.45. Tea 4.30 and ringing after tea at Heversham (6). Names for tea to Peter Hanley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 4631

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 4634

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), July 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory 5. Names to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville, by 1st. 4573

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4610

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names or numbers by Wednesday, June 30th, to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 4584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 4574

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 4627

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on July 3rd at 6 p.m.— B. C. Castle. 4611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Rutland Branch. — Meeting at Wing (5) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Commence 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Market Overton, Rutland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Melksham, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4623

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Summer meeting at Hope (8) 3 p.m., Saturday, July 3rd (the last day of local festivities, Wakes and Well Dressing in connection with St. Peter's Day). Pots of tea or full tea available for all at Bramwell's Cafe, but please also notify me. A hearty welcome to all. — N. Chaddock, Secretary, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. 4599

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Eastwood (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Rev. P. M. Caporn, The Rectory, Eastwood, Notts, by Wednesday, June 30th. 4578

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 3rd, at Harby (6) 2.30–4.30, and South Scarle (5) 6.30 to 9. Tea at Eagle, 5 p.m., for those who inform me by previous Tuesday. Special method, Carter's Principle.—S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark, Notts. 4587

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Woodbridge, July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea only if notified. Important business.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4612

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. —Quarterly meeting at Dorking, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names to me, please, by June 29th. Ranmore bells (8) in evening. — W. Parrott, 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4603

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, July 3rd. Names for tea by July 1st to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 4629

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —75th annual meeting, Winchester, July 3rd. Ringing times: New Alresford (8), Stockbridge (6) 10 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m.; Twyford (8) 10 to 11, 8 to 9 p.m.; Hursley (8) 10 to 11, 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Maurice (6) 1.30 to 2.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; Barton Stacey (6) 7–9 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. in St. Maurice Church. Tea (2s. 6d.) ONLY for those who notify Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by June 30th.—F. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec. 4614

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Frome. 4636

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Kentisbeare, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by July 4th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4605

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Coach will leave Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, 1.30 p.m. Those requiring coach and/or tea please notify A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 4618

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Boughton, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Mr. H. Ford, 1, North Lane, South Street, Faversham, not later than Tuesday, July 6th. Free conveyance from church to tea room and back. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Aylesford, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. This meeting will celebrate the 1,350 years' history and 27th jubilee of the Rochester Diocese, and a warm invitation is extended to everyone. To ensure effective arrangements please send names or numbers to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 4619

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of Lincoln District, Eastern Branch, and Elloe Deaneries, at Heckington (8), on Saturday, July 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Ambrosden bells during evening. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4637

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 4639

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 10th. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. V. Perry, 12, Church Street, Weedon, Northants, by Saturday, July 3rd. — F. W. Hancock. 4626

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly at Yardley Hastings, July 10th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 4620

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Basingstoke and Newbury Branches to be held at Thatcham on July 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 7th to Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Newbury. 4606

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. K. E. Harris 1, D. S. Harris 2, R. Elkington 3, Miss J. M. Simpson 4, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 5, W. A. Lacey 6, A. Disney 7, M. D. Staniforth 8. By the local band for the festival of Whitsun.

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Weeks 1, G. C. Weeks 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, G. J. Sheppard 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, A. Lee 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. Powell 4, W. Poole (first quarter in method) 5, G. Whitemore 6, T. Thornber 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Chandler 1, A. Ham 2, W. Johnson 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Harmsworth 5, J. Morley (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 4.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sage (first quarter) 1, J. Wheadon 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, A. Rhodes 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 cover): G. A. Godfrey (first of Minor) 1, A. Gambrill 2, E. T. Ellender 3, G. F. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6, H. O. Peattie 7, H. J. Weston (first of Minor) 8.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Colley 1, D. A. Passant 2, Miss N. E. Swann 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, J. Colley 5, J. D. Green 6.

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