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EASTER, 1955

THE severity of this winter has made Easter, 1955, even more welcome. The circle of Nature in the gloom of the grave has seemed interminable; gnarled trees lifeless amid the snow mantle have for months given no semblance of any future. But the past fortnight has seen the miracle gradually unfolding; green buds have appeared and within a week or two Spring with all its beauty will give us a new hope. The circle of God's goodness to man is starting anew with seed-time and harvest. Annually this miracle is performed, and its witness by man, particularly in a year fraught with the severity of winter, cannot pass unmoved. There is not a heart which does not respond to the freshness of Spring. But the cycle of Nature is not confined to the vegetable kingdom; it is a pointer to a far greater thing from which there is no escape for each one of us.

On Easter morning the bells of our churches will ring out the Resurrection message—the great promise to mankind that the grave is not the end of all things. How expressively St. Paul tells of this great moment: 'When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."' The belief in this victory through Christ is the only way man can face the trials and tribulations of this earthly life. The transference from a natural body to a spiritual body is a secret that none can tell, but the confidence of its reality is in every Christian heart.

How can we as ringers tell of that confidence in the reality of the Resurrection to the thousands—'the city's crowded clangour,' as Henry Scott Holland so expressively described the scene in his well-known hymn? We are witnesses that are heard but unseen. Because of our vocation we have a responsibility, and neglect of that service on one of the great festivals, as at Easter, is a sin. The only excuse is ill-health and infirmity. By our free will we have elected to become servants of the Church in the office of bell-ringer; we have trained for this office; many of us have perfected

our training by the experience of peal ringing. The whole fabric that we have built up by Guilds and Associations affiliated into a central body exists for one great purpose, that of witness by our art or craft, in town and village, to the great tenets of our faith. The sounding of our bells is not a ritualistic practice; neither is it confined to the mere summoning of the faithful to church. No, it is the proclamation to all and sundry in this pleasure-loving age that we have a message to all people. Next Sunday's bells tell the story of the Risen Christ. As we ring may our thoughts be directed:—

Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
Fulfil in us Thy joy to-day;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share Thy paschal victory.

Those who perform their Easter ringing with Christian conviction know that worship is empty if individually it is confined to the belfry. One of the most satisfactory features about the ringing in these post-war years is the repeated reference from different parts of the country to ringers taking Communion together. At this season in the Church's year when the Lord's Supper was instituted, 'This do in remembrance of Me' is not merely a command; it is the union of a living Christ with His people. The vision of that great family in Christ had W. E. Gladstone, the great Liberal statesman, when he wrote the hymn, 'O lead my blindness by the hand.' The third verse runs:—

We, who with one blest Food are fed,
Into one body may we grow,
And one pure life from Thee, the Head,
Informing all the members flow;
One pulse be felt in every vein,
One law of pleasure and of pain.

Perhaps we as ringers have a long way to go before we can regard ourselves as 'one family in Christ,' but we are not without hope that we are advancing in that direction and, after all, if we genuinely believe that we are doing His service Sunday by Sunday and not performing an act of self-gratification, then we have overcome the first obstacle. But it must be His and not mine.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. Treble	*ALBERT M. TYLER .. 6
†ALFRED E. REEVES .. 2	†ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 8
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4	*NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
†PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Little Bob Royal rung in Bristol and for the Association.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Being 4,100 changes of Plain Bob and 928 of Little Bob, 209 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	*JOHN S. BARNES .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 8
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. 9
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

In memoriam the Rev. Canon K. E. Shaw during whose incumbency the bells were restored and augmented.

Composition contains 24 courses 7089, 34 8790 and 42 in the home position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	JOHN BEARDMORE .. 5
*ANNETTE GRATTON .. 2	ALAN LAMBERT .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
*SHELAGH K. SEERY .. 4	EWART H. EDGE .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Bob Major.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
*PETER R. JOHNSON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield & District Society.)

On Tues., Mar. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*DENISE J. SHAW .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 5
ARTHUR FIRTH .. 2	*FRED FISHER .. 6
†HOWARD WOODALL .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
BRENDA M. SMITH .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
PATRICK HARRIS .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4	RALPH HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

A birthday compliment to Brenda M. Smith and her first peal of Stedman. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FLOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 5
GORDON A. HALLS .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*MARY HOBBS .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	*ERNEST J. GOWER .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. 6
*G. ALEX DIMMOCK .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD

* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

*DAVID J. SMITH .. Treble	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 5
†ERNEST J. HILL .. 2	LESLIE T. OLIFFE .. 6
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. 7
HARRY P. FLOYD .. 4	BERTRAM D. COSTAR .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

*ANGELA M. A. BRIGGS .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 6
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
BRIAN GRINTER .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

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

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MRS. R. E. MANTON .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS .. 5
†F. JOHN STIMSON .. 2	†JULIAN PAWLEY .. 6
RICHARD E. MANTON .. 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

EDWARD J. BRAGG Treble	JACK R. WORRALL 5
T. MARK WHITE 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
*HARRY POYNER 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Bristol.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN Treble	PETER NASH 5
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
J. MICHAEL LAKIN 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd and Sylvia Stacey.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BERT MORGAN Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 5
JOHN LLOYD 2	BERNARD LAWTON 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
FREDERICK JUKES 4	STEPHEN MALLIN Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E

GWEN I. RUSBY Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	H. LESLIE PASK 7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	†ERNEST BENNETT 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
*BASIL JONES 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
†JAMES FERNLEY 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT G. DRIVER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal of Macclesfield in Macclesfield.

A wedding compliment to Alan Wainwright and Anne Worth who were married at Christ Church, Macclesfield, prior to the commencement of the peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROSALINE FARLOW .. Treble	R. B. SAVAGE 5
J. L. STANIER 2	B. L. JONES 6
*JO DYAS 3	A. S. BAYLEY 7
G. L. HEWITT 4	*T. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by A. S. BAYLEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung to the glory of God and a welcome to Rev. Alexander Lord who was inducted to the living of Madeley on March 22nd, 1955.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Treble	ROLAND BENISTON 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
ALBERT E. BEANEY 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	NORMAN J. SMITH 6
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER.. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD.. 4	HENRY T. MACEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd and Sylvia Stacey whose marriage took place at West Woodhay the same day.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dennis Burling .. Treble SAM SCATTERGOOD 5 |GEORGE R. HINER 2 RONALD H. DOVE 6 |RONALD BIRCH 3 JOHN S. SEAGER 7 |WILLIAM HOLLAND 4 BARRY HOLLAND Tenor |

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

An 83rd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, and to mark his seventh wedding anniversary.



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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN ORME	Treble	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ANN SLINGER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
HAROLD HAYES, SEN.	4	DENIS MADDOCK	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung by the Sunday service band for the retirement from the ministry of Canon L. S. Brasnett, Vicar of this parish.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST W. BRIGHT	Treble	ALAN R. SYDER	5
WINIFRED MELLIN	2	H. WALTER SMITH	6
JOHN WARNER	3	TERRY EARLE	7
WILLIAM MELLIN	4	HENRY DORKINS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Mellin, of Witham.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.			Tenor 18 cwt.
OLIVER MILLS	Treble	JOHN WHITING	5
FREDERICK OAKHILL	2	INSP. JOHN ADSHEAD	6
STANLEY POOLE	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
MERVYN WILTSHIRE	4	JOSEPH UNDERHILL	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Oakhill.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	Treble	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
*JAMES E. DANIELS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum on their wedding anniversary.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT	Treble	*RICHARD W. STEPHENS	5
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*MARY FULLER	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
*IAN H. ORAM	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob and two extents each of Woodbine, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILFRED BROADHEAD	Treble	ERIC STAINROD	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
IRVIN CROSSLAND	3	HARRY MANN	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL RUSBY.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor & Co.

Rung with the bells half muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Jarman, a churchwarden for many years.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat. Mar. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*SYLVIA WICKENDEN	Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*AUDREY M. BIRT	2	BRIAN J. STAFFORD	5
JEFFERY C. BIRT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

AUDREY S. NOBLE	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 240's and 22 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN J. HICKS	Treble	*ROBIN A. HODGSON	4
WILLIAM BUTTON	2	DAVID HODGSON	5
*RUTH A. CAREY	3	*MARGARET H. TWIDALE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.

* First peal.

Rung as close as possible to the Feast of the Annunciation. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN G. CHAPMAN	Treble	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
DAVID VOKES	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	Treble	†HAROLD SCHOFIELD	4
*WILLIAM SYKES	2	†GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5
†J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	†ROBERT E. MOULDS	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.

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

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Bing seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*ALEX SIMPSON	Treble	JOSEPH LIVOCK	4
*NORMAN HULL	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN PATTISON	Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	Treble	IAN H. ORAM	4
MARY FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN HALL	Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	4
JACK BRAY	2	HARRY HALL	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

To welcome Rev. E. Troup, who was inducted Vicar of this parish on March 18th.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ..	4
ROBERT W. HINDE ..	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ..	3	PERCY SWINDLEY ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON	Treble	ERIC HORNBY	4
*VICTOR NEAL	2	HENRY PARKER	5
*DAVID GODFREY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON R. WALLACE ..	Treble	*P. MARGARET JAMES ..	4
†MRS. W. MAUGHAN ..	2	*MRS. K. LAWSON ..	5
†WILLIAM MAUGHAN ..	3	*KENNETH LAWSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

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

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

MICHAEL DAY	Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	3
DAVID VOKES	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	4

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the appointment of Rev. F. E. Vokes as Professor of Theology at St. David's College, Lampeter.

RENHOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and ten different extents of Grandsire, and 30 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALEX SIMPSON	Treble	*NORMAN HULL	3
ROGER LENNARD	2	*PETER J. SHIPTON	4

BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since 1920.



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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grievson 1, Pamela Law (cond.) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, B. J. Harfield (first in method) 6. Rung as a compliment to Ann Law and Bob Jones on their engagement.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Jenno (first quarter) 1, F. Southgate 2, G. W. Moss 3, Miss P. Nice 4, M. Bantick 5, T. Cole 6, H. J. Millatt 7, F. H. Erith (cond.) 8.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Pollard (first on eight) 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, G. Bowcutt (first 'inside' on eight) 4, F. Williams 5, J. Day (first 'inside' on eight) 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, R. Pollard (first quarter) 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): B. Thomas 1, Jean Powell 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, G. Williams 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, Heather Evans 6. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the new church at St. Peter's, Aberbargoed.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Brooks 1, A. B. Corden 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stenton 5, D. J. Meager 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, R. Brown 2, A. Freeston 3, S. Jessop 4, W. E. Clarke 5, J. Petch 6, F. Dewey (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.—At 40, Heath Road, Eastville, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (in hand): K. W. Price 1-2, S. G. Riches (cond.) 3-4, T. K. Price 5-6. First quarter in hand for 1-2, 5-6.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. A. Bacon 1, Miss J. Stephens 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Sutton 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Marion Lewis, daughter of the captain of the ringers, to Mr. R. Mayes.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss Joan L. Taylor (first in four methods) 2, F. J. White 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Arranged for the conductor's birthday in his old home tower.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. H. Davies 1, S. T. Hume 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, D. L. Mills 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. First in Worcester combination by all. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. T. M. Perry and Miss G. Harvey. Also an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Barker, vergier.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Mar. 27th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Friswell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Newman 4, D. Harman 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, H. Barnard 8. Rung for Passion Sunday.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, Miss M. Curtis (first quarter) 2, W. Sparks 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Chick (first quarter) 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Mar. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, W. Absalom 2, J. Adams 3, Miss C. Hall 4, F. Godden 5, R. Tuckwell 6, L. Busby 7, F. Absalom (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Buckingham 1, R. Rayfield 2, R. Harris 3, A. Webb 4, L. Maynard 5, S. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, and a 70th birthday compliment to R. Stedman.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: F. Briscoe 1, S. Wallis 2, W. Chamberlain 3, R. J. Sharp 4, G. Mayes 5, C. Clarke 6, B. Sims (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Beldom and Miss V. Nicholls, both ringers and chorists at this church.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Allsop 5, James Phillips 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Stephenson 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Waters 10.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss E. Mulford 1, D. Lawson 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, W. Corderoy 4, D. Bosley 5, B. Bosley 6, W. Gilks 7, A. Samler 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Corderoy, a member of the band and church organist.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Yeo (first of Minor) 1, Laura Beeny (first of Minor) 2, C. J. Piper 3, F. H. Beeny 4, B. Stepany 5, G. Beeny (first in Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HERTFORD.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, R. Dore 2, J. Kemp 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, G. Ditton 7, P. Saunders 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (a ringer for 50 years).

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, D. R. Airey 2, P. C. Holland 3, T. Hill 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, R. A. Hodgson 2, Margaret H. Twidale (first quarter 'inside') 3, Ruth A. Carey 4, D. Hodgson (first quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 5, J. M. Moore 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Rung for mid-Lent Sunday.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,312 Ashtcad Surprise Major: C. S. Rew (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, W. G. Wilson 3, A. J. Boyack 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, A. E. Thirst 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss B. Humphrey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Creak 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, H. W. Rogers 6, T. F. V. Neal 7.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, Edna Everest 2, S. A. Hill 3, D. Fagg 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. Carew Cox 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. Powell 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wibin 1, C. Booth 2, B. Crook 3, A. Horn 4, J. Harris (cond.) 5, E. Budgen 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: H. King (cond.) 1, L. Cordell 2, Miss W. Bowak 3, R. Bridge 4, R. Stevens 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Jeffreys 1, L. Beal 2, B. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, F. May 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6, B. Cook 7, R. Chambers 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, J. Merrett 4, H. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain A. J. Dyer, a former Mayor of Romford.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Green (15) 1, Mrs. Bevan 2, P. G. Morgan (15, cond.) 3, H. Powell 4, J. J. Webb 5, A. Poulton 6, R. Jones 7, T. Bevan 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Small 1, Pat Forster 2, A. Hicks 3, Ruth Carey 4, R. Hodgson 5, D. Hodgson (first quarter as cond.) 6, M. A. Laurance (first quarter) cover. First quarter of Bob Minor by all the band. Rung for Confirmation service.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Godfrey 1, Miss P. Oakeshott (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Culpin (first 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, Miss S. Devereux 6. Rung for Mother Sunday service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Midgley 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, D. J. Midgley 3, R. Smith (cond.) 4, F. B. Cookson 5, Jill Tombs 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chappel 1, R. W. Blank (cond.) 2, Miss G. Brown 3, Mrs. S. Brown 4, Miss P. Gaunt 5, M. Maisey 6, C. Lewington 7, R. Rivers 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. K. Dodd and Miss Sylvia Stacey.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. Bott 1, J. Pawley 2, L. Wykes (cond.) 3, R. Ellwood 4, P. Pawley 5, K. Rands 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Geo. Voss, for 50 years a ringer and vergier at St. Luke's Church.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. G. Broyd 4, D. M. Knox (cond.) 5, W. Twidell 6, J. W. Sinfield 7, J. G. Newman 8. Rung for Evensong. Also 720 Carlisle Surprise: D. G. Broyd 1, R. J. Scott 2, J. G. Newman 3, W. Twidell 4, J. W. Sinfield 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. Both rung by local Sunday band.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman, 600 Grandsire): S. G. Coles 1, W. H. Tarr 2, R. W. Shire 3, W. G. Gigg 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. G. Perry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Pyke, for 50 years a ringer at Trull.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Mar. 19th, 3,248 Plain Bob Major: D. P. Jones 1, P. Mehew 2, D. R. Brazier 3, J. B. Long 4, T. P. Harris 5, B. Pattison 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to L. H. Bywaters.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: M. Cubitt 1, D. Banks 2, Miss M. Bryce 3, D. Cubitt 4, J. H. Kirby 5, G. Townend 6, K. Park 7, J. E. Kirby 8, L. Bumphrey 9, W. Moreton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. All-local band except 9.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marybell McKane 1, Sylvia Strater 2, Betty McKane 3, N. J. Smith 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Pickett 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Alderton 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Shepherd (cond.) 3, P. Alderton 4, M. Jackson (first quarter) 5, G. Curtis 6, W. Goldstone 7, S. H. Price (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Walters 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Langden 3, B. K. Lunn 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Phillips 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Southwark.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northwood (12) 1, D. Baker (16) 2, R. Bowles (16) 3, O. Northwood (17) 4, T. C. Belton (cond.) 5, F. Key 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Holy Communion by the Wanlip Guild.

WARMINGSTON, WILTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Perrett 1, E. Overend 2, T. Phippen 3, T. E. Mallard 4, E. Gray (cond.) 5, J. Titt 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Merrett 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Hales 3, F. R. L. Blexer 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Yarde 2, S. N. Bristow 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, G. Salter 5, D. T. North 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. W. Lentell 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Devenish 1, J. Tomsett 2, Bridget Frewer (first quarter) 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stephens 1, J. Rose (cond.) 2, Miss D. Nice 3, F. Symonds 4, F. Crudge 5, J. Hart 6, F. Stedman 7, G. Abbott 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

Southern District of Irish Association

The first time that a meeting was ever held in Cork city was held there on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), when over 90 members of the Southern District of the Irish Association met to compete for the R. R. Cherry Challenge Cup and to elect its officers for the ensuing year. The towers represented were St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, Ballymodan, Doneraile, St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery, Limerick, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. The fine eight (tenor 27½ cwt.) of the Cathedral were put to good use during the morning.

The competition to decide the best strikers was held during the afternoon, when seven teams competed. The standard of ringing was exceptionally high. The winners were Mount St. Alphonsus' 'A' team, who recorded only 63 faults; St. Finbarre's, Cork, were a close second, with 72 faults; Ballymodan, a six-bell tower, were third, with 90 faults. The judges were Messrs. Tom Perrott (one of the original ringers at the Cathedral), Ed. Burns and Fred. E. Dukes. The Ringing Master, Mr. Roy McCormack, was in charge of the tower during the day.

After lunch in Moore's Hotel the meeting was welcomed to Cork by Canon Bouchier on behalf of the Lord Bishop, who was unavoidably absent on church business. Canon Bouchier, in his welcome, made special reference to Mr. Dukes, who had travelled through the previous night via Fishguard and Rosslare from a business trip in London in order to be present at the meeting.

Greetings were read from the president and the Northern District secretary and conveyed to the meeting on behalf of the Eastern District by Mr. Dukes. He also thanked Canon Bouchier for his kind remarks and expressed his pleasure at being 'back home' in Cork again.

The election of District officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. David Benson (Limerick); vice-president, Mr. Fred Bogan (Cork); Ringing Master, Mr. Roy McCormack (Cork); secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Bingham, 11, Peter Street, Limerick; assistant secretary, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. G. Bingham, C. W. Galbraith and R. McCormack.

It was unanimously decided to support an invitation to be sent to the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland, provided the Council members will visit the towers in the District during their stay and let their members hear some good ringing!

The next meeting place was selected for Ballymodan in Co. Cork, where there are six bells.

After tea in Moore's Hotel the Dean of Cork (the Very Rev. H. R. McAdoo, D.D.) kindly presented the Cherry Cup to the winners, Mount St. Alphonsus, with the wishes of the District to go on to Dublin and bring back the Murphy Cup to the District. He also presented the Ballymodan team with the Attendance Challenge Shield for Sunday ringing—they had 100 per cent. attendances during 1954 and now have secured the Shield for the third year in succession.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The Ashford District met at Hythe on March 26th, where the local arrangements had been made by Mr. W. J. Bidnell, the tower secretary. Since the partial internal reconstruction of the tower, Hythe bells have become somewhat noisier, but fortunately the Vicar and the band of ringers are both of one mind about this and are determined to put matters right.

Ringing continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newman) conducted the service, in which he welcomed all visitors to the church. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Willis, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea was arranged at the Paddock Tea Rooms and it was followed by a short business meeting. Nine new members were elected, seven of them being from Hythe. Mr. S. G. Waters gave a preliminary notice of a special service for ringers which will be held at Biddenden Church, combined with Evensong, on June 26th.

After the usual votes of thanks ringing was continued during the evening.

About 35 members and friends were present representing the following towers:—Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Croydon, Folkestone, High Halden, Hythe, Lydd, Maidstone, Marden, New Romney, Selleridge, Willesborough and Woodchurch.

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Mr. Edwin Timbrell, the Lancashire composer, is in Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston. He had a fall at his home recently but is now recovering. He was 84 last February.

Mr. W. Button, with the peal of Doubles at Northiam, Sussex, on March 21st, completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. R. Lowe 'completed the circle' at Measham, Leicestershire, by ringing the second to the peal of Bristol Surprise Major, reported in our peal columns.

New District 'Ringing World' representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association are Miss J. Brenda Softley (Eastern) and Mr. R. W. Leighton (Western).

Handbell tune ringers will be interested to learn that the Crosthwaite (Keswick) Handbell Ringers made a B.B.C. recording on March 31st to be broadcast on April 20th in the 'Country Dancing' programme at 6.30 p.m. in the Home Service. This is their fifth broadcast in this series.

The many friends of Mr. Peter Eves, of Chelmsford, would like to join in wishing him a speedy recovery to health and the belfry. Peter was involved in a motor-cycle accident whilst on his way to stand in a peal at Thorpe Bay, and sustained a broken leg. His lady pillion passenger, Miss P. Lambert, of Danbury, escaped injury. Peter's present address: St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford.

Visitors to Stradbroke, Suffolk, will be glad to learn that all the bells can now be heard distinctly in the ringing chamber. This transformation is due to the work of the energetic steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Clarke, who has made and fitted a two-branch chute capable of controlling the volume. Other splendid work Mr. Clarke has done has been the fitting of a new pulley to the fourth, and certain attention to the clappers.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Featured in 'The Folkestone and Hythe Gazette' is a visit to the belfry of St. Martin's Church, Cheriton. Youth is very much in evidence in this tower, which includes the 13-year-old Bryant twins—Maureen and Elvina—Shirley Martin (13), Robert Turner (13), John Palmer (14) and Fred Price (14).

It is somewhat unique for father and daughter to ring their first peal of Stedman together. Miss M. J. Parker and her father, Mr. R. H. R. Parker, accomplished this at Portsea on March 26th.

The peal at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, on March 5th, was in the following seven methods:—Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and not as printed on page 180.

Of the nine active ringers at Folkestone Parish Church, two—Mr. Alfred Kedwell and Mr. F. Crooks—are over 80 years of age. An appeal for young people to come forward and learn our art is made in the local Press by Mr. F. J. Whittaker.

Miss Mary Hobbs is leaving the Derby District to take up a new appointment at Aylesbury. Her friends of the Derby District send her their best wishes and thanks for her efficient service as District secretary. Miss Hobbs took part in a farewell peal of Superlative Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. This was her first peal of Surprise.

The quarter peal at Walberton, Sussex, on March 21st, was a creditable first performance for the ringers of the treble, second and third, especially the treble ringer (Miss M. McKane), who speaks only French and needed her sister's assistance as interpreter. She is also handicapped by having to use a deaf-aid. The Misses McKane are from Guernsey.

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PEAL RINGING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

PEALE ringing in Leicestershire is noteworthy for the number of peals rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. No less than 593 have been recorded here, easily the most, not only in the county but in the whole country also. Fifty-three peals were rung there in 1954, which is another record, for that is the greatest number which has ever been rung in a year in an individual tower. Once before, in 1949, the Foundry bells reached the half-century in a year. What makes these facts even more remarkable is that the first peal was not rung until 1901, so that the total was reached in less than 50 ringing years. These peals could form the subject of a complete article since they total more than have been rung in some of the smaller counties (e.g., Huntingdonshire), but there is not room to give more than a few details.

Surprisingly enough, only 40 of the peals had been rung by the time the first war started. Then came two in 1916. From 1920 to 1939 came the immense total of 292 peals—about 15 a year average. Even this has been dwarfed by the number rung since the last war—no less than 259 in ten years. I wonder how many sets of ropes have been worn out in this period?

The tower has seen some long lengths also (apart from the recent attempt at the 40,000). These include 10,400 Real Superlative Surprise Major, 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major, 10,368 London Surprise Major, and 9,600 Spliced Treble Bob Major. The first peal in six spliced Major methods was also rung here. So much for the Foundry ten.

RANG THE CLOCK ROUND

Loughborough Parish Church (All Saints') actually comes second in order of number of peals at the moment with 187 peals. The most famous of these is the one which will ever remain a record of achievement—the 18,027 Stedman Caters rung on April 12th, 1909, with a tenor of 30 cwt. This was the first time that the clock had been rung round by one band of men. These beautifully going bells have kept up a good average of about three a year since 1884 with slightly more at the beginning of the period than the end. Thus 117 had been rung by 1913, and there have been only 18 since the last war.

This will probably mean that the third tower on the list, Leicester Cathedral (12) will shortly take second place, for its total is 185, of which 126 have come in the last 11 years. Only six had been rung prior to 1914. There is no need to mention who is responsible for the recent prolific effort!

There are three other towers which have passed the 100 mark, but they are a long way behind these last two. They are Stoney Stanton (8), South Wigston (8) and Leicester, St. Margaret's (12). The first has scored 114 peals, 20 between 1891 and 1915, 60 from 1918 to 1938, and 34 since 1943. The record length of Cambridge Surprise Major—12,896 changes—was rung here in 1923. South Wigston also holds a long length record—that for Double Norwich Major, for 17,104 changes of this method were rung there just over 50 years ago, in 1904. The jubilee of this peal was recently celebrated at the tower. Actually 103 peals have been rung there in all—29 from 1901 to 1913 (it was a 6-bell tower last century), 31 from 1919 to 1940, and 43 since 1944, so its average is better now than previously.

THE HOME OF ERNEST MORRIS

Leicester, St. Margaret's, has 102 peals in the period, but very early peals were rung here so the actual total is greater than this. Thus a peal of 'Triples' was rung here in 1730, and a 10,000 of Grandsire Caters in 1777. In our period 13 peals were rung from 1884 to 1902, 44 from 1922 to 1939, and there have been 45 since the war, so the average here is also greater now than heretofore. This tower will also ever be famous for being the 'home' of Mr. Ernest Morris, who has done so much for the Exercise by his many excellent books. It is actually a 6-bell tower which is nearest to the century mark—Croft, where 91 peals have been rung. Since only one 6-bell tower in the whole country has passed the 100 mark this means that it is amongst the leaders for numbers of peals in the land. The first peal was only rung in 1928, so it has done very well to reach this total. Thirty-four came between 1928 and 1940 and there have been 57 since the war.

We turn now to towers according to the numbers of bells. Both the 12-bell towers have already been mentioned (Leicester Cathedral and Leicester, St. Margaret's) as have two of the four 10-bell towers (the two Loughborough rings). There are two more 10-bell churches—Leicester, St. John's, and Melton Mowbray; 63 peals have been rung at the former—12 from 1902 to 1913, eight from 1919 to 1925 (it was an eight-bell tower then); then came ten from 1929 to 1939 after augmentation and there have been 33 since the war, so the tower is doing well now. It is a great relief to know that the threat of its demolition seems to have receded, and one trusts that it is now safe. At Melton Mowbray, the next peal will be the 50th since 1881. The first peal recorded in this period was in 1894, and 30 were rung before the first war put an end to activities. Only nine were rung between the wars, but the average is better again now, for ten have come since 1936.

OTHER EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

I think there will be space to mention all the 8-bell towers that have passed the 50 mark. After the two centenarians already discussed comes Anstey with 88. These have come very consistently from the time of the first peal in 1906. Whitwick has 88, nearly half (40) since 1948, so it is doing well. The first first peal here was in 1891, and we find a gap from 1933 to 1948—presumably the bells needed attention. Then comes Measham with 86. Only two peals had been rung prior to the first war—in 1913 and 1914, but 53 came between the wars and the remaining 31 since 1946. Thurstaston has 85. The first peal didn't come until 1920, but 50 were rung in the 1920's. Then came a sudden drop for only one came in the 1930's (in 1937). There have been 34 since the war.

Only three of Gilmorton's total of 84 had been rung before 1914, commencing in 1909. Then came 29 from 1921 to 1939 and no less than 52 in the last seven years. Two towers are in the 70's and one in the 60's. They are Claybrooke (78—19 from 1930 to 1939 and 59 since 1946); Earl Shilton 70—54 from 1922 to 1938 and 16 from 1947; and Enderby (68—one peal in 1921 when it was a 6-bell tower, 17 from 1928 to 1939 after augmentation, and 50 since 1944). Leicester, All Saints', has 59 peals. Most of these were rung when it was a 6-bell tower, principally 41 between 1946 and 1952. There have been 13 on the eight in the past three years. Quorn has 58; 35 of these came before 1914, commencing in 1886 (only one or two towers can boast earlier peals in the period). The tower was not very active

between the wars, only nine peals being rung, but has revived recently with 14 peals since 1948. The next peal at Ashby Folville will be the 50th there.

SIX-BELL TOWERS

The best 6-bell tower, Croft, has already been mentioned. Its total of 91 is nearly double any of the others, for Whetstone comes next with 48, 35 of which have been rung since 1944 (the first peal was in 1914). Thirty-six of Copt Oak's 41 have likewise come since the war, but there has only been one each year in 1953 and 1954. On the other hand Stoke Golding's heyday was between 1910 and 1914, for 28 of its 37 peals were rung then. Eight were rung between 1921 and 1928 and there has only been one since then—in 1949. The following four towers have reached the 25 mark—Ibstock (29, the majority since the war); Thurlaston (27—all since 1924 except the first, which was in 1900); Hallaton (25—22 from 1922 to 1938); and Peckleton (25—three in 1891 and 1892, 21 from 1920 to 1939, and one since, in 1953).

Two 5-bell towers have reached double figures, which is a very respectable total for this class, as mentioned in a previous article. They are Dalby Magna and Kirby Muxloe, which have scored 13 each, in both cases chiefly since the last war, although the latter was amongst the first 5-bell towers in the county to have a peal rung at it (in 1909). Kirby Bellars has seven peals and Great Bowden six.

Leicestershire was one of the first counties to have all the ringable bells rung to a peal (a personal ambition of Mr. Ernest Morris, I believe), so that only three towers remain to be conquered. These include an 8-bell tower—Church Langton (which Mr. P. Amos in a letter last year showed were unringable) and two 5-bell towers, Shawell and Skeffington. I'm sure these must also be or they would have 'fallen' by this time.

So much for another very interesting county. Numbers are correct (by the way) up to March 18th, 1955 (i.e., as far as 'The Ringing World' is concerned).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the result of the boat race was known before the start of the ringing at Armley on March 26th it was not until nearly tea time that a touch of 'Cambridge' could be rung; one wag suggested Oxford Treble Bob (fully muffled) but fortunately this idea did not receive support.

The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and ringing progressed from Plain Bob via Grandsire, Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich to Cambridge and London, and so to tea time. A photographer from the local Press took 'shots' to be used with an article about the Society.

After tea there were a few touches on hand-bells before a return to the tower, where further ringing took place till 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

The president was in the chair, and apologies were received from Mr. T. Hill and Mr. S. Barron. Mr. A. Coldrick, of Armley, was elected a member. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment and seconded by Mr. A. Johnson. Mr. H. Lofthouse suitably replied.

The following nominations were received:—President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, W. Dixon and T. W. Strange-way; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. Sutcliffe.

The next meeting, the annual general, will be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE MEETING, 1954

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-second Council (57th Annual Meeting), held in the Cathedral Library, Newcastle, on **Whit Tuesday, June 8th, 1954.**

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Mayor and by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. J. M. Stephens, Mr. S. Foskett.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. R. G. Corby, Rev. J. Kingdon.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

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

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

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. J. R. Worrall.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson.

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

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

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

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

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

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

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

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

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

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

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

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

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

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

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. C. Glenn, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pistow.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. H. Stalham.

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

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

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

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

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

SUMMARY:—

	Members	
	Associations	Present Absent
Wholly represented..	24	51
Partially represented..	26	51
Not represented ..	4	4
	54	102
Life members ..		5
Hon. members ..		7
		11
	114	60

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members, making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for 1 representative member and 8 Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. L. Barry, E. W. Biffen, P. N. Bond, P. Border, W. Cathrall, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, S. G. Coles, Miss D. Colgate, G. H. Cross, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, J. P. Fidler, T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, R. O. Fry, N. Golden, G. H. Harding, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Hewitt, Miss K. Higgins, S. T. Holt, D. Hughes, G. J. Lewis, Miss M. Lidgey, J. E. Lilley, W. Longman, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, F. Precey, B. D. Price, Rev. A. S. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, C. J. Sedgley, J. F. Smallwood, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Miss M. E. Snowden, Mrs. J. Staniforth, L. Stilwell, G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, E. C. S. Turner, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, C. Wallater, J. J. Webb, J. Willis, C. W. Woppley and E. A. Young.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mrs. E. A. Barnett (hon. member), Messrs. T. Boreham (Gloucester and Bristol), D. Burnett (Truro), S. Burton (Leicester), P. J. Chapman (Peterborough), P. A. Corby (Leicester), R. G. Corby (Chester), J. H. Crampion (Essex), T. Cullingworth (Kent), E. Edmondson (Hertfordshire), Miss J. S. Evans (Llandaff and Monmouth), G. E. Fearn (St. Martin's Guild), S. Foskett (Bedfordshire), C. Glenn (Southwell), N. V.

Harding (Norwich), B. G. Key (Stafford Archdeaconry), E. Nobles (Peterborough), W. F. Oatway (Surrey), H. S. Peacock (Ely), H. N. Pistow (Surrey), W. L. Robinson (Derbyshire), Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devon), H. J. Shuck (Dudley and District), R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex), H. Stalham (Sussex), J. M. Stephens (Bedfordshire), B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University), A. Tomlinson (Lancashire), F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford Society), R. St. C. Wilson (Scottish) and J. R. Worrall (Guildford).

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

The following telegram was sent to H.M. the Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual conference assembled at the Cathedral Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, desire to offer your Majesty their loyal congratulations on the happy completion of your royal progress through the British Dominions, which it was the privilege of the ringers to celebrate on the occasion of your Majesty's return.'

The following reply was received:—

'The Queen sincerely thanks all assembled at the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their kind message of loyal congratulations and for the way in which they helped to celebrate Her Majesty's return to this country.—Private Secretary.'

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

On the motion of the President, the following telegram was sent to Mr. E. Alexander Young, former Secretary of the Council, who had just entered his 90th year:—

'Central Council meeting, Newcastle. All send kind regards and best wishes.'

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. F. Sharpe was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

The committee also recommended the election of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Miss P. J. Ayris.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

Mr. C. W. Roberts was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. H. R. Butcher, D. D. Cooper, W. H. J. Hooton, T. Law, G. R. Newton, W. Perkins and J. H. W. White.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, 1954, and circulated to members, were adopted.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON SECRETARY

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

It was agreed to send a message of good wishes to Mr. J. W. Jones, who had retired after 46 years' membership of the Council.

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

It was agreed that 'Preservation of Bells' and 'Collection of Minor Methods' (with amendments) should be reprinted and that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' 'Variation and Transposition' and 'Collection of Peals, Section II.' (1904) should not be reprinted.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 395)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(a) Handbook Sub-Committee.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher had resigned and no report was submitted. The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, and this was agreed.

(b) Roll of Honour Sub-Committee.

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 395.)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson. It was agreed to proceed with the construction of a case and to put in hand the matter of a photostat copy.

REAPPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced the names of the following ex-officio members: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, F. W. Perrins, E. A. Young and all conveners of committees.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the following were reappointed: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. J. T. Dyke was elected on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrins.

Mr. J. Freeman was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

Mr. F. E. Dukes was elected on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconded by Miss J. Stewart.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 409)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck.

The committee (Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke, H. J. Poole and R. S. Anderson) were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 409)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman.

The committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis) were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 410)

The majority report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Messrs. C. W. Woolley, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, with power to co-opt. Mr. W. E. Critchley was added on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 425)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion.

The committee agreed to consider revising the Collection of Triples Methods.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 425)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

The committee did not seek reappointment, and the thanks of the Council were expressed to them (the Rev. F. L. Edwards and Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker) for their long service. It was agreed that the functions of the committee should be divided.

APPOINTMENT OF LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

On the proposition of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, the following were appointed: Messrs. E. C. Shepherd (convener) and F. E. Dukes.

APPOINTMENT OF BROADCASTING & TELEVISION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, the following were appointed, with power to co-opt: Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), G. E. Fearn and J. T. Dunwoody. Mr. A. A. Hughes was added to the committee on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Crampion, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, pp. 425-6)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

The committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins and E. A. Young) were reappointed, with the addition of Mr. J. Freeman.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 426)

Adopted, subject to the deletion of Pudsey Surprise Royal, on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, who were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

The following were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 9th, 1954, page 441)

After discussion, the report was adopted with the exception of a paragraph concerning peals of Bob Triples, which was deferred until 1955, on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrins, the following were appointed to the committee, with power to co-opt: Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, the Secretary gave notice that peals not conforming to the Council's Decisions would not in future be included in the Analysis; they would, however, if sent, be published in 'The Ringing World.'

THANKS TO COMMITTEES

The President expressed the thanks of the Council to the retiring committees.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and carried:—

'That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic and recorded bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the house of God, and wishes to support the responsible authorities in the steps they are taking to prevent their installation.'

(b) Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Miss J. S. Evans:—

'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.'

The following amendment, proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, was carried:—

'That this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

The motion, as amended, was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from Bristol and Leicester. On the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, it was decided to visit Bristol in 1955. The Council took note of an invitation from Mr. H. J. Poole to visit Leicester in 1956.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, thanks were expressed to the Provost and Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral for the use of the Cathedral Library; the Provost for officiating at Holy Communion; the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and the President of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. R. A. Gifton) for their welcome; Mr. D. A. Boyles (secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association) and Mr. K. Arthur for local arrangements; and all incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

A civic reception was afterwards given to members and friends by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the Laing Art Gallery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMING INTO ROUNDS DURING A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Border is quite right. On page 187 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Conditions required for peals,' it is stated that 'any shift or error in ringing' must be 'immediately corrected.' In other words, the Central Council does not think that a trip invalidates a peal. The fact that a trip produces rounds rather than any other wrong change is entirely irrelevant.

If it is proposed only to accept peals in which no trips and errors of ringing occur, 'The Ringing World' will have several pages of extra space at its disposal every week.—Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden, Herts.

A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like, with many others, to congratulate Mr. W. Birmingham on his contribution 'A Ringer and his Obligations,' published in 'The Ringing World,' March 18th. I consider that it is one of the finest editorials ever published in 'The Ringing World.' Every ringer, young or old, novice or experienced, should read such a well thought out and well written article. Unfortunately a large number of ringers never see the ringers' 'weekly,' and so would miss reading this outstanding exposition.

It seems to me too precious a contribution to be cast aside after publication. I suggest that it could be printed in card form and included as an addition to the Central Council's Publications. Such a card would grace the walls of any ringing chamber and be an ever-present reminder of a ringer's duty 'to his church, to his belfry, to the public, to his Guild or Association and to the Exercise at large.' Perhaps it could be incorporated in a condensed form in the excellent 'Ringers' Notebook and Diary,' published by William Viggers and Maurice Hodgson.—Yours sincerely,

J. CHALK,

South Woodford, E.18.

NORWICH RINGERS OF 100 YEARS AGO AND OTHER TOPICS

Dear Sir,—The query on page 169 of 'The Ringing World' of March 18th regarding the men who took part in the peal at Loddon, Norfolk, 100 years ago, interested me greatly. Six of that band had taken part in the 7,000 Stedman Cinques in 1844 at Mancroft, and I have rung with William Freeman many times. He had rung the seventh to the Cinques, and Palgrave had strapped the tenor with George Smith. Freeman severed his connection with Mancroft in 1889, and for 22 years was steeple-keeper at St. Andrew's (the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow's present charge, and which, I see, he describes as 'the most dilapidated ten in England!'). Save for an Association meeting, St. Andrew's was a 'closed shop' for a Mancroft ringer, for Freeman would have nothing to do with 'these youngsters.' But for an annual meeting he raised the bells, and chalked in large figures on the floor below each rope the number of the bell. A very necessary precaution, for the 'circle' runs 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8, and on the back eight of this lot Sam Thurston called the first peal of London ever rung!

But about 1894 he stopped some of us younger ones and asked 'when we were coming to St. Andrew's for a touch.' We jumped at the chance of helping to heal old sores and we went many times. His beautiful handling of the rope and hatred of bad blows made by anyone were educational. He died on January 26th, 1897, in his 81st year, and I am glad the company at Mancroft mustered in strength for a half-muffled touch to his memory. With the possible exception of John Burton, of Norwich, I think I must be the only one to have rung with him.

Palgrave, although an invalid for many years, retained membership until his death in October, 1899, in his 82nd year, and, of course, we honoured his memory also.

Reminiscences of Mancroft are rather fascinating, especially to those of us whose ringing days are over.

Here is an odd thing: Mancroft bells were cast and hung in 1775, and, save for short breaks, been pealable ever since. The ninth peal on the twelve was rung in 1895 and was the first single-handed peal of Cinques, although 120 years after the bells were installed, the tenth peal was Maximus in 1896, the sixth peal of Royal (Kent) on the bells in 1896 also, and Oxford Royal at the end of the same year. And the fifth peal of Caters was rung in 1895. But the startling thing is that these five bells noted, Caters (1895), Cinques (1895), Kent and Oxford Royal and Kent Maximus (1896), were all called by the same man, who is still alive at the time of writing! And 180 years after the casting and hanging of the bells.

Another curiosity worth noting: The outside title page of the 'Bell News' (No. 99, Vol. II.) bears the date 'February 32nd, 1884.'

'Bell News' again: Issue for July 26th, 1884, has no peals to record. I wonder if Phone SPR 1025 knows this?

How many present day men have heard of F. W. J. Rees' fascinating series of eleven articles on 'The Chronology of Change Ringing' which appeared in 'Bell News' from March 29th, 1884 to July 19th, 1884? For those with a liking for this sort of thing it means a great treat, for the entries cover an immense field, and the labour involved prodigious. Mr. Rees and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead each deserves a monument! In any case, any ringer interested in our history from the earliest times is strongly advised to try and get hold of the 1884 volume of the 'Bell News.'—Yours truly,

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

GRANTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—I strongly protest against the publication of your correspondent's remarks in Belfry Gossip concerning Grantham bells. It is clear that in sending you such untruthful information he wishes to damage the very good reputation of the bell founders concerned.

In fairness to them I must say that we have found them to be very helpful and willing to try and give satisfaction to the Vicar and churchwardens. Also I know that they have spent a considerable sum of money in trying to overcome what is proving to be a very difficult scientific problem. I hope that in the near future their efforts will meet with success.

Any ringer who has the privilege of ringing on Grantham's splendid ring of bells, and who, when anything goes wrong, enjoys publicly 'blasting' them, must be a most miserable and despicable type of human being, and I am sure that the air in St. Wulfram's belfry would smell sweeter by his absence.—Yours faithfully,

S. PROCTOR.

Grantham.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S MEN

Dear Sir,—The interesting account of the Benington band omitted the most remarkable thing. The story as the late Canon Coleridge told me, and no doubt others have heard it, was, apart from Squire Proctor, none of the band could read or write. Each dinner time they sat in a circle and moved stones to learn London Surprise. The late Mr. W. Lawrence also told me that was true.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. PULLING.

Guilford.

MR. JOHN R. WILKERSON

Dear Sir,—Last year one of my Newcastle ringer friends brought back to me from Norwich a reminder that I should not forget where I had started to ring. Now, as I have learned of the passing of my old instructor, perhaps I may be allowed to acknowledge my debt to the Norwich Diocesan Association in general and to the late John R. Wilkerson in particular, who passed to his rest at Acle on March 6th in his 91st year.

John Wilkerson had been the village blacksmith as had his father before him. So far as I know he had never travelled very far, but his knowledge of local affairs and local people was truly remarkable. I can recall ringing trips to nearby towers when it seemed that John knew practically every farm and its occupants. I understand that he retained that knowledge and was often consulted when arguments arose. He was also a keen and, I believe, a skilled bowler and I can remember how he would come from the bowling green as the bells were raised on practice night.

John had been a ringer from his boyhood days, when Acle had only five bells. For many years those bells remained silent as the tower was unsafe. After the restoration and augmentation to six in 1933, John and other old ringers resumed ringing and helped to train younger ringers. Later he became captain and during that time I learned to ring under his tuition. As captain he set a first-class example in punctuality and regularity to the rest of us, and we had a good Sunday service band in those pre-war days. Unfortunately the war dispersed the younger members and the old ones were too old to resume. I remember ringing last with John at Easter, 1943, when he was in his 80th year.

He had never had the opportunity of peal ringing in his younger days but he was game enough to attempt his first when well over 70. In all he rang four peals in 1938-39. They were in four to eight Minor methods; all were at Acle and I had the pleasure of calling the last three.

Anyone who reaches the age of 90 is a remarkable man and I think that John Wilkerson would be well above average among such remarkable men. At his passing I gratefully acknowledge my debt to him who began my instruction in ringing—a process which, by the way, still continues. May he rest in peace in that village of which for so long he formed a part.—Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

'A LONG- FELT NEED'

Dear Sir,—May I be amongst the first to congratulate the president and secretary of the Central Council upon the review of the Council's operative decisions which appears in 'The Ringing World' of March 25th. It was obviously a very great labour, but the authors will derive comfort from the knowledge that the publication of these decisions supplies a long-felt need for information.

There is, however, one decision which I looked for in vain, and which I believe to be still operative. It is the decision taken about 1936, I believe, requiring all Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Central Council loyally to abide by its rules and decisions.

As this operative decision is of particular importance to all the affiliated bodies in view of the Council's action in regard to methods not having Plain Bob lead ends (or heads), may I ask the secretary kindly to publish the full text of that decision so that every peal ringer may be aware of the consequences should an irregular (so called) method be rung to a peal.—Yours truly,

Oxford.

ALAN R. PINK.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 206)

Let us examine one or two possibilities of constructing 3-part peals with the aid of simple extensions and shunt-bobs.

4, 5, 6 EXTENT IN 6th

If 2-3 are selected as the fixed bells, then in order to construct a 5,040 the following points must be watched:—

(1) The fixed bells themselves must be true. (See rule above.)

(2) A 15-course extension must be constructed.

(3) The unfixed bells (I couldn't think of a better term—perhaps we should call them 'floaters'—or does that savour too much of 'Brag'; or is it 'Pontoon'?) must appear 12 times in 6ths in the 15 courses.

The chart will be found ideal for constructing these 15-course extensions; after a bit of practice it is like working a sausage-machine.

Having produced the desired extension it is only necessary to insert the shunt-bob and 'hey presto,' there is your peal.

Many peals have been produced (composed) on this plan as can be seen from the examples given in the C.C. Collection. Peals 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 (which has, in my edition, transposed the M and W, and acquired 48 changes from nowhere), 94 and 95 are simple 15-course extensions with one shunt-bob in each part.

The shunt-bobs are as follows:—

Peal	Position	Course
87	M.	9
88	W.	12
89	H.	2
90	M.	6
91	H.	3
92	H.	10
93	M.	1
94	M.	1
95	M.	1

If the student places a circle round the shunt-bob and brackets consecutive blocks of 3 together (as previously shown) he will find that all these peals will reduce to a plain course.

In all of them the shunt-bob could be moved elsewhere without affecting the truth of the composition, and in most more than one shunt-bob could be used.

e.g. Peal 87, the shunt-bob, could be a Bob 'M' in the 5th course or a Bob 'W' Wrong in the 12th course. In addition to the shunt-bob already used, both the extra shunt-bobs could be used making three shunt-bobs in all, but there is little point in inserting Bobs merely for the sake of inserting Bobs, unless it be for the base design of disguising your composition so that students will not recognise it as a variation of some other peal, and composers do not do such things.

6th EXTENT EACH WAY IN 5-6

Here there appears to be more scope for the young composer as there is only one (No. 80) in the C.C. Collection that is a simple extension with a shunt-bob, and I have already mentioned that. The 6th will be a fixed bell with, frequently, the 5th as a companion, in order that it (5th) may have the extent one way, or some such qualification.

In the extension the 6th, then, must appear four times in 6ths and four times in 5ths, and the 5th as frequently in 5-6 as possible. Of course, the fixed bells must be true as was stated in regard to 2-3 in the previous peals.

6 3 8 4

This is the longest length possible in 3 parts on the pure extension plan. There are one or two variations (of musical qualities) possible.

The student may first like to try his hand at producing such peals as No. 102 C.C. Collection.

This is merely a simple extension with 5-6 fixed and a shunt-bob (H) in the 10th course. Notice that the composer claims no special

musical virtue and, apart from 'knocking off' one or two for practice, the student had better leave this type of peal to the professors.

I hope that this criticism of the peal will in no way be distorted as a criticism of the composer, who produced some of the finest peals extant and who probably had, in his day, forgotten more about composition than I have ever known.

I have several 6384's produced from the chart, but I am leaving this subject for the student to work out his own salvation. See what you can do with it.

Having dealt, somewhat desultorily, with shunt-bobs that do not affect the fixed bells, let us consider those that do.

Consider the four following groups carefully:

23456 H W M H
(1) 42356 — 23456 23456 42356

23456 W B H W M H
(2) 52364 — — — 52436
23564 23564 52364

42356 H W M H
(1) 34256 — 42356 42356 34256

42356 W B M H W M H
(2) 35264 — — — 54326
42563 52364 35264

24365 H W M H
(1) 32465 — 24365 24365 32465

24365 B M H W M H
(2) 32654 — — — 24365
46253 26354 32654

45236 W H W M H
(1) 23456 — — 34256 34256 23456

45236 W B M H W M H
(2) 23564 — — — 34256
45362 35264 23564

Look at 2-3 in each pair of courses, and notice that they start and finish in the same positions. The other three bells have, however, changed their positions. I have written the figure proof in order to help the student (or the professor if he requires help—or has not gone to sleep).

In A, the Bob W brings 2-3 back to normal; in B, the Bob 'Middle' restores equilibrium, in C and D again it is the 'Middle' that brings order out of chaos.

Observe that 2-3 are in a different position at the start (and finish) of each group, i.e., A is different from B, B from C and C from D.

Now let us examine three simple extensions, the last two being variations of the first, which is itself no other than our old friend W3 H, W3 H, W3 H, which Reeves put to good use by means of a shunt-bob.

(1) 23456 W H 23456 W H

45236 — — 42356 — —
24536 — — 35426 — —
52436 — — 43526 — —
43526 — — 54326 — —
54326 — — 32546 — —
35426 — — 53246 — —
42356 — — 25346 — —
34256 — — 34256 — —
23456 — — 23456 — —

(3)
23456 W H
42356 — —
34256 — —
25346 — —
32546 — —
53246 — —
24536 — —
52436 — —
45236 — —
23456 — —

Again, at the risk of boring the professor to tears, I would remind the student that as these touches are simple extensions, no proof is needed other than seeing that the course ends (heads) are different, and that, in fact, the nine courses rung are complete courses and the course ends that occur in the touch are the course ends of these nine courses.

Notice that the three touches increase in musical value which indicates that the third one will probably prove to produce the most musical peals. This, in fact, proves to be correct.

But first of all let us examine No. (1).

Let us assume that we intend producing a three part composition (or doubling this by singles and making this a 6-part), and we are using 2-3 as fixed bells. We therefore compare the course-heads of our touch with our tabulated groups (A, B, C, D), and see if our fixed bells are in the same position and have the same calls in the course in both cases.

There are two courses where the second part of our tabulated groups (A, B, C, D) can be substituted for the first. These are the 8th where B may be used, and the 9th where C may be used.

Let us take the 8th course first.

Here we will use figure proof in order to check, but there is no need to write out proof other than the substituted course.

Let us do this:—

B
42356 W B M H W M H
35264 — — — 54326
42563 52364 35264

Now it can be seen from the proof that we have used part of the course 54326 (from the W to the B). Unfortunately we have already used, in course six of our extension, the complete course, and so with a sigh of regret (coupled with an air of smug satisfaction that our knowledge has saved us having to write out the complete proof), we reject the substitution.

(To be continued)

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Mr. W. E. ('Rowley') Musk, who rang his first 720 at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, 53 years ago, and who now lives in retirement in Eye, Suffolk, had a slight stroke a month or two ago and it has left him weak in one hand. He is progressing slowly and we hope the warmer days will buck him up so that he can take his rope in Eye tower again in due course.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., Saturday, April 9th, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, April 9th, Micheldever. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 6093

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Preacher, The Master. Lunch 1.15 at the Cottage Cafe. Meeting in Church Hall at 2.30. Lunch tickets available on application. Ringing: East Coker, 11.14.5; 7-8; Hardington Mandeville, 10.30-11.30, 5.30-7; Martock, 10.30-11.30, 5.30-7; Drayton, 10.30-11.15, 6-7.30; Somerton, 10.30-11.30, 6-7.30; West Coker, 6-7.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 6132

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Star Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s. (in advance). Others 6s. Towers open: Aylesford, Barming, Bearstead, Boxley, Lenham, 10 a.m.; All Saints', Maidstone, 10.30 a.m. Also after meeting together with East Farleigh, Harrietsham, Leeds, Mereworth, Wateringbury, West Malling and Wrotham.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 6077

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Easter Monday. Bells from 10 a.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower vestry, 11 a.m. No lunch arranged. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2 p.m. Usual towers.—C. W. Pipe. 6100

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon. Coffee available in College Hall 1-2 p.m. Tea arranged at 5 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12)—provisionally—6-7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 2.30-4.30; Claines (10) and Kempsey (6) 2-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 6085

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, April 13th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6136

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, April 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6121

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 6108

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Audlem, April 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6144

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea to R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, Vale Road, Hartford.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6145

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by 12th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6141

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4, followed by tea and business in Parish Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, please. Visitors welcomed.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea 5 p.m. General meeting 5.45 p.m., Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 2-4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8; Cathedral (10) 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.—A. B. Cooper. 6084

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at East Grinstead, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall. Names, by April 14th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 32, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 6080

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6081

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6128

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general business meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, April 16th, at 2 p.m. sharp, at the British Legion Club. Tea 2s. 6d. Divine service at 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify, not later than April 13th, Mr. J. Beech. The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern, Worcs. The Abbey bells (12) will be available from 12 noon and again after the service. The following rings are being made available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon: Bishop's Cleeve (8), The Leigh, Combe Hill (6), Deerhurst (6) and Ashchurch (6).—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec. 6074

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hawley (8) also available after tea. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. F. Farr, 1, Bristow Road, Camberley, Surrey.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Watford, Saturday, April 16th. St. Mary's (10) 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Parish Hall. Business includes Bob Triples peals and Mr. B. Barker's propositions. Ringing also at Abbots Langley 10-12; Langleybury; Rickmansworth 11.30-1; Aldenham 2-3.45; Bushey 2-4. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea, by 13th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 6143

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 12th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 6092

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6119

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, April 16th, 3 p.m. Special business meeting 4.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. Cups of tea. Bus from King Street West.—R. Benson. 6104

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, Littleborough, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough.—F. Prichard. 6130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea, by April 13th, please, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. 367 bus from Chorley 3.15; 98 bus from Preston 2.10; or 162 bus from Preston 1.53 via Leyland, change at Lydiate Lane.—L. Walmsley. 6073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Waterfoot on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6140

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Leicester, Saturday, April 16th. Ringing: St. Saviour's 10.30 to 11.30, St. John's 11.30 to 12.30, St. Margaret's and All Saints' 2 to 4, Cathedral 3.15 to 4.15. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting in Little Theatre, Dover Street, 5.15. Social evening after meeting. Names to me, please, by April 13th. The new Lord Bishop and the new Provost would like to meet a representative gathering of the Guild.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 6127

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Meeting, Ticknall (6), April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Thursday, April 14th, Mrs. Marriott, Estate House, Ticknall, near Derby.—J. W. Cotton. 6118

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Bircham, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. E. M. J. Cornish, Bircham Rectory, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6076

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Bucklebury, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, 13th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. Yattendon (6) available after 6 p.m. 6137

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, April 16th, at Checkendon (Kemp's bus 5.15 Reading Station) and Nettlebed (Thames Valley bus 6.30 Reading Station). Quarterly meeting, Goring, May 21st.—Burton. 6107

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, April 12th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6129

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twywell, April 16th. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 6131

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingsborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Doddington (5), Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingsborough. 6117

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, April 16th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 6138

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canonico, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6109

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6142

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SUFFOLK GUILD. —Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Weghaston (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by 13th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6125

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N. District.—Quarterly meeting at Banstead, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, by April 13th, to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting, Barcombe, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday, April 13th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6106

DEVON GUILD. — N.E. Branch. — Meeting at Bampton, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to J. Waite, 2, High Street, Bampton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 6082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Special meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Andrew's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 6122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Service at Cathedral Church 3.30. Tea and meeting in S. Nicolas' Hall 4.30. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 2.30. Numbers for tea, by April 19th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 6114

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest at Marsden, April 23rd (10-cwt. tenor). For tea please notify, by April 16th, D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6060

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with the cash, please (2s. per head), not later than Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, Kent.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Horncastle, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, April 18th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6135

LADIES' GUILD. —North Eastern District.—The North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, April 23rd, in conjunction with members of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and Evensong at 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed until 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 21st, to Mr. R. M. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Nancy I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 6111

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6), April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. M. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 6103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks and Oxford City Branches.—Combined meeting at Appleton, Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important: Notify by 19th. —A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6110

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than April 19th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel. Thame 193. 6116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chipping Warden on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6123

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Kettering Branch.—Spring meeting at Orlingbury (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, previous, to B. O. Butler, Orlingbury, Kettering.—D. Haynes, Hon. Sec. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to E. E. Gibson, Etean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 6105

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Guild.—Quarterly meeting, South Newton, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Wishford (5) also available after tea. Names by April 19th, please. —Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury (note change of address). 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and a talk 'How to learn methods.' Names for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 6120

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by April 21st, to Mr. F. R. Pearson, 2, Palmer Avenue, Kingston Road, Willerby, Hull.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6102

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 1st, 1955, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned; early application is advised.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 6066

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