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EYE, SUFFOLK

MANY towers have their historians or those with sufficient archæological interest to delve into past ringing records. The Central Council has in being a Peal Boards Committee that hopes at an early date to complete its records of all old peal boards in the country. Supt. Claude Rush has just completed a record of what he describes as 'all the information there is to be found about ringers and ringing on the walls of the ringing chamber at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk.' This, the home tower of George Day and Sons, is particularly rich in peal boards and ringing records.

The earliest record is a tablet of 1773 recording a complete peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Major rung in 3 hours 7 minutes on April 14th, 1773, by members of the Debenham and Stonham Societies. The band was Richard Moyse treble, John Jessup 2, William Wright 3, Jonathan Pettett 4, John Wade 5, John Pettett 6, Edward Wythe 7, Daniel Wade tenor and called the peal.

These ringers of past generations, like those of to-day, loved their footnotes. Beneath one of Bob Major of 1865 is a note: 'The above peal (composed by Mr.(?) Anable of London) was rung in a masterly style throughout, very ably conducted by Mr. F. Whaite.' Then below in faint lettering: 'and is worthy of the remark there being no record of the same having been done on these bells.'

In connection with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung in 1878 by six members of the Diss and Eye Society of Change Ringers with Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, and Mr. H. Thompson, of Cavendish, there is a pamphlet posted on the wood channel of the chimes weigh recording in verse the great event. The opening runs:—

These lines on ringing though simple, are true,
Of which I will now relate to you,
Concerning a peal that was rung off straight;
In the year Eighteen hundred and seventy eight.

The night was dark, the weather was dreary,
It being the fifth of January;
In three hours and 38 minutes to complete,
This peal was rung—true, and the music was sweet.

Five thousand two hundred and eighty was done;
Being the number of changes complete that was rung;
Of Kent Treble Bob, that method so gay,
By these ringers was rung at St. Peter's at Eye.

Each ringer is given a verse in laudatory terms, the tenor going:—

The tenor was rung Ah! just the way,
By our Faithful Friend, young Mr. Day,
Who said my friends it is my aim
This peal to help you all to gain.

Of this composition, I'll speak the truth,
It was one of Hubbard's, the Norwich Youth.
So now we have put up a board
This peal for ever to record.

Among the boards mentioned in recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' is: 'On Friday, October 10th, 1890, in 3 hours 12 minutes, Washbrook's Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5,024 changes: Charles Hounslow treble, Ernest A. Pitstow 2nd, Nathan J. Pitstow 3rd, John W. Taylor, jun. 4th, Frederick Pitstow 5th, Rev. F. E. Robinson. M.A. 6th, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A. 7th, J. W. Washbrook, conductor, 8th.'

It was not until 1904 that the first peal of Surprise is recorded in the tower—one of Superlative. The band was Frederick Day treble, Frederick R. Borrett 2nd, James Whiting 3rd, James Tann 4th, Egbert Borrett 5th, Ernest F. Poppy 6th, Charles T. P. Bruce (conductor) 7th, John Souter 8th. Another interesting board is the funeral peal for the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D., who wrote 'Church Bells of Suffolk,' 1890, and was for some time Vicar of Fressingfield. Frederick Brunning, who rang the treble to this peal of Plain Bob Major on September 24th, 1906, is still the captain of Eye tower.

We regret that space precludes us from giving details of other peals. Eye was certainly a much favoured tower by East Anglian ringers and other visitors, and the records in tablet, board and card bring back memories of many personalities. We hope that other towers will see that their records are copied in the same way as Supt. Claude Rush has recorded those of Eye.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	T. MARK WHITE	8
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	10
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	ROGER O. FRY	11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	6	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	†ALLAN MORGAN	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	REGINALD WOODYAT	10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	11
DENIS R. MORRIS	6	‡WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 250th peal and has now 'circled' the tower. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
†ANN BARR	2	‡FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	8
CLIVE M. SMITH	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* 200th peal. †First peal in method and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a welcome to Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, and President of the Society, after his installation as a Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	A. NEVILLE BROWN	8
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	9
GEOFFREY PEARSON	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
The first peal of Oxford T.B. Royal by all the band except the second ringer.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	T. EDWARD HARROLD	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	2	EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	COLIN P. WALKER	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
RICHARD J. CARTER	5	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan Cattell to Ann Sawbridge, which took place at All Saints' Church earlier in the day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*DORIS E. COLGATE	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	LEONARD STILWELL	8
ALBERT W. BOND	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome Rev. F. E. Walker, Vicar, to St. Nicholas. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Joan E. M. Hills.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ROLAND A. ELDRIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	6
*KENNETH D. PERKINS	2	†FREDERICK VICKERS	7
*GEORGE F. ROOME	3	†WILLIAM A. YATES	8
*ALAN C. COZENS	4	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND	9
*STANLEY F. EARL	5	†GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. G. W. C. Thomas, who is leaving the Parish after eight years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwts.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	†JOHN L. FINDON	5
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
*ROBERT W. COLE	3	‡GERALD C. HEMMING	7
BRENDA M. SMITH	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal and 50th peal together by ringers of six and seven.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	WILLIAM DICKENSON	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
HAROLD WAGSTAFF	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
Rang for the wedding of Mr. Gordon Abbott and Miss Dorothy Whyley, of Bolsover, which was solemnised previous to the commencing of the peal.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED C. HARRIS	*Treble*	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
*ROY HEAD	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	DAVID L. GULLICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Treble*	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	5
M. VIVIAN COPPING	2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	6
JOHN F. BRYANT	3	RALPH BEAUMONT	7
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RALPH BEAUMONT.
First of New Cambridge for all except tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung by band of All Souls', Halifax.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	5
FREDK. G. LEAKER	2	BRIAN GRINTER	6
STANLEY POOLE	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
Rung to celebrate the Easter festival. Also to celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	HAROLD PARKINSON	5
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	2	‡JOHN PILKINGTON	6
†JAMES W. WILLIAMS	3	LEONARD WALSH	7
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

HAROLD J. SHUCK	*Treble*	RAYMOND DUNN	5
FRANCES RAYBOULD	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
HAROLD WHITE	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*ALBERT G. HALL	4	LLEWELLYN R. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
* First peal of Stedman. 25th peal as conductor.
The quarterly peal for the Association. Rung for the Easter festival.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	‡HAROLD S. PEACOCK	6
GEORGE W. JEFFS	3	§WILLIAM T. COOK	7
†GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* 250th peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. § 50th peal and 25th peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Pamela Galley and Jeffery Fenwick, which took place in the Church immediately prior to the peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
PETER BERESFORD	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	4	VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal of Plain Bob.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	†G. HARRY BRAY	5
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich rung on these bells on December 27th, 1904; also in memoriam Charles Marshall, ringing master and steeplekeeper at this Church, who was accidentally killed on April 1st, 1949.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., April 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	FRANK E. HANSFORD	5
BRIAN GRINTER	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Heywood's Transposition. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ivor Truman and Heather Tesson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	5
†JOHN M. JELLEY	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
†ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	‡G. HARRY BRAY	7
HARRY POYNER	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Surprise.
First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
*TERRY OWEN	2	*PETER COXALL	6
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	JACK ASHCROFT	7
*DOREEN DUTTON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Southport.

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ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

A transposition from the 'Clavis.' Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ANN MANNERS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	5
GORDON R. WHEWELL	2	*LEONARD WALSH	6
JOHN PILKINGTON	3	MAURICE HOLGATE	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON R. WHEWELL.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples on the bells and by all except four and six.

Rung by the Sunday service band to commemorate the Royal visit to Accrington.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, containing 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal of Spliced for all except ringer of the fourth. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*DAVID HOPWOOD	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	*RICHARD G. OUSTON	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	ALBERT C. WENBAN	7
*MARGARET B. MESLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector of this Parish, Rev. E. H. Loasby, and Miss E. Donnelly, which took place at this Church earlier in the day.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society.)
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*DAVID R. ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	‡FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	BARRY HOLLAND	6
†DENIS HOLLAND	3	*GORDON K. CHADDOCK	7
SYDNEY J. MERRY	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 434).
Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

Arranged as a farewell peal to Canon N. S. Kidson, Vicar of Bakewell for 16 years.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
*ANN BARR	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
PETER BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	JOHN T. LOCKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	*THOMAS COOKE	5
*DENNIS R. AIREY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
*†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	*ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

The conductor's 200th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	PHILIP WEBSTER	5
MADELINE P. SMITH	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
HAROLD MARCON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

First in the method by all the band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	PETER COXALL	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	*JACK ASHCROFT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	*ERNEST MORRIS	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 50th peal of Major in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Michael D. Staniforth, of Anstey, to Margaret Pulling, which took place at York on April 9th, 1955.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
ROY WITHYMAN	2	JOHN G. AMES	6
CHARLES C. RAWDING	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

WILLIAM J. PAICE	*Treble*	BERNARD C. CASTLE	5
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE	2	STANLEY G. DAY	6
ROBERT H. BEGRIE	3	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	7
WALTER HUNT	4	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
Rung on the 16th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. N. Rance.

SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTERSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Turs., Apr. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	4
FRANK T. LONG	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung half muffled in memory of Mrs. A. E. Watson, mother of the treble ringer.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and on 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	ALEC WILSON	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
DENNIS SMEDLEY	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Sun., Apr. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Double Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JOYCE EVANS	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
*FREDA ROBINSON	2	*FREDERICK FLINT	5
†JOAN SMITH	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in four plain methods. † 25th peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band for Easter.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET JOHNSON	*Treble*	†GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal at first attempt. † 50th peal together.

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MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's—London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale; (2) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) Northumberland, Carlisle; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Ninety-four changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt.

RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*CECIL WADE	3	*JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* 50th peal together. 50th peal as conductor First peal in 29 Surprise methods by all the band.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a compliment to Arthur Wade (the conductor's son) and Betty Stevenson, who were married at Thurlby on March 26th.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. W. LAWTON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY W. LAWTON	4
J. WORTH	2	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5
B. LAWSON	3	J. W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. WORTH.

* First peal, aged 13.

Rung fully muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. J. W. L. Slack, ringer of this tower for 57 years, and tower leader for the past 10 years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's Grandsire, four Pitman's 240's, two Morris's 240's, four Price's 240's, and six extents each of Plain Bob and April Day. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTAM	*Treble*	DENIS A. FRITH	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
WALTER WESTON	3	ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half muffled as a last token of esteem and respect to Mr. Edgar Mitchell, Rector's warden, a loyal churchman and generous benefactor of St. Denis's Church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*ALICE E. J. LESTER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
GEORGE WATERMAN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

A wedding peal for Walter Fayers and Evelyn Winter, Sunday service ringers at this Church who were married on April 2nd.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY MOODY	*Treble*	†EUNICE D. OVEREND	4
*GEORGE WAREHAM	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	*PERCY BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung half muffled in memoriam Harry Carver, 54 years a ringer of Buckland Dinham who was interred there on March 7th, 1955.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Wells, London, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. D. G. MAYELL	*Treble*	HERMON J. OLIVER	4
DESMOND G. MAYELL	2	JOHN H. SITCH	5
LAURENCE H. TURNER	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a mark of esteem to Mrs. Laurence Kirk who, at the age of 91, has retired from the office of churchwarden after 26 years' service.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT KEMP	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
MICHAEL EDWARDS	2	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY W. MILLS	*Treble*	MRS. R. ROUSE	4
*MARIAN H. MILLS (15)	2	WALTER F. DOWNS	5
*MICHAEL A. MILLS (13)	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal at first attempt.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, the method being changed after each extent, and Morris's 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*REGINALD P. RICH	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
†E. JOHN WELLS	2	†‡JAMES F. DODSON	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	LAWSON B. LUING	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Doubles 'inside.'

Rung for the Pilgrimage to the New Guildford Cathedral.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTER & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	GERALD C. HEMMING	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The sixth 22 courses in fifth and 23 in sixth.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
HARRY POYNER	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

Composed by W. F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN CUPOLA OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor size 15.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	1-2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3-4
ROGER BALDWIN	5-6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

RECORD PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH

On December 27th, 1904, William Willson, of Leicester, conducted a record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston.

A peal was arranged by the present local band to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this record. This was to have been rung on December 28th, 1954. Unfortunately on the day before, whilst another peal was in progress, the gudgeon of the 2nd broke, causing the bell to fall from the frame.

Fortunately no serious damage was done and repairs have now been carried out. On Easter Tuesday the local band successfully rang a peal of Double Norwich, conducted by William Thornley, as a belated commemoration of the record peal. It was with regret that Mr. Arthur Bodycote, the steeplekeeper, was not able to ring. About an hour or so before the peal was due to commence he felt ill, and many thanks are due to Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of All Saints', Wigston Magna, who rang in his place at such short notice.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

What has happened to the Farnham District? It was a great pity that on the beautiful afternoon of April 16th only about six towers were represented at the District meeting held at Yorktown. Those absent missed an excellent tea, which had been arranged and part provided by Mr. F. J. Farr.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Paterson assisted by the Rev T. Leech. Mr. Steward was at the organ.

The Vicar also took the chair at the short business meeting. Hawley tower was also open for ringing in the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A fine spring afternoon attracted a good company to the quarterly meeting of the Northern District at Banstead on April 16th. Ringing under the guidance of the District Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), included a variety of methods. After the service an ample tea was provided by local ladies in the cricket pavilion, by permission of the Banstead Cricket Club. The short business meeting included an acknowledgment to Mr. A. C. Winn of his gift to the Association library of a copy of 'Oranges and Lemons,' by Gladys Taylor. The Master reminded the company of the 75th anniversary dinner to be held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on May 21st, and that there were still tickets left, price 15s.

Ringing continued till 8 p.m. in methods up to Bristol.

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STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Parsons 1, E. Hart 2, D. Inkpen 3, C. Wills 4, W. Hart (cond.) 5, C. Gay 6. Rung to welcome Mr. and Mrs. D. Gay, returning from their honeymoon.

OUTING

MANCHESTER YOUNG RINGERS

The bright sun and clear blue skies which greeted the 17 young ringers at Manchester on Easter Monday morning made a good start to their outing to Loughborough.

The ringing programme commenced at All Saints' Church, where they were met by Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. John Hough, from Barwell. Ringing was delayed due to a wedding but the delightful tone of these bells was soon heard to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the highlight of the morning's ringing was a touch of Stedman Caters.

After lunch a tour was made of the Loughborough Foundry and a great time was had by all the turning shop when they struck with mallets the inside of the sound bows of 12 bells standing on their crowns. Further fun and games were to be had in the Campanile and the party had a tricky time trying to handle the very light ten. A bob course of Stedman Triples was eventually achieved, and other methods successfully attempted were Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Major and a bob course of Grandsire Caters.

Due to the generosity of Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fidler the party were able to 'snatch' another tower at very short notice—St. Andrew's, Kegworth, where a good half-hour's ringing on the rather slow-going eight was enjoyed.

A visit was made to the carillon tower, but unfortunately the recital was not due to start until 6.30 and the train left at 6.40.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fidler for their hospitality.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Seldom, if ever, can three born and bred Devonians have taken part in a peal of Stedman Cinques in their native county. Such, however, was the case on April 16th at Buckfast Abbey, the ringers in question being Messrs. T. G. Myers, J. Phillips and E. J. Taylor. This was the first occasion that the two latter had ever rung together, although they learned to handle a rope within a mile of each other. Mr. Phillips comes from a famous West Down ringing family at Tawstock, and Mr. Taylor from Bishop's Tawton, on the opposite bank of the River Taw. Needless to say, both towers were, and still are, call-change strongholds.

Mr. H. D. Lister, of Stowmarket, who has recently been very ill, is now, we are happy to announce, making a good recovery.

The peal at Bakewell on April 16th was Mr. Arthur Knights' last composition of Treble Bob composed on November 28th, 1938. He composed one more peal (No. 435) but this is only true to Bristol.

Mr. R. W. Rolfe, of Bury St. Edmunds, has at Chevington a band of six young ladies, who started about two years ago and are now ringing Stedman Doubles and other Doubles methods.

A pleasing ceremony took place in St. John's Church belfry, Scunthorpe, on Easter Sunday, when Mr. F. Lord, captain, presented Mr. M. J. Kinnard, who has now left the district for East Hendred, Berkshire, with a pair of cuff links from members of St. John's band.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Trueman next come to Tiverton tower they will find a small memento of their first visit on April 3rd pasted in the visitors' book below Mrs. Trueman's signature—a small piece of confetti, one of several found on the ringing mat below the treble rope after they had left.

In the peal at Thorpe-le-Soken on April 16th, a father, son and daughter rang their first peal together. Mr. P. Mills would like to thank all those who made this achievement possible, particularly Mr. W. Downs, who taught them to handle a bell, Mr. E. E. Davey, who has been instructor since the band was formed in May, 1953, and all those from the surrounding villages who have given up their time to help them on practice nights. Congratulations to the Mills family!

As Princess Margaret arrived in Guildford to attend the Pilgrimage to the new Cathedral on Low Sunday the bells of Stoke Parish Church were being rung. It was the last 15 minutes of a peal of Doubles in four methods.

The Editor acknowledges the novel greeting to all beer ringers from '5,039,' posted at Utrecht Station, Holland, on April 16th. The sender is assured that it was safely received and is now on the editorial desk. Alas, its present use is for cups of tea.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards has got through his second operation safely at 14, Fitzroy Square, W.1. He has been greatly heartened by a number of ringing visitors, including Mr. Alex Young. During his illness he heard a big explosion on Easter Eve about 11 p.m. Could any London ringer enlighten him?

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Edwin Barnett on completing 60 years as a ringer at St. Paulinus', Crayford. He had been leader of the ringers there since 1932, succeeding his father, who rang at St. Paulinus' for 43 years. His 70th birthday was celebrated on April 14th, but unfortunately a peal in honour of the event on April 16th was lost 11 leads from home.

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The second session of the 27th Council (58th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 31st May, 1955, in the Palliser Martin Hall of the Cathedral School, Bristol, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Honorary Members.
   Mr. W. Rowe retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1954.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

   (a) Standing Committee.
      (i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.
      (ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.
   (b) The 'Ringing World' Committee.
   (c) Biographies Committee.
   (d) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
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   (f) Records Committee.
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   (k) Methods Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

9. To amend Rule 4, Section (ii), by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The Section to read 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the Schedule to these Rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.'

   Proposed by Mr E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MOTIONS.

10. (a) That in view of the strong predilection manifested throughout the Exercise for Bob Triples and Caters and the enjoyment and practical advantage derived therefrom, this Council, while reasserting the obvious defects inherent in the Plain Bob Method for permutations on uneven numbers of bells, agrees to withdraw all official objection to such performances, and to accord full and unqualified recognition to any peals in the Plain Bob Method irrespective of the number of bells; and that this decision be regarded as having complete and unequivocal retrospective effect.

    Proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. C. West.

    (b) That the Council accepts the method Plain Bob on odd numbers as a regular method and that peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques be included in the Peals Analysis.

    Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

    (c) That the Council withdraw the decision of 1905 regarding peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, and that if and when such peals are rung, they be recognised by the Council.

    Proposed on behalf of the Bedfordshire Association by Mr. S. Foskett, seconded by Mr. B. F. Sims.

    (d) That this Council resolves that all true peals of Bob Triples be included in the Council's Analysis.

    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

    (e) That this Council takes note of the strong expressions of feeling in the columns of 'The Ringing World' and elsewhere against the growing tendency of the Council through the Committee technicians to decide and dictate the choice of methods to be rung by ringers generally, and that this Council resolves to give advice to the Ringing Exercise as to the varying qualities of methods but to include in its analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the 'Conditions Required for Peals' as published in 'The Ringing World,' page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955.

    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

    (f) That this Council, while deprecating the ringing of peals which are not in accordance with its decisions, resolves to include in its Analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the 'Conditions Required for Peals' laid down in 1951, as subsequently amended; except that the Council is not prepared to recognise any peal rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods, or in any other way, which does not comply with its Rules and Decisions.

    Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

    (g) That in the definition of Regular Methods, Section C sub-section (2)(b), after 'No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place' the words 'in the same lead' be added.

    Proposed by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley.

    (h) That such decisions made by the Council since its inception as have not previously been rescinded or superseded be now rescinded, and that the decisions as presented to the Council at this meeting, or as may have been amended thereat, be substituted and incorporated in the Council's Handbook.

    Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

First Meeting at Llandaff Cathedral Since 1937

IN glorious weather well over 100 members and visitors spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Llandaff Cathedral, where the Association's annual meeting was held on Easter Monday. This is the first time since 1937 that a meeting has been held here. The Cathedral was destroyed by enemy action in 1941, so it has not been possible to ring here for many years. The Cathedral is now being restored and the bells have been rehung.

Promptly at 2.30 early visitors were able to start ringing, special care being given to the learners to see that they all had an opportunity for ringing, and considering the long draught of rope, their handling was surprisingly good. At 4 o'clock the service was held in the Lady Chapel. This was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas), who gave an inspiring address on the uses of bells and the responsibilities of the ringers.

The visitors were then invited to the Prebendal House, where a bountiful tea, provided by the Dean and Chapter and ladies of the parish, was awaiting them. Although the number present exceeded the names sent in, there was plenty for all. The Rev. Ivor Richards moved a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness and generosity.

At the business meeting the Dean took the chair. At the outset he extended a hearty welcome to the Association to Llandaff. The secretary read the minutes, which were accepted as correct. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed the Association to be financially sound, with a balance on the year's working of £1 3s. 9d. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary gave his report, which showed the usual fluctuating fortunes at the various towers, progress at some and not so bright at others, Bridgend and district being one of the bright spots, and the young band at Llandaff doing very well and ringing twice on Sundays. Revivals were recorded at St. Woolos', Bonvilston, Penhow, Caldicot and Pontypridd. Twenty-nine peals were rung during the year, which was a little above the average.

Mr. Fred Bailey was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) and the auditors were re-elected. The secretary mentioned that the forms of service were now in short supply—a reprint would soon be necessary. It was decided that the three secretaries together with the Rev. Ivor Richards be appointed to consider certain minor alterations to the service, and to report to the next annual meeting.

It was decided to have the Association's handbells repaired—the cost to be taken from the Bell Restoration Fund. On the question of members voting at Branch meetings other than their own Branch, it was agreed that they could vote on any matter except election of Branch officers.

Four resident and two life members were elected. Mr. David King moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his kindness and all that he had done to make the meeting an outstanding success.

The Rev. F. R. K. Hare, the new Rector of St. Denys', Rotherfield, who was taught to handle a bell by Mr. H. Goodenough, of St. Albans, arranged a ringers' service on April 17th, at which two ringers read the lessons, and two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by W. Rogers 1-2, T. E. Sone 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6, F. H. Hicks 7-8, R. Overy 9-10.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. C. R. Harding the New Master

MR. C. R. HARDING, of Bristol Rural, was elected Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at the annual general meeting held at Tewkesbury on April 16th. He succeeds Mr. A. L. Barry, of Gloucester, who has held the office for two years and did not seek re-election. There was an attendance of 129, the retiring Master presiding. The Rev. W. F. Burlton, Cromhall, opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Mr. W. Dyer, Mr. F. Ponting (vice-presidents), Miss D. Shepherd (Stroud) and Group Captain T. V. Lister.

The Master's report stated that there had been a sharp decline in peals rung during the past year—43 on tower bells as against 58 in 1953. A few more young conductors were needed. The B.B.C. had made a recording of Gloucester Cathedral bells, to be used on their European service, and a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The hon. secretary's report stated that membership was slightly increased and was now bordering on 1,100 members. The balance sheet, reported the treasurer, showed that the funds of the Association had increased from £318 to £375.

These reports had already been published and they were accepted on the proposition of Mr. E. F. Hancock, seconded by Mr. T. Borcham. A report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle was presented by Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following ten members, who had died in 1954, were remembered: J. C. Acock, Northleach; R. Sharp, Avening; W. Banyard, Bisley; G. E. Risbey, Woodchester; F. Curtis, Winterbourne; Mrs. C. V. Roberts, Wickwar; J. W. Davies, Lydney; A. Hale, Tirley; G. Pearce, Bristol.

Officers elected for 1955 were:—Vice-presidents: Mr. H. V. Robinson (Wickwar) and Mr. A. L. Barry were added to the present list. The members then learned of the death that day of the Rev. M. Paterson (Bristol); the meeting stood in silence and the secretary was asked to convey the Association's condolences to the relatives. Two of the absent vice-presidents, Mr. Sidney Romans and the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Weston-super-Mare), who were in ill-health, were sent the good wishes of the meeting.

In accordance with rules, two nominations were received for the post of Master. They were Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol City) and Mr. C R. Harding (Bristol Rural). A ballot resulted in Mr. Harding's election by 62 to 56 votes.

Other elections were:—Hon. secretary, Mr. F. Skidmore; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. G. Riches; hon. peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; hon. auditors, Mr. E. F. Hancock and Mr. J. M. Stallard. To the Management Committee were elected:—Mr. J. M. Stallard, Mrs. D. M. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Hooper (all Bristol), Mr. W. H. Truman (Swindon), Mr. P. E. Baker (Cheltenham), Mr. G. Kilminster (Cheltenham), Mr. W. A. Lewis (Berkeley) and Mr. A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe) were elected hon. life members.

NEW MASTER INVESTED

Amid applause, the new Master was invested with his chain of office by Mr. F. Oakhill and Mr. F. G. Leaker was the first to congratulate him.

Thanking the members for his election, Mr. Harding promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Association. He considered a great honour had been conferred on the Bristol Rural Branch, of which he was chairman, and backed by the loyalty of both officers and members he had no fears for the future.

The secretary outlined the arrangements made for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Bristol, and the Master said that no stone had been left unturned to see that matters run smoothly, and that the Council would be able to look back for years to come on their visit to Bristol.

The next annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on April 7th, 1956.

Under any other business, Mr. A. L. Barry congratulated the Master on his election and hoped he would have a successful term of office. He said that he had received a casket to carry the Chain of Office, but as that was somewhat cumbersome, he had made a leather case which he would present to the Association if they cared to accept. The offer was received with many thanks. Mr. Barry also referred to the College Youths' visit to Bristol this year, and said the Bristol ringers were arranging a dinner, and that anyone who would like to attend should contact Mr. A. Tyler, Bristol, who was at present in the room.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston congratulated Mr. Charlie Gardiner, who was 83 and still able to attend these meetings, and he hoped he would be able to do so for some years to come.

A NEW 1000-PEAL RINGER

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, rang his 1000th peal at Dartford, Kent, on April 18th. The Exercise will extend to him its warmest congratulations. His first peal was rung on January 10th, 1920.

Mr. Kynaston also asked if anyone could enlighten him on who were the Gloucester Guild of United Church Bell Ringers, as performances had appeared in 'The Ringing World' under this heading. Mr. Barry said that some of these ringers were members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and some were not.

ASSOCIATION'S HANDBELLS

Mr. E. F. Hancock (Bristol) asked if the handbells which belonged to the Association could be placed under proper supervision, as no one at present seemed to know where they were.

The secretary explained that steps had been made to get them together, but if they wanted such a thing done they would have to appoint a curator, who would be responsible for their care. Some were at Bristol partly in the care of Mr. E. J. Brown, of St. Philip's, and the remainder and the stand for same were in the ringing chamber of St. Thomas' Church, the ring consisting of 21 bells and stand, which was presented to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds by Mr. Cockey in memory of his father, the late Mr. A. Cockey, and became the property of the Gloucester and Bristol Association when the United Guilds were wound up.

Mr. C. Rouse proposed that the bells should be placed in the hands of trustees, who should be the Master, hon. secretary and Mr. F. G. Leaker. This was seconded by Mr. C. Rawlings and carried.

Mr. Truman said the bells should be shown in the Association's records and this was agreed to.

RELATION WITH BRANCHES

Mr. Skidmore appealed for more co-operation from both Branch officials and members alike, as only with the fullest support from all concerned could the branches work properly and become an asset to the Association. He asked people to bury their personal differences for the good of the cause to which they had set their hand.

The Master referred to the report and what had happened in the Chippenham Branch, and asked for the fullest support at a meeting which had been arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, to see if the Branch could be placed on a sound footing again.

Mr. Chew (North Forest Branch) tendered the thanks of Redmarley Church Council to the Association for its grant of £10 towards their bell restoration.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for the way the affairs of the Association had been managed during the past year.

MAYOR AT TEA

The Rev. W. F. Burlton closed the meeting with prayer, when a move was made for tea, which had been kindly prepared by the local ringers under the auspices of Mr. J. Beech, Tewkesbury Branch secretary.

The guest of honour at the tea was the Mayor of Tewkesbury, supported by the Association's new Master, Mr. C. R. Harding, and other officers. The Mayor gave the Association a hearty welcome to the ancient borough of Tewkesbury.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor of Tewkesbury, to the Vicar (the Rev. B. Purfoy) for the use of the Abbey bells and for conducting the service which was to come at 6 p.m., also to Group Captain T. V. Lister for having everything ready in the belfry, and last, but not least, to Mr. J. Beech and his committee, who had worked very hard for a long time past to ensure that this meeting should be one to be long remembered by those who were present.

The service in the Abbey was a grand finale and most inspiring, the Vicar commented on the wonderful singing by the congregation and said he had not heard so good from the nave since he had been at the Abbey.

Ringing was enjoyed by most during the evening, when the visitors left for their homes after a very happy and pleasant day. F. S.

FARNINGHAM RINGERS' SUPPER

A souvenir copy of the New York 'Herald-Tribune' carrying the full news of Sir Winston Churchill's retirement, one of a number which American airlines flew over to London in view of the newspaper strike in Fleet Street, was produced at Farningham (Kent) bellringers' annual steak-and-mushroom-pie supper at the Bull, Farningham, recently.

After quoting extracts of some of Sir Winston's famous wartime speeches, Mr. Bernard Drew, who brought the paper along, suggested that the company should draw lots for it. This was done, and the paper was won by Mr. W. Wingate, a ringer at Farningham for nearly 50 years.

Another interesting item was the presentation of a wedding present to Mrs. Betty Scott, daughter of Mr. Bert Bates, the tower captain. The Vicar of Farningham (the Rev. G. M. Young), who presided, spoke of Mrs. Scott's varied interests in the village, and on behalf of the company wished her and her husband a long and happy life.

Mr. Young referred to the death of Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., who had been the guest of honour at last year's supper, and spoke of the interest in ringing of several young men and women in the village.

The meat pies, excellently cooked by Mrs. Gwen Chitham, were followed by sweets and coffee. Then the company, which included, as well as ringers, members of the choir, Mr. Lace (a churchwarden) and the verger, fell to yarning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank 'C. C.' for the able explanation of the points at issue which fills the leader of your paper of April 15th.

If the councillors think as I do (and, knowing some of them, that's too much to hope), there is no doubt that the Art will not suffer through the application of too much mathematical science.

However, the fate Bob Triples suffers at the hands of the Council at Whitsun does not worry me unduly. Whatever they do will not affect my principal interest in ringing at the moment, namely, the maintenance, in face of many difficulties, of a Sunday service band at a small parish church.

My immediate concern is as to why some influence should now seek to enforce the dogmatised burblings of a 1903 committee which in practice have been ignored ever since.

It is well that members of the Council should ask themselves 'Why is the matter raised now?' and for enlightenment turn their minds to the following facts:—

George R. Newton, a very respected member of the Council, died in 1953, and a peal of Bob Triples, half-muffled, was rung to his memory by members of the Chester Guild.

Before the issue of the 1953 Peals Analysis somebody persuaded the committee that Bob Triples should not be included in the published tables, in consequence of which the convener of the committee thought it necessary to ask for a special ruling at the Newcastle meeting.

In the Chester Guild's 1953 report (which must have been drafted before and probably was in the hands of the printers at the time of the Newcastle meeting) some influence persuaded the compilers to relegate the Newton 'In Memoriam' peal to a secondary place in the Honours List and further, to its eternal shame, subsequently persuaded the Chester Guild at its annual meeting to accept the report with a note that that particular peal did not conform, etc.

In view of the fact that no decision was arrived at at Newcastle, surely it was not necessary for the Chester Guild to choose the year 1953 as the time for an attack on Bob Triples.

Why was it done? Well, perhaps someone with a better knowledge of the internal affairs of the Chester Guild than I will tell you.—Yours, etc.,

G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the method recently rung as Macclesfield Surprise Major and published in 'The Ringing World' of March 4th, appears in Corrigan's Collection as Hornchurch (No. 165). As far as I can tell, no peal of Hornchurch has ever been rung, so that, effectively, the method has been renamed Macclesfield. Perhaps someone will be able to confirm this.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middx.

CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—In 'A Book About Bells' by the Rev. George S. Tyock, B.A., I came across the following old jingle:—

Northern sweet music
And Didsbury pans,
Cheadle old kettles
And Stockport old cans.

Perhaps our Cheshire friends can enlighten us about Northern bells, maybe Northender was meant.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Sherwood.

PEAL RINGING IN COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. Dove for the information he gives about towers in Lancashire. I regret that I, inadvertently, bring to light some of the very few errors in his book, but I am certain that no one would wish him to feel worried about that. As I write my articles, I am more and more grateful for his book and also more and more amazed at the essential accuracy of it. Ringers owe him a great debt of gratitude for the compilation.

As for Mr. Cave's remarks, I had hoped that, by now, it would be generally realised that my figures apply only to 1881 onwards (when 'Bell News' was first published). Thus peals older than that are not included. I am collecting now the earlier peals and hope, one day, to have as complete a record as possible of all peals rung since the first in 1715. I am, therefore, very grateful to Mr. Cave for his list, several of which I have not got. On the other hand, I appear to have six which do not appear in his list—1831, 1850 (2), 1854, 1882 and 1884). I have also marked one of the three peals in 1936 as false. I should be very pleased if we could compare notes.

Re the footnote to the peal at Walsall (200th peal) I find I have 180 since 1881, but I also have located 30 before that date, making a total of 210. Again I should be very pleased to compare notes with Mr. Howell or whoever is interested in the records.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PEALS AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—The account by Mr. Felstead of 'Peal Ringing in Leicestershire' makes very interesting reading. There is one very small point I should like to correct.

Mr. Felstead states that South Wigston was a six-bell tower last century, whereas the eight bells were installed as a complete ring in 1901. The 50th anniversary of the 17,104 Double Norwich was not rung until April 12th, 1955.

Incidentally, Mr. Felstead mentions that 29 peals were rung from 1901 to 1913, 31 from 1919 to 1940 and 43 since 1944. Of these 43 no less than 20 were rung during 1953 and 1954 (10 each year) so the average certainly is better!—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston.

RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Ringing in Derbyshire.' I should be very pleased if the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead would go through the list of peals rung at Ilkeston again, as our peal book gives the number as 89, and not one more peal for the 100th. Our tower secretary passed away some time ago and I have been hunting the peals up and find 96 peals in all—the first five peals being rung on the bells in the old tower, which was taken down and removed in 1909 and 1910.

The 89th peal (Superlative) was rung in November, 1948, and from reports I find that seven more peals have been rung.

The ring of eight bells was installed in 1902 and the Rev. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman in 1905, the other peals being two of Grandsire, one of Bristol and one of Plain Bob. There were only five bells in the tower up to 1902, when two trebles and a tenor (16½ cwt.) were added. All the bells were recast at Loughborough in 1910. Just fancy wearing a ring of bells out in seven years! Not many bands have done that!!—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

METHODS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir,—I have read with care and interest the letter by Mr. E. L. Humphriss in a recent issue and perhaps I might be allowed modestly to comment on the points raised. Much of my time has been occupied in giving instruction. At the moment, with generous help from good ringers, I am trying to raise an eight-bell band from scratch. I will take the matters raised in order.

(i.) Rounds should not be attempted until the pupil can not only handle his bell but refrain from looking for the sally. Whether the blackboard blue line is an asset or not, I can't say, as I haven't tried it. In my opinion change ringing on handbells should **follow** tower bell efficiency. A different technique is required, and many of us know men whose handbell ringing is as near perfection as may be, yet whose tower bell ringing falls short of the ideal standard.

(ii.) I **believe** in rounds and call changes. They **do** help on eight bells to get thoroughly grounded the idea of 'sixteen blows and a space.'

(iii.) There are two kinds of dodging—even-bell and odd-bell. In my opinion it is wholly wrong to introduce even-bell dodging into odd-bell methods. The protagonists of Bob Triples should consider whether in taking this step from Minor to Major it will not suffer the fate of many short cuts. One can accept even-bell dodging on five bells, for if a band has only five bells, there is nothing else to do in order to vary the monotony.

(iv.) I have always taught Grandsire first. It is musical, and if the learner goes to another tower as a visitor, he is always sure that the band, if it rings changes at all, can oblige him with Grandsire. My pupils never have to jump from the treble to inside, because they **start** inside. In my opinion again, it is essential to have a treble rung accurately among learners. There is not, I have found, any particular difficulty in approaching the job in this way, particularly if only one learner is involved. May I, at this juncture, say plainly that I do not like 'standing behind.' A learner, properly prepared, should be able to stand on his own feet. The people who stand behind are probably presumptuous if they assume that they can synchronise their instructions with the working of the learner's mind. Of course, extraordinary situations must be met in extraordinary ways.

(v.) Nearly all good ringers are willing, nay anxious, to help. I must admit, however, here and now, that there is one type of learner, fortunately rare, which I actively try to restrain. It is the kind which always wants to ring something beyond its capabilities of the moment. One of this type is always a passenger in the band, a nuisance to his fellow ringers, and is frequently a cause of dissension. The majority of learners is very diffident, and needs much encouragement to attempt anything new, though it may well be within its powers.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

PEALS THE BACKBONE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of week ending April 15th, there were only 11 peals to report, which occupied one page. It was, however, very noticeable that more compositions than usual were published, and that space for quarter peals far exceeded normal.

This makes it quite clear, I think, that publication of peals is the backbone of 'The Ringing World.' Therefore I think that it is ridiculous to expect peal ringers to pay for the publication of their efforts, a thing which would simply discourage people to ring peals and, judging by this copy, would probably cause the size of our paper to decrease.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. LEES.

Dudley, Worcs.

LETTERS—Continued

LAMBERT'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. O. Fry, on page 236 of 'The Ringing World,' J. A. Lambert's Variation is as follows:—

23456	W	B	H
23564	—	—	3
23645	—	—	3
26435	—		2
32465	—		3

Three times repeated. Single halfway and end. The singles can be called at the first wrong in the first and third parts.

Many years ago when J. A. Lambert was living in Surrey and ringing with Dr. A. B. Carpenter he gave him his composition, who at once proved it, and told him it was a variation of J. R. Pritchard's This was between 1887 and 1904. I do not know when it was first rung to a peal but on November 2nd, 1921, I stood in a peal at Mitcham when it was called by another of my uncles.—Yours truly, ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Horsmonden.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—Could we, through your paper, ask for guidance on the practice of ringing half-muffled for Sunday services when a Sunday comes between a death and a funeral?

I should emphasise that being a village (pop. 700) with no other religious denomination most people claim some connection with the church, and consequently feel that they ought to be considered.

There is a local custom (not unique to this village) adhered to by some of us that the bells should not be rung 'open' when an unburied body lies in the parish. On the other hand, the Vicar and the remainder of us maintain that service ringing is 'pro Deus' and consequently should be open.

We always cancel practices and special ringing should they occur between the death and the funeral.

If, however, the deceased was in any sense of the word a church person, we try to, and usually do, ring a half-muffled touch in the evening after the funeral.

Now, sir, are these two marks of observance sufficient or should Sunday service ringing be affected as well?—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. LAWTON.

Silsoe, Beds.

A LEARNER'S LAMENT

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate 'Semi-Able' on his letter appearing in the issue of April 15th? The subject of his letter is one which **must** be given serious consideration by us all if the Exercise is to survive and flourish, which indeed should be the foremost objective of all active ringers.

How often do we attend a practice or a ringing meeting and find the usual reluctance amongst many of the 'older hands' (some of them well-known ringers) to stand in when rounds, Plain Bob or Grandsire are called for, yet upon the announcement of that magic word 'Surprise' they appear as if from nowhere, together with the local expert who invariably makes a beeline for the tenor rope!

Whatever our capabilities as ringers (and, surely, are we not all learners in one degree or another?), let us not lose sight of the fact that the future of our art depends entirely upon the newcomers of to-day. It is, therefore, of paramount importance that they be given every encouragement at all the practices and meetings they attend. After all, the beginner has gone to just as much trouble to 'look up' a plain course of Bob Minor as the more experienced ringer has gone to in order to 'look up' London.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. J. C. BIRT.

SCIENCE AND ART

Dear Sir,—I take up my infrequent pen because I was so struck with the 'leader' initialled 'C. C.' It gave me great pleasure. I think that of late they have shown us good writing, thought and given us 'furiously to think' for ourselves.

Yes, 'Science and Art.' I have been a certified lecturer in both, viz., building construction and architecture (history and design). My national bronze medal, 1886, reads 'for proficiency in science.' In the Arts I got 'Excellent with mention in report.'

I love architecture, music and archæology. I look upon the first two as governed by æsthetic consideration, and the last ruled by the scientist's knowledge. I think our Exercise to be a beautiful blend of both.

Take a bellfounder. At the beginning of the 17th century (a critical point of change in Europe) he changed the shape and tone of his bell i.e., by giving it a 'minor seventh' hum note, which is just within the octave previously aimed at. It was difficult because he had to rely upon his ear (and ears vary). He was evidently a musical artist, practising his art!

But 300 years later a scientist comes along with all his instruments and exact knowledge and says 'No, what you are aiming at is the ratio with the tonic of 24 to 25—the minor seventh, which has the peculiar harmonic character which you have been trying to get by ear.' It seems that, after all, the bellfounder—like the architect—was both scientist and artist combined.

Unfortunately I know nothing about composition, but I do like to hear seven bells, well struck, with intervals of the blow after the hand-change, and two blows for the lead after the other. It has a peculiar rhythm which it imposes upon the ear. Of course, the bell left out is the 3rd.

I think, too, that a method might be composed with the tenor at 5th place with the three small bells mostly lying behind it in 6, 7, 8. This would remind us of some of Bach's music. —Yours very truly,

E. ALEX YOUNG,

Bromley.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I have expected an answer to Mr. Rogers' letter ('Ringing World,' page 139) by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

With reference to the composition, it was first rung in connection with my name at Beddington, Surrey, to London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) on Saturday, April 4th, 1936, conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

Though it is well known as being connected with me, I must point out that it has a parallel in the Central Council collection of peals of Plain Bob Royal (page 237, No. 9). I did not know of this until a couple of years ago, when the fact was mentioned to me by Mr. John Worth about the Edward Francis 1894 peal. I append both peals so that they can be compared—it will be noticed that the calls are exactly the same though the course-ends differ —and to enable Mr. Rogers and anyone else interested to make their own choice. I hope Mr. Rogers is successful with his peal.

F. E. DARBY 23456	M	W	H	E. FRANCIS 23456	W	M	H
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Repeat.				Three Repeats, Single halfway & end.			

Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

WEDDINGS

At Aldrington, Sussex

Easter Monday, with beautiful sunshine, provided an ideal day for the wedding of Miss Mary Wyatt Brown to Mr. Bryan Kenneth Turnbull at St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Hove. These two young people first met while learning to ring at this church, both being members of the local band.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white lace, and was given away by her father, Mr. W. H. V. Brown, who has been churchwarden for the past seven years.

Bridesmaids were Wendy Turnbull (sister of the bridegroom), Penelope A. Cornish (the bride's godchild) and Lesley E. Cornish, who all wore dresses of blue, made by the bride. The duties of best man were carried out by Harry W. Brown (the bride's brother). Canon H. J. Mogridge (also a ringer) officiated.

The church porch was decorated with bell rope sallies, and as the happy couple left the church the local ringers rang the tower bells, and more ringers formed a guard of honour holding handbells.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, and entertainment provided by Diana Gough and Roy Brown ringing tunes on handbells, four in hand. The honeymoon was spent touring the West Country by car.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was attempted the evening before the wedding by the bride, bridegroom, bridesmaid, best man, usher and chief of the wedding ringers, but apparently their minds were not on ringing for it came to grief before the end!

The local band presented Mary and Bryan with a present and expressed their good wishes for future happiness.

At Barking, Suffolk

On April 2nd the wedding took place at St. Mary's, Barking, Suffolk, between Mr. Walter J. Fayers and Miss Evelyn Winter. Both bride and bridegroom are Sunday service ringers at this church, and the bells were rung by the local company before and after the ceremony, which was performed by the Rector (Canon S. H. De le Bere) with Mrs. De la Bere at the organ.

Following a reception at The Limes, Needham Market, the couple left for a honeymoon in Jersey. Among the many presents was one from the local company.

VISITING AMERICA

From America we learn that Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes hope to visit the handbell ringing festival at Ipswich, near Boston, U.S.A., on August 26th, 27th and 28th. Mr. E. Weatherby is making the long journey from Los Angeles to meet them

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ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Clarke 1, L. D. Young 2, T. H. Young (cond.) 3, J. E. Lloyd 4, P. H. Young 5, A. W. Preece 6. Rung for the 7 a.m. Easter morning service.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On April 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. K. Walklate 1, P. Jackson (aged 13, first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss V. Horton 3, C. Haycock (first quarter of Doubles) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Scott (first quarter) 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, R. Baldwin 3, Doris A. Banks 4, G. E. Verrill 5, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 6, F. G. Barron 7, S. A. Scott 8. Rung for Evensong; also for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and the 16th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Nobes.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: P. Flack (12) 1, P. Stacey 2, P. Hutton 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine 5, W. Collins 6, J. Dear 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except 7th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Gillian R. Parsons 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, R. I. Parsons 3, F. W. Housden 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8. First in method by 2 and 3.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Vessey 1, F. W. Vernon 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, F. W. Midwinter 4, H. Stevenson 5, L. Coldbeck 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Wiltshire 1, T. W. Harris 2, K. C. Brain (first quarter 'inside') 3, Enid A. Bond 4, S. S. Woodburn 5, F. Gooding 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Lyman 1, S. J. Jessop 2, F. Dewey 3, W. E. Clarke 4, G. Dawson 5, F. Leggott 6, D. R. Brown 7, T. Freestone 8, J. Petch 9, R. F. Brown (cond.) 10. Rung before Easter Day Evensong.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): W. Holloway 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum (first 'inside') 4, G. Keal 5, R. Kent (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Reeves, ringer at Bradfield for over 50 years.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Baggett 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Haynes 4, E. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mead 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, J. H. Lott 4, A. F. Udall 5, C. M. Meyer 6, F. P. Mead (first as cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, Elsa Murray 3, G. Thackray 4, Jean Lawn 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Carol Steel 8. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, Jennifer Ball (first 'inside') 2, G. Thackray 3, Gillian Popplewell (first quarter) 4, C. Hague 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, C. Maxfield 8

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Hoodless 1, T. Goodwin (first of Minor) 2, T. Greasley 3, A. Simpson (cond.) 4, B. Marston (first quarter) 5, G. Payne 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 11th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Daynes 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Aldridge 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. A 75th birthday compliment to F. Richardson; also a farewell to the Rev. C. B. Walker, late of St. Mary's, Woolwich, who is taking up an appointment at St. Peter's House, Cambridge.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): A. Fisher 1, D. Murfin 2, A. Mould 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, J. Murfin 5, Miss V. Horton 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Roper 1, K. Williamson 2, F. Roper (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, A. Chapman 6. First quarter by 1, 4, 5 and 6, and believed to be the first quarter on the bells by a local band.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,296 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Darnell (first quarter) 1, H. Sargent (cond.) 2, J. Hutchinson 3, Miss E. M. Bryce 4, L. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, E. Boumphrey 7, A. E. Haynes 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: K. C. Timbury 1, G. Cherry 2, E. Winters 3, R. Head (first of London) 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Palm Sunday. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): S. H. Ashton 1, P. W. Croft 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Double Oxford): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, N. Cox 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, G. Jennings 2, R. Seabrook (cond.) 3, H. Clarke (first quarter) 4, R. J. Truin 5. Rung for Evensong.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Laura M. Beeney 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, A. Goldsmith 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. Rung as a compliment to Beryl Unstead and Gerald Gadd, both well-known local ringers, on their engagement.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Mary Middlemiss, of Southam, who has left for a period in Canada, with best wishes, Mary, from your Helmdon friends.

HORNSEY, N.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Holdswort (first quarter) 1, Mary Hille 2, Eileen Fadden 3, D. Kingston 4, J. Crump (cond.) 5, W. Kingston 6.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (600 Oxford Treble Bob, 600 Kent Treble Bob, 60 Plain Bob): T. Mann 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, I. Crossland (cond.) 3, E. Stainrod 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6. Rung for the Easter festival.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, C. J. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 540 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss A. Wilson (first in three methods) 2, Miss J. M. Phillips (first as cond.) 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5. Also on April 17th, 1,380 Spliced Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham, Plain Bob and Candlesby, Winchendon and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., 360 St. Martin's and Rubgy S.C. and 540 St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.), 75 changes of method: B. B. Dibben (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Burroughs (first in 10 methods) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Vardy (first of Minor) 1, F. J. White 2, D. Sweet 3, C. Gratton (first of Minor 'inside') 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Hales 1, L. Batley 2, E. Furband 3, L. Last 4, J. Hales, jun. (first in method) 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Butcher 1, C. A. Tester 2, G. Fry 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (first 'inside' and as cond., aged 14) 5, K. S. Hohl 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Tomkins (first quarter) 1, J. Divenage 2, C. Gall (first 'inside') 3, M. Fairey 4, D. Barr (cond.) 5. Rung for Easter Sunday morning.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Simpson 1, P. Parry 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. Hartland 4, C. Geary 5, H. Makins, 6 D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. Silvey 5, Evelyn Gibson 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens 3, Miss P. Stevens (4), Mrs. E. S. Powell 5, R. Winter 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. First quarter on eight for 2, 4 and 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, M. W. Lewis 2, W. L. Exton 3, F. W. Midwinter 4, S. L. Barley 5, C. J. Copp 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. K. M. Knight 1, F. W. Burnett 2, R. Baldwin 3, E. W. Keys 4, H. Poyner 5, R. G. Leale 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, F. A. Munday (cond.) 8.

POWICK, WORCS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cole 1, M. Trumper (first 'inside') 2, D. Trumper (cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, D. Brickell 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for Evensong.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. White 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung to celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. Jonathan Pilling (April 10th, 1955).

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On April 17th, 1,259 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 719 Grandsire): P. Jackson (aged 13, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Walklate 3, A. Thompson 4, V. Horton 5, J. Foster 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Day (first quarter) 1, G. Johnson 2, H. Wittering 3, C. Stubbington 4, W. Lawrence 5, W. Brown 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, J. Aldous 8.

STRATFORD, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, J. A. Hales 2, A. E. Hoare 3, L. Batley 4, J. Hales 5, E. D. Smith 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Dobbie 1, W. Rogers 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, R. Overy 4, W. Dobbie 5, R. Mitchell 6, F. H. Hicks 7, Rev. F. R. K. Hare (first quarter) 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Vincent (first quarter) 1, K. Clark 2, Miss Clayton (Harrow Weald) 3, Miss M. Davis 4, C. Woodley 5, Police Sergt. Rundle 6, R. Woodley (cond.) 7, P. Davis 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. N. Oakeshott (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, Miss A. Culpin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, J. F. Olney (cond.) 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. Rung within the Octave of Easter.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Bracey 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Moore 7, C. Sherwood 8. Rung for evening service, and in honour of a former Rector (the Ven. W. A. Parker), president of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, who on Easter Monday was installed Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral; also on the birth of a son to the wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Renson 1, F. Elsome 2, A. Leggett 3, D. Peacock 4, A. Payne 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Adams (churchwarden of Overchurch) and Miss M. Welch, married that day.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooten 3, A. Butcher 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2, and the first quarter on the bells since restoration. Rung for the second anniversary of restoration.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, after evening service, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 420 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): O. Pole 1, R. Short 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Sweet (first quarter) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (extent each of Oxford and Kent): Anne Holmes 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. D. Graham (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, Mary Fuller 4, M. Fuller 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. F. Hough (Rector) and Mrs. Hough, who are leaving for Folkestone after 8½ years at West Wickham.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Devenish 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung as a token of respect for Edwin Brickell, father of the 7th ringer, who died on Tuesday in Holy Week.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: M. Hendy 1, S. Higgs 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. First quarter in the method on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, A. C. Jeanes 2, Miss J. Dunton (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 3, R. Moore 4, T. E. Marks 5, L. Parris 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Gaylard 8.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK WARRINGTON

The passing of Mr. F. Warrington at his home at St. Ives on Sunday, April 17th, at the early age of 61, robs the Ely Association of one of its most enthusiastic and well respected members.

Deceased had not enjoyed good health during the last five years through cardiac trouble, which needed frequent hospital treatment. Seen four days before, Sunday, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, by two members of the Association, he was most cheerful, and it was indeed a shock to learn of his demise so quickly.

The funeral service, which was held at the Parish Church, was fully choral, and well attended by upwards of 60 members, officers of the Association and friends. The hymns 'The King of Love' and 'Abide With Me' were impressively sung by both choir and congregation. The bells were half-muffled, and many of his old associates joined in ringing before and after the service. As the cortege left for Cambridge, where cremation took place, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major (deceased's favourite method) was rung.

Ringing his first peal at Over, 1923, conducted by the late Wilfrid Hooton, he quickly grasped the principles of ringing and before the year had ended succeeded in calling his first peal of Doubles at Fenstanton. From then on he was in the forefront helping beginners. With the bells at Over augmented to eight in 1931, he soon got busy and scored the first peal of Major with an entirely local band, which rapidly progressed under his tutelage to ring their first Surprise peal in January, 1933.

On his removal to St. Ives during World War II. he soon interested himself in the bells and choir of the Parish Church, and few Sundays passed without a quarter peal for services. Altogether he rang 470 peals, 399 of which are recorded in the Association's reports. Besides ringing, he held office as District secretary 1927-34, Central Council representative 1936-47, and Hunts District Ringing Master to the time of his death. His last peals at Holywell and St. Ives last December included three 'firsts in the method.'

He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss, and of his work for the Ely Association it can be truly said he gave of his best unselfishly and in the interest of others. He will be gratefully remembered by all. R.I.P.

T. R. D.

THE REV. J. CRICHTON MELVILLE

The unexpected passing of the Rev. J. Crichton Melville, Vicar of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, is deeply regretted by local ringers.

When he came to Walton in 1944 he found that the bells had been silent for years and needed rehanging. The great improvement in Walton belfry is largely due to his keen desire that ringers should have a good-going set of bells to ring in a decent ringing chamber.

There was a crowded church for the funeral service on April 21st, a tribute to a fine outstanding character.

His ringers sent a wreath and rang half-muffled before the funeral service. In the evening a quarter peal was attempted with half-muffled clappers, but owing to the 3rd slipping wheel, it was not successful and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was substituted. The following ringers were in attendance: Mrs. Lathbury, Mrs. Price, Miss N. E. Shorter, Messrs. P. Alderton, W. Alderton, G. Curtis, M. Jackson, R. Lathbury, S. Price and W. Shepherd.

W. S.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: A. Pointon 1, A. Cotterel 2, F. Holdcroft 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Bourne 5, R. Cumberlidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. M. Hall, wife of the tower captain.

MR. EDGAR MITCHELL

With the passing of Mr. Edgar Mitchell at his home, The Manor House, on April 11th, aged 73, Silk Willoughby, and especially the church, has lost a kind and most generous friend. No matter what activities or rejoicings took place in the village, local or national, Mr. Mitchell always took a prominent lead.

In October, 1945, he presented to the church, in memory of his beloved parents and sister, three new bells to make a lovely ring of six, thus adding the crowning glory to an already beautiful church. So passes from our midst to his eternal rest a loved personality, one who will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

May his soul rest in peace.

JAMES H. MUSSON.

MRS. REEVES

Mrs. Reeves, a member of the first band of women ringers in the country, died at Bradfield, Berkshire, on April 12th. She had rung at Bradfield for over 50 years. In her last peal, at Goring-on-Thames, in 1935, all those taking part were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. At her marriage to Captain Reeves, then secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 1916, she conducted her own touch of 720 Plain Bob.

The funeral took place on April 18th. A short touch was rung after the funeral by the following: Miss Stella Davis (Bucklebury, representing the Guild) 1, F. Brooks (Bradfield) 2, J. Butler (Bradfield, conductor) 3, A. Arlott (Beenham) 4, G. Keal (Bradfield) 5, W. Holloway (Bradfield) 6.

THE REV. MARWOOD PATERSON

We regret to record the passing of the Rev. Marwood Paterson, late Vicar of St. Thomas-the-Martyr's, Bristol, who died on April 16th at the age of 83. A past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Paterson was a very likeable personality and a great friend to all ringers, especially in the Bristol area. The funeral was on April 19th at St. Thomas' Church, followed by cremation at Bristol Crematorium. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was represented by the Master (Mr. C. R. Harding), Mr. Fred G. Leaker, Mr. A. V. Bennett (Bristol City Branch secretary) and several others. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege was leaving the church. Bristol ringers have lost a very good friend.

MR ERNEST NIDD

A lifelong member of the St. Wulfram's Band of Change Ringers, Grantham, Lincs, Ernest Nidd died on April 7th, aged 76. He was a regular and punctual member and gave good service in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner for over 50 years.

The funeral took place on April 13th, conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. H. Leeke) and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers. He leaves a widow, a daughter and a son, who is the present verger of St. Wulfram's.

Kent County Association

A very successful by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Ash-by-Wrotham on April 16th, when some 30 members enjoyed this handy ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.).

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Vigo, Vicar of Ash and Ridley, and the excellent tea was kindly given. Mr. S. Rayfield, Ringing Master of Queensborough, thanked the Vicar for his welcome, and the local ringers and helpers who had made the meeting a success.

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BIRTH

RETTER.—On April 14th, 1955, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Quenie (nee Pring) and George E. Retter, the gift of a daughter (Ann Catherine), sister for Margaret. 6242

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

During school terms the address of Mr. Roger Leigh is now: c/o The Grammar School, Hindley, near Wigan, Lancs. 6224

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, set of 19 handbells by J. Shaw and Son, Bradford, Yorks (No. 15 D is missing, tenor F). Apply Rev. J. S. Boulter, Satterthwaite Vicarage, Ulverston, Lancs. 6262

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service? Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6195

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 6189

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Quarterly meeting, Marden, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. 6254

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 30th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 3-5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Mary-atte-Bow 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at Kingbury (Blackbird Cross—buses 52 and 83 pass church) on Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Hendon (Church Road and near bus garage) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 6200

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Sowerby (recast octave), Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Business meeting to follow, and bells afterwards.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke-under-Ham (6), Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please advise for tea, before May 3rd, Mr. M. J. Pryor, Derry, Waterside, Marple.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 6249

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Bees (8), Saturday, May 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Hexham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Abbey Hotel (price 4s.). Names for tea, by May 5th, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6213

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — May 7th, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 6236

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, May 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, by May 4th, to John Beams, 4, Cottage Road, W. Ewell.—A. H. Smith. 6216

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Lyonshall, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, by May 3rd, to J. Price, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 6227

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hynton Bridge, King's Langley. 6239

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge (5) May 7th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must inform Mrs. Blackburn, Blue Anchor Inn, Ruckinge, by May 3rd, specifying this meeting.—W. P. G. 6203

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Doreen Dutton, 1, Cockle Dick Lane, Southport, Lancashire.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 6229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Scorton (8 bells), Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 2.30-7-30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 6252

MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham (10), May 7th, 3 p.m. Dinner 7.30. Names, please, to D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 6208

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich, Saturday, May 7th. Service at St. Andrew's 4; preacher the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Tea St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Vital agenda, election of new president and new general secretary. Names for tea, before April 29th, to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 17, The Close, Norwich (tea 2s. 6d.; 1s. 6d. to those at school). Bells: Mancroft (13) 3.15-3.45 and 7-9; St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8) St. John de Sepulchre (8). St. George Colegate (6), 1.30-3.45 and 7-9.—Gilbert Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 6148

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch to be held at Benson has been **postponed** until Saturday, May 7th. Names for tea, by May 3rd, to H. Badger, Branch Sec. 6116

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Maids-Moreton, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on May 7th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6223

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Castor, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Names for tea by May 3rd, please.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6194

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Bromham (6), Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6244

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Bolsover, May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 5th, to Mr. A. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, near Bolsover.—J. Seager, Sec. 6155

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, May 7th, at Langar (5), 2.30 to 4.30, and Granby (5) 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Langar from Nottingham (Broad Marsh) 2.18 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Boot and Shoe, Granby. Names by previous Tuesday to me. — C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6218

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Godstone, May 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by May 4th, to A. K. Wood, 18, White Cots, Holland, Oxted.—C. Champion, Miss D. Colgate, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6211

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 7th, at The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Ringing: The Good Shepherd 3-4.30; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-3.45 and 7.30-8.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who forward individual names to me not later than Wednesday, May 4th. — R. W. R. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingham, Eastbourne. 6192

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Titchfield, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Parish Room. Names, by May 3rd, to Mr. Love, 2, Bridge Street, Titchfield. 6243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby Abbey on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (10) available 2-4.30 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Audit in Hawdon Institute 11 a.m. Service in Chancel 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. in Hawdon Institute, followed by general meeting. Names, by May 5th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6205

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston (6) on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Bath. 6184

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Pencombe, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 6251

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Apsley (6), May 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by the 11th. — R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in the Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to J. H. Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6260

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bride's Major on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Secretary, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. 6245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, May 2nd, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 7.15 p.m. Saturday, May 14th, St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Evensong and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORdsworth 5109). 6235

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at March Baldon, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by May 10th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 6237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea, by Saturday, May 7th, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants. — F. W. Hancock. 6231

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, May 14th. Names for tea, by May 12th, to Mr. F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—E. V. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6247

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston (8), May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please send names for tea, by May 11th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston. 6234

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

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