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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

FORMED in 1889, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers has 25 affiliated church towers in membership, all of which are within a 12-mile radius of the city. The meeting of the Society recently at Christ Church, Armley, was the subject of a special article in 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' by Alfred Taylor in the series, 'Treasure in Leisure,' and it was an article which gave an admirable insight into our craft.

The author describes what to most of our readers is a familiar scene: 'Inside the whitewashed ringing chamber six men and two girls stood at the ropes. Behind them stood a dozen men, and seated round the walls another 12. A notice said, "No Talking," so I stood and watched. The ringers' eyes were on each other and the circle round the wall sat silently engrossed, listening to the ringers from St. Peter's and St. Michael's, Holy Trinity and St. Paul's.

'The bell ropes, £4 apiece when new, flashed smoothly up and down. Now and then the leader (they call him the conductor) cried 'Bob' and changed the sequence, starting to weave a new pattern of sound. The ropes have long woollen hand grips and end knobs in red, white and blue. The end knob, peculiar to Yorkshire, is known as Billy, or Yorkshire End. The hand grip is known as the sally.

'The life in the bell runs down the rope to the hands of the ringer and each bell has its individual character. Experts from one church have to get acquainted with the bells when they ring in another. It is like making new friends.

'The ringers come from all sections of society—schoolmasters, miners, housewives, schoolgirls, engineers, clerks. They range from teenagers to men like Mr. Harry Lofthouse, of Christ Church, Armley, who served 30 years as secretary to the Society before he handed over to Mr. I. Slack. The physical part is not strenuous. Miss Sheila Schofield, a Leeds High School girl, rings at Leeds Parish Church and can handle the 17 cwt. tenor bell of the light eight.

'The mathematical part is difficult. You take a year to get the hang of it, after which you are learning all your life. It is not a case of counting numbers and memorising things, but more of watching all your partners and understanding the pattern you are tracing in sound.

'For centuries church bells have been linked with national and local events, and the books in some towers are historic documents. Leeds Parish Church record book, for instance, tells of ringing for Queen Victoria's visit to the Town Hall, for Parliamentary elections, and for the opening of the first Assize held in Leeds. It also records the hanging of two men at Armley Jail in front of a crowd of 10,000. . . .'

The Leeds Society should certainly get some inquiries about ringing from such an entertaining article. 'Bell-ringing is not a dying art,' Mr. Slack told Mr. Taylor. 'There is a lot of young blood in it and women are taking it up in increasing numbers.' This is perfectly true. The difficulty, however, is of retaining all but the very enthusiastic. At Liverpool Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss in a letter this week states that for his next bunch of learners he is thinking of calling for half a dozen over fifties and adds that the youngsters have too many attractions. There are, fortunately, towers famed for their young ringers, and Mr. Harry Sanger tells of the youngsters of Evercreech. Here a band of an average age of 15 rang the service touch of Grandsire Caters. The secret is to make the young ringer enthusiastic. Judging from reports received from many parts of the country, the youth of Britain are interested in our art, and many of our leading ringers of to-day look to the future of change ringing with confidence.

LINES BY AN OLD RINGER

By James Young, a member of the Boreham band in the last century.

My old mate Joe and I were ringers you'll hear
We rang in Boreham tower over fifty long years,
When ringing was due we strove to be there
And tried to ring with hand and ear.

Change ringing was our hobby from the time we were young
And we liked to be where change ringing was done,
We travelled these Dioceses far around,
To country villages and large towns.

We rang at Colchester, West Ham and Leigh,
Chelmsford, Harwich, Halstead and Braintree,
Maldon, Baddow, Bentley and Barking,
Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Stanford and Bocking.

Our Company all went to Hornchurch one day
And rang a good peal I am happy to say,
We were well received by the people there,
From the Brewery they sent us a bushel of beer.

To drink it all we were not able, for at dinner
Another half bushel was placed on the table,
So we shared it round with jokes and fun
Then showed them how good ringing was done.

It was on my 81st birthday
I attained the desire of my heart,
In our tower was rang a three hour peal,
In which I took a part.

My mates have all been called to rest,
And I am now the last one left,
In the old churchyard neath the bright green sod
They sleep till awaked by the Angels of God.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Walker (79th) and Sidney O'C. Holloway (39th).

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
ALBERT W. COLES	3	HENRY J. SANGER	9
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	11
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6	†WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 675th peal.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
Ou Mon., May 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

BROOKE K. LUNN	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JOHN CHILCOTT	6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
To the Glory of God and to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Diocese of Southwark. Rung by request of the Provost.

TEN BELL PEALS

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
GIBSON JACKSON	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	8
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in memory of Frederick Tingle, Richard Duffield and James Metcalf, all former members of the local band.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
TOM W. SHEPPARD	3	†RAYMOND WINTER	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	9
*LEONARD TREVOR	5	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY BISHOP	*Treble*	JOHN CASTELL	5
ALFRED GREENOUGH	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
FREDERICK JAMES	3	MALCOLM CLOKE	7
FREDERICK SMITH	4	WILLIAM GILKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK REED	*Treble*	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
ERNEST GARRARD	2	*PETER G. DAVIES	6
FREDK. S. SMITH	3	†WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
JACK BERRY	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Major and in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Major and in the method.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Butcher, interred that day at Benson.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan E. Jacques on the birth of a daughter.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5152 JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
The first peal in the method.

ANDOVER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	RICHARD SMITH	5
NESTA SMITH	2	OSCAR SMART	6
ALICE REED	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
NORMAN HAYES	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. M. P. Simcock and Rev. W. T. Davies, curates at the above church, who have recently left to take up duties elsewhere.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., May 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*ANN BARR	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	PETER BORDER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
PETER N. BOND	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*IAN H. ORAM	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by M. S. LANCEFIELD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*†JOHN R. COOPER	2	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5312 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 6).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Composition rung for first time.

JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
38, 14, 12, 36, 12, 38, 56, 5
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, April 28th, 1955.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEATHEROAK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's D 11/3.)

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MARY LAWRENCE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., May 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN R. COOPER	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
In memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, for many years an esteemed member of the Society.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANNOCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	DEREK JEWELL	5
FRANK WILLS	2	FRED WREFORD	6
DAVID GAY	3	ARTHUR TRUMAN	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.
The first peal on the bells.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELENA AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MISS J. BOISSARD (Girton)	*Treble*	*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	2	*R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	6
*J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus')	7
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WEATHEROAK SURPRISE MAJOR
38, 14, 12, 38, 14, 58, 34, 5
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, May 5th, 1955.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	†DENIS A. FRITH	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
*GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.'
In memoriam Mrs. Kitty Matthews.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of London. A birthday compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
*DAVID CORNWALL	2	WALTER AVERY	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
DOREEN COKER	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
MAURICE T. SYMONDS	3	WILFRID JARVIS	7
EDWARD W. ROAST	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John Symonds, son of the treble ringer and also to E. W. Furbank, of Brentwood. Denis A. S. Symonds has now 'completed the circle' at the tower.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
*JOHN E. ALLEN	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in the method.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	ROY WILKINSON	6
*THOMAS J. CLARK	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	†JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam George A. Hughes, for many years captain at this tower.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
†BARRY SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	7
*MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Betty Mansfield, of Green's Norton.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
*EDWARD J. JENNER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
†COLIN A. TESTER	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NELSON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JOHN PILKINGTON	4
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	2	WALTER WILKINSON	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	5
†GEOFFREY W. HAIR	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell compliment to Dr. W. J. Beale, Rector of Seale, and Mrs. Beale, who are leaving the parish.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DOWN	4
JOYCE MORSE	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
†THOMAS F. STONE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Cockell, licensed as priest-in-charge of South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

W. JOHN KINCHIN	*Treble*	*DAVID L. BROWN	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	ROBIN WILSON	4

MICHAEL F. AMOS .. *Tenor*
Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MARTIN WEBSTER	*Treble*	†PETER G. SMITH	4
*FRANK C. BRISCOE	2	HENRY HARDING	5
STANLEY H. WALLIS	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
MICHAEL VERNON	2	JOHN VERNON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon E. B. Redlich who is retiring from the ministry. It also marks the 27th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt.

MARGERY A. BIRCH	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	4
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	2	ALAN CARVETH	5
DOUGLAS BURNETT	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
A 9th birthday compliment to David Jose, and a farewell to Robert A. Southwood.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*BABARA SPICER	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
* First peal.
Rung with muffled clappers in memory of Frank Warrington, Hunts District ringing master 1948-1955. R.I.P.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Double and Single Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	*JACK BRAY	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	*PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* 150th peal together First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JOHN GIPSON	*Treble*	DANIEL RICHARDS	4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	2	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

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ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ALFRED E. HINMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD E. MANTON	4
G. RONALD EDWARDS	2	*J. HARRY COOK	5
*BERNARD S. PAYNE	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First of Minor in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson for the birth of their second daughter, Frances Bronwin Judith

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, three of April Day, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four of Plain Bob, eight of Old (each called differently) and twenty of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MERVYN DAY	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DOWN	4
JOYCE MORSE	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
RALPH E. W. WENBAN	3	GILBERT W. BURGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Joyce Morse.

COULSDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern District.)
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents, with four different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*GILL A. STANTON	*Treble*	†DAVID J. PARR	3
*ROGER A. DAVIDSON	2	†JOHN P. CRAWLEY	4

‡A. PATRICK CANNON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. The conductor's 375th tower for a peal.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*RICHARD J. COLES (14)	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN KING	5
*DAVID W. JAMES (15)	3	BARRIE HENDRY (15)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	4
JEAN C. BROWN	2	NORMAN HOUGH	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung for the Royal May Day Festival. Also as a compliment to S. Hough, Sen., who first rang for May Day 60 years ago and who has rung for it on fifty occasions. He conducted the conductor's first peal 21 years ago (May 5th, 1934) when the arrangement of the extents was the same as in this peal.

MONK'S ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

THOMAS BIRD	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being an extent of Single Court and three different extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
WALTER G. SOAR	2	ALAN G. FOSTER	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung to celebrate the birth of twin daughters for Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar, ringing master of the Guild.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN A. HUMPHRIES	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	4
†EMILY B. P. WALKER	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	5
‡TERENCE BARTON	3	CHARLES GRANDSEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. CHEAL.

* First peal, first attempt (age 15). † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Emily B. P. Walker, also to Trevor A. Cross, both of Rainham.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	4
JOHN A. SMITH	2	*GRAHAM T. BALL	5
JOHN VERNON	3	C. ROGER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Marian James, of Stoney Stanton.

HANDBELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., May 1, 1955, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT 7, PENNINGS AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	1-2	HARRY POYNER	3-4
JACK R. WORRALL	5-6		

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

ORPINGTON, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT 1, ABBOTS CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently Tenor size 15.

*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	1-2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3-4
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE	5-6		

Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

* First handbell peal of Minor.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Buckingham Ringers Visit the Cotswolds

For their tenth outing Buckingham ringers spent Easter Monday in the grey-stoned villages of the Cotswold country.

Ringing took place at Burford, Fairford, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Stow-on-the-Wold. It was the recently-rehung bells of Stow that the visitors pronounced were the best of the day. Miss Dorothy Palmer, of Southam, was the first feminine ringer to ring the tenor since rehanging.

All regretted the absence of Maids Moreton's veteran captain, 84-year-old Mr. Benny Jones. There were 34 in the party, including visitors from Maids Moreton, Helmdon, Wicken, Cosgrove and Southam. The methods rung included Grandsire, and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise. The admirable arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Yates, assisted by Mr. W. Townsend.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Chew Deanery Branch Corporate Communion was held at Long Ashton on April 24th, towers represented being Clutton, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wrington and Yatton.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the service, when the celebrant was the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knapman). An excellent breakfast, ably arranged by Mrs. Knight and Mr. Pullin, was afterwards enjoyed in the Parish Hall.

There was further ringing for morning service by those members who did not have to return to their own towers. M. J. H.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. W. Poston

Mr. W Poston, until recently Ringing Master of the Ross District, was the recipient of a handsome presentation of an oak clock, suitably engraved, in recognition of his leadership of the District. The presentation took place at the quarterly meeting of the District at Upton Bishop on April 23rd.

In making the presentation Mr. J. J. Webb spoke of the great work Mr. Poston had done for the Guild, and said that under his leadership the Ross District had led the way in the ringing of difficult methods not previously rung in the diocese.

Other tributes to Mr. Poston were paid by Mr. A. T. Poulton (Much Marcle), who had rung more than 100 peals with him; Mr. H. Powell (Weston), who expressed his gratitude for the training he had received at Bridstow; and Mr. A. E. Gwynne.

Mr. Poston thanked Mr. Webb for arranging the presentation, and the ringing members for their generosity.

The Rev. W. N. Tavernor (Vicar), who presided at the meeting which followed tea, had previously conducted the service.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Much Marcle.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-two ringers and friends attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Bromham on May 7th, including visitors from Bristol, Swindon, Nailsea and Chippenham. Apologies were received from the chairman (Mr. Weeks).

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to Mr. Minty for making the arrangements. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Welcome visitors to the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Benson on May 7th were the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the librarian (Miss Cross), Mr. A. E. Lock (secretary of North Berks Branch) and Mr. C. Kinch (secretary of Bicester Branch). Eleven new members were elected.

Officers for next year are:—Chairman, the Rev. J. E. Lewis (Vicar of Watlington); Ringing Master, Mr. F. Absalom; secretary, Mr. H. Badger.

At the service the Vicar of Watlington gave the address and the lessons were read by the Master and Deputy Master of the Guild. Members of the Branch formed the choir.

JOINT MEETING AT APPLETON

A joint meeting of the Oxford City and North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Appleton on April 23rd. Between 40 and 50 members and visitors were there, and those who were unable to squeeze into the ringing chamber were able to sun themselves outside the tower and listen to the well-struck and not-so-well-struck Caters.

The Rector (the Rev. A. C. Joyce) conducted a shortened form of Evensong in the charming little church and afterwards the party made their way to the barn at the Plough, where a most enjoyable tea was laid out. Even here the evidence of the Whites was not missing, as lettuces had been provided by the market gardening member of the well-known family.

Several ringers took the opportunity of inspecting the Warborough bell frame that was being completed in Dick White's workshop, and afterwards the ringing was continued until well into the evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow will be instituted as Vicar of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, on June 21st at 7 p.m. This is a parish of 50,000 people with seven churches, one of which is roofless. The prayers and best wishes of the Exercise will be extended to him in this call to great service.

The number of bookings received indicates a bumper meeting of the Central Council at Bristol this Whitsuntide.

Ten young ringers, average age exactly 15 years, rang a very good course of Grandsire Caters at Evercreech for Sunday service.

To-day is the 90th birthday of Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former secretary of the Central Council. Our warmest congratulations.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Birmingham Cathedral on April 11th (page 274) was rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild and not St. Martin's Guild.

There are still vacant seats in the coach tours for those attending the Central Council at Bristol. Immediate contact should be made by those interested with Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Lane, Knowle, Bristol 4.

Many, we feel sure, would like to join in Birmingham's congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on his 79th birthday, and note with pleasure his performance in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the occasion. For fitness in middle-age, peal ringing is to be commended.

When doubt was expressed at the Middlesex Association annual meeting of having ten ringers regularly at Feltham, where an augmentation to this effect is proposed, Mr. Tony Price commented: 'You must look at it like a piano. You don't always play every note when you play "Home, Sweet Home."'

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray are sailing from Australia on July 2nd and hope to arrive at Tilbury on the 'Strathnaer' on August 6th. They have not yet decided in which part of England to settle.

Congratulations to the members of the West Midland District of the Ladies' Guild who rang a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Edburgha's, Yardley.

Mr. Reginald W. Rex took part on May 7th in the first peal of London Surprise on the bells of Highclere, Hants, the tower where he learned to ring.

A correspondent writes: 'Perhaps those who think that seven 720's cannot be rung at Monk's Eleigh in three hours will now bury the axe, as the peal on May 7th was rung by a band who have all conducted peals of Minor.'

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society enjoyed their tea so much at their meeting at Harrietsham on May 7th that they were described by the Rev. F. W. Phillips as 'human incinerators.' Ringing is hungry business, judging from our observations at meetings.

'Ringing Towers' understands that the Dean and the Chapter of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, are giving consideration to the installation of a ring of bells. A legacy has been left for the purpose. Sydney ringers hope for a light or medium weight ten.

Many unusual things have happened in a punt on the Cherwell at Oxford. Miss P. J. Holborn will remember her experiences on May 8th when, with two other members of the Oxford University Society, she rang her first quarter. The band was: Miss Holborn 1-2, D. H. Niblett 3-4, D. Hodgson (conductor) 5-6, and they rang 1,440 Plain Bob Minor.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

New Officers Elected

THE main feature of the Norwich Diocesan Association annual general meeting, held in Norwich on May 7th, was the election of a completely new team of Diocesan officers.

All towers with ringable bells in Norwich were open, including Mancroft, St. George Colegate, St. Giles', St. Miles', and St. John-de-Sepulchre.

The service was held at St. Andrew's. The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, the Vicar, preached, and told us that 'standing three hours pulling a rope,' in however pitying a tone of voice it is said by the non-ringer, is a quite true description of our art, from his point of view; in fact our description of any aspect of ringing, and of all things in life, is true to us, according to whatever level of perception we have achieved. We never know 'all about it,' there is always more to learn and a higher level of perception to reach; this is most deeply true of God, and anyone who thinks he has learnt all he need know about God, does injustice to Him Who is always beyond us, however clever we become, even though paradoxically He is able to become friends with the smallest child.

Mr. Thurlow spoke of the disgracefully unringable state of St. Andrew's ten bells, and paid tribute to those who rang there in the past, including the heroes who rang the first peal of London, when the ropes did not even fall in a true sequence.

The tea and meeting were held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Because of the regretted death of the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Mr. Arthur Bason, chairman of the North Norfolk Branch, was elected chairman. He was supported by the secretaries of the four branches, chairmen of the E. and S. Norfolk branches, the Association ringing master and general secretary.

The general secretary led the meeting in prayer, after which Mr. Nolan Golden spoke about our late beloved president, in whose honour members stood in silence.

Arising out of the minutes it was agreed that the £20 honorarium due to the general secretary, never taken by him and proposed to be added to the bell restoration funds of St. George Colegate and St. Andrew's, Norwich, in turn, be now added to St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, bell restoration fund. It was also agreed that the £2 2s. before voted to St. Nicholas' bell restoration fund be added to this. Mr. Golden said the Association badges would be ready by the end of May at 3s. 9d. each.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Rector of Marsham, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were proposed and seconded for the office of president. Mr. Thurlow said that though he greatly appreciated the honour, and though his interest in ringing and in the Association was as great as ever, he felt the Vicarage of Great Yarmouth, with seven churches (one roofless) and 50,000 people, would take up too much time for him to fulfil the duties of president as he would like, and that therefore he would stand down. The chairman thereupon declared Mr. Lillingston president, and he took the chair amidst applause. He promised to do his best for the Association, and said that ringers ought to show more initiative in encouraging clergy to take up ringing.

It was unanimously agreed that the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. George Fletcher be added to the list of vice-presidents. The other vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow said that with great regret he must not seek re-election as general secretary and treasurer. He would be instituted Vicar of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, on June 21st, at 7 p.m., and would be delighted to see any ringers at the service. Mr. Bason proposed and Mr. Golden seconded that the new general secretary and treasurer be Mr. W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Mr. Thurlow said he knew the Association would continue to prosper under such a president and general secretary.

Mr. Nolan Golden announced that he must retire from the office of ringing master, although his interest in ringing was as great as ever—greater if possible. Loud applause followed Mr. Goate's expression of the Association's appreciation of all Nolan Golden had done for it. Mr. H. W. Barrett, of Loddon, was elected the new ringing master.

Another resignation was that of Mr. George Fletcher as hon. auditor. Mr. Arthur Bason was elected his successor, and the Association's gratitude to Mr. Fletcher was expressed in glowing terms.

The retiring general secretary and treasurer presented the accounts as audited by Mr. Fletcher. These showed for 1954: Income, £106 18s. 9d.; expenditure, £87 6s. 2d.; cash at bank, £144 4s. 10d.; cash in Belfry Repair Fund, £78 16s. 6d. Discussion followed on the cost and method of printing the annual report. This was agreed to be referred to the Standing Committee, and the accounts were adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the clergy for the use of the bells, Gilbert Thurlow for the service at St. Andrew's and use of the Parish Hall, Reginald Bolton, the organist, for playing, and kind folk from St. Andrew's parish and from ringers' families, who had arranged such a splendid tea at such a popular price. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. Altogether a highly satisfactory meeting, auguring well for the Association's future with its new officers.

G. T.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Gainford, which has its roots in Saxon England, was the venue of the April ringing meeting of the Southern District. The new Vicar, the Rev. I. Samuel, had the pleasure of hearing his bells rung to changes for the first time since his arrival. He conducted the service and also joined the ringers at tea. Visitors from North Yorkshire were very welcome. Although a very noisy belfry, the ringing was enjoyed from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OLD SHEFFIELD CUSTOM REVIVED

An old tradition was observed in Sheffield, on April 20th, when the Cathedral bells were rung prior to the annual Feast of the Cutlers Company. The Company has an unbroken existence since 1624, and originally consisted of master cutlers only, but now many of the allied trades are represented, and they also maintain standards of quality. As in the past the Cutlers Company plays a big part in the City's business and social life.

Each year a new Master is elected, and a part of the ceremony of his installation is a service in the Cathedral, the members being attired in their traditional dress of morning coats and tall hats.

The Cathedral bells are always rung before and after the service.

The Cutlers Company gave the Parish Church a bell which was recast in 1745, and bore the inscription of its predecessor, viz.: 'Donum Sociatates Cutlariorum. Anno Domini 1688 John Spooner Master Cutler 1745.'

The present Master Cutler, Mr. W. G. Ibberon, whose family have been cutlers since the early 1700, has taken an unusual interest in the bells, and along with his Senior Warden, spent a whole evening viewing the tower and bells, watching the ringers, and reading to them notes relating to the bells and ringers, extracted from the records of the Company. One item taken from the 'Sheffield Courant,' 1771, reads:

> 'The Cutlers Feast was observed as a great holiday. Bells were kept constantly ringing during three days; booths were erected in the Churchyard, High St. and Church St., and all business was generally suspended.'

He was unable to see the original bell, the gift of the Company, as in later recasting the inscription was omitted, but he asked for and has received a list of the present inscriptions of the twelve, also of 'Tom Tinker,' cast in 1598 by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield.

The Master Cutler remarked how the sound of the bells, as he was preparing for his installation, had impressed him, and asked that the old custom of ringing as the guests arrived at the Cutlers Hall across the roadway, for the 319th annual Feast be revived. This, the ringers promised, and duly carried out. The Master Cutler sent a letter of appreciation together with a beautiful menu booklet, signed by himself and his wife. Thus the ancient custom suspended during the period of trade depression was again revived.

H. C. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A North Devon male ringer successfully controlled his mass of curls in a recent successful peal attempt by the use of hair clips. Other members of the band wonder what remedy awaits him when he joins H.M. Forces shortly.

The peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Coulsdon conducted by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon was specially arranged to enable four members of the local band to ring a peal in their own tower.

It is 87 years since a baby has been born in Asfordby new Rectory, Leicestershire. A well-struck peal of Minor in seven methods on the Parish Church bells conveyed the congratulations of the village to the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson.

Members of the band of St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, extend a very warm welcome to both Mr. and Mrs. Carey, who have joined the company. They were married at Melksham, Wilts, on April 23rd. Jean has induced her husband to learn our art

On April 27th, as the liner S.S. 'Orsova' passed Gravesend, the bells of St. George's Chapel of Unity rang out in farewell to the Rev. Robert W. Constant, who was sailing in her to take up an appointment in Australia. Before his ordination he was a keen ringer and the steeple-keeper at St. George's for some years. Old friends from Milton, Northfleet and Gravesend towers were there to wish him Godspeed with the music of the bells.

Three of the ringers who rang in the peal at Andover as a farewell to the Rev. Michael Simcock live in the borough of Eastleigh, where he has accepted an appointment. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed and Mr. Norman Hayes.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Netherseale, Derbyshire, after the attempt for a peal of Major had failed. Messrs. J. W. Cotton and E. Morris were in the Major attempt, but as Ernest had a bus to catch it was too late to start an eight-bell attempt.

THE GEORGE WILLIAMS DINNER

Bournemouth Gathering Gains Popularity

The Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, Canon A. L. E. Williams, presided over a company of 90 ringers and friends at the ninth George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth on May 7th.

He was supported by the Deputy Mayor of Bournemouth (Cclr. H. P. E. Mears) and Mrs. Mears, Mrs. A. L. E. Williams, the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon R. P. Price) and Mr. George Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. Pullinger.

The loyal toast having been honoured, the company settled down to an evening's entertainment and speeches. Canon Williams read a letter of apology for absence from the Mayor owing to a prior engagement that evening. However, they were all very delighted to have the Deputy Mayor and Mrs. Mears with them. Councillor Mears attended the dinner in 1953 when the Central Council met in Bournemouth, it being his first official duty as Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor recalled the occasion and remarked that his attendance that evening would probably be his last official duty as Deputy Mayor but he hoped it would not be the last occasion upon which the bellringers would invite him and Mrs. Mears to join them at dinner.

RINGING THE SPIRIT OF ENGLAND

The Vicar of Christchurch, in proposing the toast 'The Bells and Bellringers,' paid a warm tribute to the work of the bellringers of England. He felt that the bells stood for England and for the churches of England. 'I am sure,' he said, 'that church bellringing is very much a part of the spirit of England and that a spirit of pride and achievement amongst a group in any activity is a real and vital part of the tradition of England.' After a tribute to the work of the ladies in the belfries and reference to the long service still being given by Mr. George Preston at Christchurch, Canon Price said, 'The sound of the bells reaches further to remind people of the Lord's Day and His Resurrection than any sermons. I do hope you will continue to be as unperturbed by criticism of the bells as we parsons are of our sermons.'

Mr. George Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, responded and expressed the gratitude all ringers felt for the co-operation of the clergy and thanked Canon Price for his glowing tribute.

The Guild, formed in 1879, he said, had three objects: (1) united co-operation and fellowship; (2) furtherance of church bellringing as church work and the recognition of bellringers as churchworkers; and (3) the encouragement of the English art of changeringing. Mr. Pullinger claimed some success on the part of ringing guilds in attaining these objectives and urged the instructors to continue to recruit and teach young people. 'As long as interest in bellringing amongst the young is sustained the future of our Exercise is secure.'

GREAT PIONEERS

'The Memory of Mr. George Williams' was proposed by Mr. Arthur Davis, who felt that the guests present that evening, upon reading the toast list, would probably fall into three groups: those who knew the late Mr. George Williams well; those who knew of him and those who had never met him at any time. All would, perhaps, ask why they commemorated him. There were in that room that evening several ringers who were possibly more advanced in the art than George Williams. In the north they held the Snowdon Dinner, although they could splice scores of methods into a peal of Minor. In the Midlands, where they rang a peal in a new method every week they still honoured the memory of Henry Johnson. Why did they honour those men? Surely it was because they recognised their work, their laborious work, and the work of their contemporaries. That changeringing had advanced so rapidly during the past 50 years was due to the pioneer work of such men as the late George Williams.

The chairman concluded the proceedings by proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' and Mr. William B. Cartwright responded. Mr. Cartwright said he was somewhat disappointed at being asked to respond as a *visitor*. As he came so frequently to Bournemouth he was beginning to hope he had got his foot in and was on the way to being considered a resident. On behalf of the visitors he would like to say that they had had a most enjoyable evening in a very delightful room. He had always held the view that if the committee would persevere with it the Bournemouth dinner would be one of the most successful functions held in the country.

During the evening the company were entertained by Mr. Charles Beresford (baritone) and Mr. Brian Taylor (pianist), of Canford School, Dorset.

The Bournemouth handbell band rang a course of Grandsire Caters and the St. Peter's handbell ringers gave a selection of tunes under the direction of Mr. Arthur Davis.

The company present included the Rev. K. W. H. and Mrs. Felstead, Col. F. A. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hems, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galton.

Messrs. H. H. Abrahams, M. Best, M. Butler, E. Booth, M. Bazelly, W. E. Chester, J. Coles, J. E. Daniels, A. Dallaway, D. Frewer, D. T. Matkin, R. Marlow, R. Peckham, R. and T. Pike, G. Preston, A. F. Martin Stewart, R. O. Street, B. Taylor, H. Gillard, R. Hurst, J. A. C. King, D. Laker, R. Whitney, E. Wisden, and W. Young.

The Misses Barnes, D. Battersby, P. Barnett, F. Broom, V. Crouch, N. Crofts, S. Day, K. D. and E. Fletcher, N. Leahy, B. Lindeman, M. and S. Parker, S. Pearmain, G. Rea, Stewart, S. Savage, R. Ventress, V. Willard, J. Gray, J. Hare.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 66th annual general meeting of the Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening with a break for tea at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

The retiring secretary, in his report, stated that ten meetings had been held during the past year, and that once again there had been a slight increase in membership. The finances of the Society continued satisfactory.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, W. Dixon and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary, Mr. J. F. Hodson, 78, Ash Road, Leeds 6; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. Suttcliffe.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Leeds, to the local company and to the retiring officers. The election of four new members (all from Ossett) concluded the business.

The next meeting will be held at Batley.

ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, YORK

The Treatment of Mediæval Bells

'The Ringing World' for April 23rd, 1954, carried an article, 'The Silent Bells of York'; this described a ring of eight and three rings of six in the city which had been silent for some years. Since then one of the sixes has been transferred to a 'live' church and is silent no longer. Now, 12 months afterwards, steps are being taken to restore another 'silent six.'

The church concerned is that of St. John-the-Evangelist, Micklegate, which after many years of disuse has been saved from destruction by the York Civic Trust. It is now being restored and converted into the York Institute of Architectural Study.

Work is being carried out under the supervision of Dr. W. A. Singleton, architect, and director of the Institute. Several interesting discoveries have been made including a Norman window in the west wall of the tower, which had been covered by plaster; this is the only Norman window still existing in any church within the city walls.

The base of the tower is Norman. A previous tower fell in the 16th century, and that part which now houses the six bells is a timber framed and brick structure built in the time of the Commonwealth.

Four of the bells are pre-Reformation, one being dated in Roman numerals—1408, it being one of the few dated mediæval bells.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, has been consulted with regard to the restoration of the bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been appointed to take down the bells and to restore them in such a way that, among other things, they can be used to show students how mediæval bells should be treated. This is in connection with the Institute's special course on the care of churches. Mr. Sharpe has previously lectured in York on the subject of church bell restorations at special summer schools for architectural students.

It is good to know that in future another organised body is to take an interest in the correct method of bell restoration.

An appeal to the public has been made to raise £12,000 so that the work of restoration and alteration may be completed and the Institute formally opened at Easter, 1956. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary, St. Anthony's Hall, York.

HAROLD WALKER.

NAILSEA WEEK-END

Members of the N.S.T.G. with friends, notably from the Langport district, and one from Leicester, held a successful week-end on April 16th-17th. On the Saturday the party rang at Churchill, Clevedon St. John, Weston-in-Gordano, Clapton-in-Gordano, Tickenham, Backwell and Long Ashton.

Sunday ringing was at Wrington for the Communion service, and at Nailsea for Matins. A most enjoyable week-end was organised with customary efficiency by Michael Horseman.

ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY

An enjoyable tour of Bedfordshire was arranged on April 16th by members of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, joined by ringers of St. Mary's, Hendon, and St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the Hill.

All the towers were well chosen and included Cardington, Bromham, Kempston, Northill and Henlow. A hearty lunch was taken at Bedford, and tea at Northill. The help of Mr. J. B. Long, at Cardington, and Mr. Wagstaffe, at Northill, was much appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. BARNABAS', PIMLICO

Dear Sir,—Following Mr. Rowe's letter re ringing in Middlesgex, some further information on two of these towers might not be out of place.

At St. Barnabas', Pimlico, the clergy take little or no interest in the bells. The frame at this tower is quite sound and little is wrong with the bells apart from a few missing latchet sliders and the birds' dung caked thick on everything. The excuse is given that the tower is unfit for ringing, despite the fact that it has recently been restored, as anyone can see from the appearance of the spire. A chiming apparatus (apparently unused) has been installed, with the cords attached to the clappers; and, to be quite sure that no one tries to raise the bells, a new clock-chamber ceiling without rope-holes has been fitted.

As regards St. Luke's, Nutford Place, all that remains is the tower, standing detached and crumbling in front of a bomb-site.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

London, W.3.

Note.—The chiming apparatus was used quite recently for a wedding.—Ed.

PEAL RINGING IN THE COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—I am sorry I made the mistake of saying that South Wigston was a six-bell tower last century. I think I must have been temporarily mixing it up with Wigston Magna, for that was a six-bell tower originally and I had been recently asked whether I had come across any peals on the six bells (there was one in 1894).

I shall be very pleased to compare notes with Mr. Gobey re Ilkeston. I still make the total 99. If he would care to write to me at St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton, we can soon settle the matter.—Yours faithfully.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING IN WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in Dr. Slade's letter that the four bells at Preston are now augmented to six. I well remember a very pleasant holiday spent at Weymouth four years ago, made the more pleasant by the hearty welcome extended to me by the Preston ringers. I thoroughly enjoyed the four-bell ringing which I experienced there, and the visit, later in my holiday, to Wyke Regis, where the methods were more complicated and the welcome no less hearty. I hope that the bands in both these towers are prospering as they deserve. I know that Wyke Regis is, for I visited it during the latter part of last year again, but had no opportunity to go to Preston. —Yours sincerely,

DAPHNE R. CASTELL.

Oxford.

IN PRAISE OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I should like to use 'The Ringing World' to express my admiration and thanks to the young ringers of both sexes of our tower on completing five years' Sunday service ringing without a break.

Just over five years ago my brother and I started a young band, aged between 10 and 17 years, and they have now all rung peals, and we have two peal conductors. In these days it is good to know that the younger generation when started on a job that is shown to them to be worth while can stick to it and even be an example to some of the older members.—Yours truly,

E. W. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

COMPOSITION OF HUNT-CONTROLLED METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble questions how many of the 200,000 I examined and the time taken to test them for falseness. I made out and examined not more than 278 methods, and anyone with the slightest knowledge of Treble Bob Major would know that it is but a few seconds' work to determine whether or not a method is c.p.s.

If he will refer to my previous letter he will see that I did not refer to method extension and that I acknowledged that peals and principles (omni-working) are composed. What I was challenging was the right of certain persons claiming to have composed individual hunt-controlled methods, when all such methods can be written down. Peals and principles have to be checked for internal falseness, but hunt-controlled methods do not. Therefore peals and principles are composed, but hunt-controlled methods are just written down. The list of c.p.s. Surprise was submitted to show that methods conforming to specifications can also be churned out.

As for Regina Major the fact is that his specification did not provide a new method in this class (Plain Major) because although Driver did not work out those with double changes, I find that I have the method in my own collection, written down in 1950. Also, I await with interest for his reply to the letter on page 613, 'Ringing World' of 1953, that his extensions to Royal and Maximus are not extensions of the Major.

Although his challenge bears no relation to the question, in view of the fact that principles (omni-working) are composed, it does fetch out some interesting points, viz., double triples principles must have an odd number of changes in the half-lead (hence there is no such thing as Double Stedman Triples), doubles triples principles cannot have the bells in natural coursing order at the division end, except for Original, and also, a question for the Methods Committee, must a double principle extend into a double principle?

The simplest answer that I can find to his problem, assuming the answer to the above to be 'yes,' is as follows, where I give the places of the whole division.

Stanwell (a double principle for odd numbers).

Triples.—7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 1, 3, 1, 7, 1, 3, 1, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 1.

Caters.—9, 7, 9, 7, 3, 1, 3, 1, 9, 1, 3, 1, 3, 7, 9, 7, 9, 1.

Cinques.—E, 9, E, 9, 3, 1, 3, 1, E, 1, 3, 1, 3, 9, E, 9, E, 1.

The bob is, like that of Stedman, viz., move the middle 7ths, 9ths or 11ths to 5ths, 7ths or 9ths respectively.

I doubt whether any band could ring it to a peal at the first attempt.—Yours sincerely,

W. Bedfont. F. T. BLAGROVE.

RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. J. Rowe is doubtless correct in saying that the bells of St. Luke's, Nutford Place, are hung dead, but this has not always been the case, as the following extract from the 'Bell News,' which I came across some years ago, will show. I remember noting this at the time (it was before 'Dove' was published) as it was the first mention of the church I had seen, and I do not recall any other account of ringing there.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

From the 'Bell News,' November 25th, 1882:—'Paddington (Middlesex): On Sunday morning, November 19th, at St. Luke's, Nutford Place, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 minutes: G. Thurlow 1, T. Titchener 2, J. Hannington (conductor) 3, J. Nixon 4, A. Jacob 5, D. Griggs 6. Tenor 9 cwt.'

METHODS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir,—While it is always a pleasure to read a letter, or a leader, from the pen of J. T. Dyke, the circumstances he quotes in his comments are not those which I interpret the topic of the month article as being intended to cover, and certainly not those which a standard procedure manual should cover. In thanking Mr. Dyke for the care and courtesy with which he comments on my original letter an all too infrequent complimentary of Press letter writers in general—I regret I cannot agree with many of his comments.

It has been my experience that the striking of rounds is most difficult, and only after considerable plain hunting—on which Mr. Dyke does not comment—with the bells silent in the early stages, can a young band ring rounds. I also maintain that handbell ringing for the purpose of introducing rhythm, with, of course, an open hand-stroke, 12's or 16's, is an improvement on rounds—open presumably—on tower bells, and can be taught in the rest periods during initial instruction. May I also maintain my preference for plain hunting rather than call-changes, to cause the learner from the start of his ringing life to think ahead.

Mr. Dyke does not comment on a main issue —the instruction of the learner in the order of bells to follow while counting the place he is in. Where difficulty still exists, a competent ringer standing behind pointing to the bell to follow while counting the place the bell is in, is a great help.

Plain hunting leads to Plain Bob, which is easier to manage than Grandsire. The Grandsire down dodge requires a check into 4ths and 6ths when the treble and hunt bell are checking their backstroke lead. The checking stroke in Plain Bob, 3rds and 5ths comes on the open hand-stroke lead. Because the check strokes are more severe in Grandsire than in Plain Bob, I teach Plain Bob first. I do not think Grandsire is easy to strike, anyway; true if an individual pupil is of the true University type, it doesn't matter, but with a mixed group of five or six learners and only occasional help, it matters very much when progress without heartbreaks must be uniform.

Standing behind was not introduced by me, but in reply the learner should stand behind the expert as often as possible, not vice versa. It requires a quickness and knowledge which few people have to anticipate the conductor's calls.

Many years ago the late George R. Newton whispered to me, a youthful learner, 'I'll lend you a book.' It was, if my memory serves me well, written by J. T. Dyke for beginners. I digested it and returned it and can only remember the excellent illustrations. If still in circulation I would purchase half a dozen copies and do with them what my old friend used to do. Could this plan grow? Apart from individuals, Associations have hundreds of £'s lying like buried talents. I feel that a supplement might be added: we must move faster to-day.

The teaching of inside rather than treble depends, with me, on the learner. If a youngster, then the treble first; but if an older person, then it is better to concentrate on one bell. So much ringing is spoilt by ringers swapping around, though a conductor should be able to spot a fault and give positive direction to 'close in' or 'open out' or 'you're too near the heavy bells' without giving offence to the individual.

For my next bunch of learners I'm thinking of calling for half-a-dozen over 50's. The youngsters have too many outside attractions.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

Note.—The book to which Mr. Humphriss refers is probably 'Hints for Beginners,' a Central Council publication, advertised on the back page.—Ed.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK

Five Days in North Devon

THIS year's clerical ringing week was held from Monday, April 18th, to Friday, April 22nd, in North Devon, with headquarters at the North Cliff Private Hotel, Lynton, where the society was most cordially welcomed by the resident host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wood.

Ringing started on the Monday afternoon, the rendezvous being Bishopsnympton, a tower with a handy six bells. Afterwards North Molton (6, tenor 19 cwt.), South Molton (8, tenor 24 cwt.) where Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, and finally after dinner the ground floor ring at St. Mary's, Lynton.

Tuesday commenced with a corporate communion service in Lynton Church at which the President, Canon C. C. Cox, officiated, assisted by Preb. E. V. Cox. Following breakfast the party proceeded to St. Peter's, Tavistock (8, tenor 16 cwt.), where the narrow staircase from the north transept to the central tower caused anxiety to certain members of the party, who expected to get stuck half-way. However, all was well in the end and the coach set off for Bideford (8, tenor 17 cwt.) where Stedman and Yorkshire (the first for the Guild) were accomplished. One member of the party on leaving the tower was rather surprised when a number of visitors approached and asked if they could go in the church, as they understood that the ringing was for a funeral!

After a picnic lunch half-an-hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Michael's, Torrington (8, tenor 15 cwt.), and later at High Bickington (8, tenor 9 cwt.), where ringing suffered from a set of new ropes. One local was mystified at the tenor being turned in and said it would be very difficult to tell when one went wrong. In the Parish Hall we were hospitably entertained to tea by a party of ladies, in charge of the Vicar's wife. St. Mary's, Atherington (6, tenor 11 cwt.), has a lofty carved oak screen with rood loft, the only one in Devon, and here April Day was one of the methods rung.

The final tower of the day, the lofty St. Hieritha's, Chittlehampton (8, tenor 13 cwt.), is in charge of the Guild secretary, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. After ringing, the Guild was privileged to sing Evensong in this beautiful church. The Vicar was assisted in the service by the President, Canon C. C. Cox, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson. Later, in the Vicarage, we were most generously entertained to dinner by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, and were joined by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Dartmouth) and the Rev. and Mrs. J. G. M. Scott (Wolborough). It was noticed on the homeward journey that at least five members were asleep in the coach, a testimony to the hospitality received.

Wednesday was probably one of the best days from the point of view of scenery, with the steep climb of Countisbury Hill and the descent of the famous Porlock Hill. Towers visited before lunch were St. Dubricius', Porlock (6, tenor 12 cwt.), Schoorthy (6, tenor 16 cwt.), where the south aisle is described as one of the great treasures of English architecture, and St. Michael's, Minehead (10, tenor 21 cwt.), the ringing here including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The luncheon interval provided an opportunity of a stroll round this famous seaside resort.

At St. George's, Dunster (8, tenor 22 cwt.), the first length of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by the Clerical Guild. Some good practice at Stedman was had at Timberscombe (8, tenor 12 cwt.), before moving to Exford (6, tenor 13 cwt.). Exford is the home of one of our members, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who generously entertained the Guild in his fine new vicarage to a substantial tea. A wonderful ride over Exmoor brought the party back to headquarters. The annual business meeting was held in the evening when it was decided to hold next year's week in the Peak District with Matlock as the centre.

On Thursday, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Combe Martin (8, tenor 10¼ cwt.). Unfortunately it was lost after an hour and a half's good ringing. Non-peal ringers visited the two Ilfracombe churches where they met Miss Boyle and two Combe Martin ringers and also Mrs. E. S. Powell and Miss Hartley. The afternoon's programme included visits to Georgeham (8, tenor 12 cwt.) and Braunton (8, tenor 16 cwt.), where we were also hospitably entertained by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Owen, and her family. St. Mary's, Pilton (8, tenor 25 cwt.), was visited on the return journey. An evening of relaxation with darts, table tennis or skittles and television followed.

Friday, the last day, saw us proceed by members' cars to Taunton, ringing en route at Withypool (6, tenor 12 cwt), Dulverton (8, tenor 17 cwt.), and Brushford (6, tenor 9¼ cwt.).

Grateful thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the towers (we regret that the holding of a Diocesan Synod at Exeter prevented us meeting them), to the incumbents and wives who provided hospitality and, last but not least, our secretary, the Rev. J. W. B. Andrews, for his efficient organisation of a memorable week favoured with beautiful weather.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Marple Church to be Demolished, But Tower to Remain

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Marple on May 7th, when the six old bells, which originally hung in the tower of Stockport Parish Church from 1731 to 1815, were in use from early in the afternoon until the usual service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Carver). Some members were very interested in the old church in which the bells are hung and which it is expected will have been demolished to within five feet or so of the ground before the Branch pays its next visit. It is understood that provision will be made to maintain the stability of the tower, for the new church, which stands in the same churchyard, has no tower.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives and mothers, for there is a preponderance of youngsters at the tower who are very enthusiastic, and at the business meeting which followed the Branch complimented Mr. M. J. Pryor on the efforts he is making to re-establish a band there. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Frodsham on June 7th were announced and there was some discussion of the items which will then appear on the agenda.

At the conclusion of the business meeting further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, ranging from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

A petition in the village arranged by a newcomer with a view to stopping the ringing of the bells was completely routed by the firm attitude adopted by the Vicar and the local band. The organiser now goes about saying that it has had the effect of improving the standard of ringing. We now know what to do when the standard of striking at a tower is not up to standard, or should we say it is an example of how to turn defeat into victory! C. K. L.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Tom Howell, who celebrated his 73rd birthday recently, is the 'grand old man' of All Saints', Parramatta, where he learned to ring. Tom is solely a tenor ringer; he never watches the ropes, but turns his back on the rest of the band and sets a beat of unfailing evenness.

St. Mary's Basilica rang 360 Ipswich Surprise Minor for service on February 13th.

Christchurch St. Lawrence ringers have seven beginners 'in harness' and for the first time in living memory look like being able to sport their own band. Anyone who has visited Sydney and can remember the 'go' of Christchurch bells will take off his hat to these young ringers. There has also been a spring cleaning session in the tower; this is a notoriously grubby one, being situated just across the road from Central Station, and all concerned were surprised to find that (under a generation's accumulation of dirt) the walls were a pale pink!

Catherine Hodge (nee Lamphee), of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, now has a son—Andrew Giffen. Cathie rang in the first peal on the bells at Walkerville, where her brother Richard also rings.

Ringing and scholastic attainments seem to go together when you look at Sydney's current pass list:—

Geoff Logan (St. Mary's) and Richard Bailey (All Saints') Pass, 5th year Medicine; Betty Herron (Christchurch), Pass, Arts 3, qualifies for Bachelor of Arts degree; Barry Rainsford (St. James'), Pass, Bachelor of Engineering examinations; Jann Edwards (Christchurch), Pass in Arts examination, including Pass with merit in Psychology I.; Walter Knight (St. James'), Pass, Leaving Certificate examinations. Congratulations to all these young people who seem effectively to have combined bells with books. J. H.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Western District at Wylam

The lack of public transport did not in any way interfere with the success of the meeting at Wylam on April 30th. Beautiful sunshine and a lovely view of the West Tyne Valley greeted ringers from Benfieldside, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Fenham, Gosforth, Lanchester, North and South Shields and Whickham.

The bells, a rather heavy six, were a handicap to some but the tone left nothing to be desired. Stephen Thompson saw to it that all got a ring and Kenneth Arthur was to the fore instructing the less experienced ringers.

After tea Mr. Thompson presided over the meeting. Thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens were proposed by Mr. Brown, while the chairman expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Gordon and her helper for the splendid tea. The Rev. T. H. H. Hood, curate at Blaydon, was elected a ringing member of the Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District Say Farewell to Corpl. Wallace

On April 18th a combined practice at Gillingham Parish Church was attended by approximately 20 ringers. Methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

At the end of the practice a farewell was said to Cpl. Gordon Wallace, R.E., who is leaving the area for duties in the Middle East. He thanked the ringers for an enjoyable stay in the Medway towns and hoped that he would be able to return again as a civilian when on holiday, his home town being West Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Mr. Len Harmer, of Gillingham, suitably replied.

On May 2nd the monthly combined practice was held at Sittingbourne. Approximately 20 ringers were present.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Yates (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Heap 2, Joyce Halliday 3, R. G. Turner 4, A. W. Stone 5, W. L. Robinson 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. Coffey (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hanney 1, J. G. Hobbs (first as cond.) 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, J. G. Davis (first 'inside') 5, J. Moses (first quarter) 6.

BEDFORD.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four of Plain Bob and 5½ Grandsire): G. Graves 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, P. J. Shipton 3, R. A. Lennard (first in three methods) 4, J. R. Taylor 5, L. A. Clare 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung by the local St. Paul's Company on the anniversary of the first recorded peal at Norwich, 1715.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On April 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. Hill 1, Ann Fundrey (first of Minor) 2, D. A. Houghton 3, R. A. Lennard 4, P. J. Shipton 5, J. B. M. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of SS. Philip and James' Day.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 1st, at All Souls' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, E. B. Webster 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson (first as cond.) 4, D. C. Holley 5, A. Heywood 6, A. Critchley 7, A. H. Heywood 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Newberry 1, I. Emery 2, P. Spice 3, Helen Thoday 4, A. Purdom 5, C. Cullen 6, R. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 8.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Roselyn Crewe 1, T. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, Caroline McNeill Love (first quarter) 4, G. F. Carter 5, P. G. Foote 6, J. T. Odell 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, a former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one time ringer at this church, who was laid to rest on this day.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goff 1, Mrs. M. Baughan 2, M. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. Hearns 5, C. Baughan 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Buckingham 1, R. Rayfield 2, A. E. Webb (cond.) 3, R. Harris 4, J. Harris 5, L. Maynard 6. Rung for Easter morning service. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Buckingham 1, A. E. Webb 2, R. Harris (cond.) 3, W. Harris 4, J. Harris 5, L. Maynard 6. Rung for morning service.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cavill 1, R. Ford 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Burland 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jeffs 1, C. P. Yates 2, F. Wills 3, W. A. Wills 4, C. E. Densham 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, J. H. Langabeer 8. First quarter 1, 5 and 8. First quarter on bells. Rung for the festival of St. Mark.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bagnall 1, J. Thornley 2, A. Lomas 3, T. Bratby 4, A. Pendlebury 5, O. Davies 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to O. Davies, of this tower.

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two 120s each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and a plain course of Stedman): P. N. Bond 1, G. Fry 2, I. H. Oram 3, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, K. S. Hohl 5.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Borer 1, Miss J. Highley 2, P. F. Borer 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, J. Benson 6, R. Burns 7, A. Hewitt 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering, for the Easter festival, and also a 21st birthday compliment to J. Harmer, a member of the local band.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Ward 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fuller 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. N. Bond 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford 8.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Newland 1, S. Pugh 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, J. Green 4, G. Corby 5, D. Cobb 6. Rung for the treble ringer's wedding anniversary.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 eachof St. Martin's, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Abbott 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills (first quarter) 2, J. A. Taylor 3, G. S. Mills (first quarter) 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A welcome home to Mrs. E. A. Mills, mother of the ringer of the fourth, and Mr. Godfrey Partington, son of a service ringer at the church, both of whom have returned from Canada; also to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. C. Price (cond.) 1-2, T. G. Bannister 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, E. W. Thurlow (first in the method) 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. Turley 7, N. Genna 8, H. Twinn 9, W. H. Coles 10.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Peacock 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Rung before morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Watson (first quarter) 1, R. Schofield (first 'inside') 2, R. Biggs 3, K. Biggs 4, D Cornwall (cond.) 5, Doreen Coker 6, A. E. Cox 7 V. Evans 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, F. T. Locke 2, L. M. Clark 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, E. V. Williams 6. Rung after Evensong to commemorate the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. Vickers 1, F. Vickers 2, W. Insley 3, R. Piron (cond.) 4, C. Vincent 5, J. Edwards 6, F. Bloxham 7. With 5, 7 covering. Rung for Evensong to mark the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Orchard 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 3, S. J. Orchard 4, F. Onions 5, H. Baldwin 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Goodship, late verger, St. Giles', Reading, father of conductor and grandfather of Miss Goodship.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, W. H. Poole 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Crowe 1, Mrs. H. G. Lillingston 2, Mrs. H. F. Carter 3, H. F. Carter 4, Rev. H. G. Lillingston 5, J. R. Smith (cond.) 6, W. C. Madler 7, K. Constable 8. Rung for the festival of SS. Philip and James.

NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Macbeth 1, B. E. Gibbons 2, Evelyn Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 4, A. E. Leggett 5, J. C. Macbeth 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hill 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, T. Hammons (first 'inside') 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, H. Capell 5, P. Lawrence 6. First quarter for 1 and 5. Rung for the festival of St. George.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mead 1, D. Simpson 2, J. W. Raithby 3, F. G. Hooper 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5, D. N. Sellors 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. East, captain of this tower, who was interred earlier this day.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Walker 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, Miss E. M. Watts (first quarter 'inside') 3, D. O. Wilks 4, W. G. E. Collett 5, P. Newing 6, A. H. Gearing 7, J. Smart 8. Rung for Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Jenkins 1, G. Harper 2, P. R. Sanders 3, K. W. Mackintosh 4, D. A. Edwards 5, W. H. Jackson (first of Stedman as cond.) 6, D. H. Niblett 7, D. Hodgson 8. First in method for 3 and 8.

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OXFORD.—On May 8th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pugh (first of Triples) 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. A. Edwards 4, J. Ellams 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. H. Niblett 7, D. Manning 8.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Old, 240 Norfolk and 300 Grandsire): P. Gates 1, H. Short 2, R. Bailey 3, G. Williamson 4, R. Ferris (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to Tom Howell. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, H. Short 2, E. Fowell 3, L. Curran 4, T. Goodyer (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. Rung for the wedding of Marjorie Ferris, sinster of the captain of All Saints', Parramatta, to Robert Black.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Ballard 1, P. Foster 2, K. Sheldon 3, J. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Foster.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (1 extent each of Stedman, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, two of plain Bob, and one Morris' 240 and 60 changes of Grandsire): Ann Fundrey 1, C. H. Harding 2, D. A. Houghton 3, P. J. Shipton 4, C. E. Jeffries 5. First quarter in seven methods for 1, 3 and 4. Rung on the Queen's 29th birthday.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 23rd, 3,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Stilwell 1, E. J. Ladd 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, W. Rogers 5, R. Overy 6, R. Collins 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, J. Church 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung for morning service on the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On April 24th, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, K. Abbott 3, A. Taylor 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanson.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. Livings 4, P. Bicknell 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw, 42 years organist at St. Peter's, Roydon.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, Miss S. Collins (first quarter on 10) 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, W. Williams 4, F. D. Bishop 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. P. Cave 7, A. F. Thirst 8, A. J. House 9, A. R. Ling 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Lord 1, E. Wakeling 2, A. Clements 3, L. G. Skeggs 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Bonnett, of Somersham.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On May 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Kathleen Weller (first on twelve) 3, B. K. Lunn 4, J. B. Sansom 5, A. B. Peck 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, James Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, P. A. F. Clark 10, John Phillips 11, C. G. J. Watts 12.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Simpson (first of Stedman) 1, G. E. Foster 2, C. F. Briggs 3, F. Pickard 4, W. L. Exton 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, C. J. Copp 8.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Bletsoe (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Ann Bacon 3, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 4, H. Roper 5, G. Smith 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Bertha Smith.

STEPNEY, E.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Powell 1, L. J. Fox 2, W. A. Hughes 3, T. G. Fox 4, H. G. Weedon 5, A. F. Lewry 6, W. A. Theobald (cond) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: D. K. Brady (first of Plain Bob) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. Hales 7.

UPTON, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Cole 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, C. H. Baker 3, A. Gilbert 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Noel B. Thurlby and Kathleen Mabel Thistleton.

YARDLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy J. Clarke 1, Maureen M. Fellows 2, Ann Barr 3, Evelyn M. Fletcher 4, Shirley V. Rymer 5, Margaret E. L. Beamish (cond.) 6, Dorothy E. Beamish 7, Stella Hughes 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by members of West Midland District of Ladies' Guild.

OBITUARY

MR. J. C. ADAMS

With regret we record the passing of Mr. J. C. Adams, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on May 10th, his 69th birthday.

He started ringing nearly 50 years ago and was at one time a steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths. His peal record was not a large one—he rang perhaps 75, most of which were rung at St. Mary's, where he was the very efficient tower-keeper for some years.

Unfortunately 'Little Jimmy,' as he was affectionately called by most of his friends, recently had both legs amputated, which was probably a contributory cause of his death. He will be missed by his fellow ringers, although his ringing days ended about a year ago.

THE VERY REV. W. J. CONYBEARE

Probably the oldest member of the Cambridge University Guild, the Very Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell, died at his home at Warborough, Oxfordshire, on May 13th, aged 83 years.

MR. A. T. HOULDSWORTH

We regret to announce the sudden death on April 19th of Mr. A. T. Houldsworth, of Montmorency, 14, Aller Park Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, aged 71 years.

Mr. Houldsworth began his ringing career at Emmanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and during the period between 1913 and 1923 he rang more than 40 peals, a good proportion being in Surprise methods. He afterwards lived at St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs, where he was a ringer at the Parish Church.

The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to his daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Philip Gray, who for the past four years have been living in Australia, and are due to return to this country on July 2nd.

MR. H. MULLARD

One of the oldest ringers in the Guildford District, Mr. H. Mullard, of Klondyke, Grayswood, Haslemere, died on May 2nd, aged 80. He had been in failing health for about a year.

Mr. Mullard was a representative of the Haslemere band on the Winchester Diocesan Guild as far back as 1900. He conducted the first peal of Bob Minor on the old six at Haslemere on September 18th, 1901, and this was believed to be the first peal on the bells. For a number of years after this he was a member of Chiddingfold tower and took part in many peals, mostly under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling. Mr. Mullard's favourite peal was Holt's Original. He was also an organist and had played the organ at the Guild services at Haslemere and Chiddingfold. By trade he was a carpenter.

The funeral service was at Grayswood Church on May 6th. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Roberts) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Thursley (the Rev. H. G. French), and following the committal handbells were rung at the graveside by Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere) 1-2, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 3-4, P. Fuller (Chiddingfold) 5-6, R. Cooper (Chiddingfold) 7-8. Mr. A. H. Pulling represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the service.

In the evening 1,260 of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) was rung on the bells of St. Bartholomew's, Haslemere, by J. E. Clark 1, J. Salter 2, Miss A. Martin 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, R. Cooper 8.

MR. W. H. PASMORE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who died on Sunday. The funeral is at Streatham Crematorium on Saturday, May 21st, at noon.

MR. W. WALTERS

Monmouth Parish Church has lost a faithful servant by the death at the age of 91 of Mr. W. Walters. For over 75 years he was a chorister at St. Mary's Church.

When the late Mr. A. E. Barnett, sen., came to Monmouth in 1882 and introduced change ringing into the tower, Mr. Walters was one of his pupils. On July 1st, 1886, Mr. Walters rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part). He was the last surviving member of this all-resident band that rang the first peal on the bells.

On May 3rd, when the funeral took place, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following band: Miss K. Smith 1, G. W. Hollis 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (conductor) 5, S. Goodwin 6.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6330

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6326

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Brassington (6), near Wirksworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Bus dep. Matlock 1.55 p.m., Wirksworth 2.15 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6336

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 21st, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6323

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, May 21st. All Saints' 2.30–4.30; St. Clement's 5.45-7.30. 6315

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, Knebworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Knebworth House open 2-5.—E. Buck, S. Huckle, Dis. Secs. 6311

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. 6333

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Packington, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6318

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—On Saturday, May 21st. Ringing at Ruislip (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tea available in the district. Ringing at Pinner (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6341

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Potterspury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Church Institute.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6366

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting at Ossington (6), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and Sutton-on-Trent (8), 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, May 21st. Service, Sutton, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. 6356

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting Ringmer, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6241

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Two Districts combined meeting, May 21st. Bells available, Broughton (6) 2.30–4. Service at Broughton Church, 4 p.m. Tea 5 at the Butcher's Arms, Nether Wallop. Nether Wallop (5) after tea. 6352

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Names for tea by 26th to Mr. J. Foster, 14, Long Row, Shardlow, Derby. *Please note* change of programme: June now to read Ilkeston, and joint meeting with Midland Counties Guild, at Melbourne, on August 27th.—M. Bailey. 6376

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson (6), May 28th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Young, The White Horse, Misson, Notts, by 27th. A better attendance, please, this time.—F. Jackson, Sec. 6381

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on May 28th at Wadhurst, Sussex, when it is hoped to dedicate the new trebles to the recently rehung and retuned six. Service 2.45. Tea 5. in the Institute. Names to me by May 26th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. Everyone welcome. 6327

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday May 28th. Bells (5) available 6 p.m..—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 6379

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Colerne (8), May 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 25th.—P. Weeks, 3, Box View, Colerne, Wilts. No names, no tea. 6359

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6354

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Jolly Farmer, 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th, to R. Kenwood, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 6354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, Saturday, May 28th. Bells, 3 p.m. Evensong, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. (cups of tea only). Business, 6 p.m.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6350

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Batley, May 28th. Bells available, 2.30 p.m. Please bring your own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6360

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 28th. Further details next week.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6371

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 6343

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chenies (6). May 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before 24th.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6384

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Battle, May 28th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service. 4.20 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m. Names please by Wednesday, May 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6362

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, May 28th. Bells, 4 p.m. Tea available.—G. Francis. 6375

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6373

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Chelmford, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost: address by Canon M. N. Lake, M.A., Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6); from 6 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Light refreshments available at popular prices in the Cathedral Hall from 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost to members 4s., non-members 5s.). Tea, served as a running buffet, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (cost 1s. 6d.). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by May 25th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 6316

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival at Exmouth, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service Holy Trinity Church 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Forte's Channel View Cafe (next the Pavilion on the sea front) 1.15 p.m.; prepaid tickets 5s. each. Bells: Littleham (8) and Withycombe Raleigh (8) 10-11.45 a.m. and after the meeting. Remittances for lunch tickets, not later than May 24th, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 6305

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground., 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Biddenden (8), June 4th. Bells, 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.25 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Frittenden (8) bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Payne, Curteis Cottage, 38, Headcorn Road, Biddenden, by Tuesday, May 31st. 6369

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Peter's, Thanet, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Please notify Miss P. M. Taylor, St. Denys, 10, Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Monday, May 30th, enclosing cash.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service, 5.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d.), 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash please, by Wednesday, June 1st, to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6374

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Bulkington (8), Nr. Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 4th. Details to follow.—S. Hughes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6377

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting arranged for Tamworth on June 4th POSTPONED until September. 6363

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, June 4th. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the new president, Rev. H. G. Lillingston. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk, by May 30th. Pulham Market bells (8), evening.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 6380

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Compton (6), June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. East Ilsley (8) available after tea. Names by Wednesday, June 1st, to J. Butler, Westfield, Compton, Newbury. 6372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Shenley, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 3.30 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Oxford. Names for tea, please, by May 30th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6368

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham, Kent, Saturday, June 4th. (Train from Charing Cross or London Bridge.) Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Cricketers' Inn, 5.15 p.m. Wrotham bells (8) available after tea (6.30 p.m. bus from Meopham). Names for tea by Tuesday, May 31st, without fail, please.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6361

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Nottingham, June 4th, St. Mary's bells (10), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Peter's (10), after 6 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Institute. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers and J. H. Cook. 6365

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by June 1st, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6367

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice. The 332nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Twelve bells. All visitors welcome. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 6358

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Six-Bell Contest, at Ossett, June 11th. Entrance fee, 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 4th. Names for tea to reach Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, not later than June 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, Nr. Barnsley. 6380

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Advance notice. The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Tickets, price 11s. 6d. each, now available from A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 6384

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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