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THE COUNCIL MEETING

THOSE who journeyed to Bristol for the Central Council meeting must have wondered what effect the threatened rail strike was going to have on the attendance; yet in the event almost a record number of members signed the roll. Perhaps it was the glorious weather, or the attraction of a famous city, or maybe the members hastened westward determined to avenge the wrongs which the experts—the dictators—the indefinable 'they'—had been inflicting on the Exercise for so long. Bob Triples must be legalised, many times over according to the agenda, or it was clear that twenty thousand ringers (from counties other than Cornwall) would want to know why.

An informal gathering had been arranged for an hour before the Standing Committee meeting, of such proposers and seconders of the various motions as were available, in an attempt to agree on a composite version. Success was achieved with a minute to spare, but the revised motion was not without its critics in the Council, mostly on the grounds that it did not go far enough, although one member at least thought it went too far. But after considerable discussion an amendment was carried as a result of which the Council will now recognise all true peals which conform to the conditions laid down four years ago, but amended slightly two years ago and again this year. It follows from this, of course, that such peals will be included in the Analysis. Let it be noted, however, that the Council did not depart from its definition of a 'regular' method, which was reaffirmed during the long discussion on the Handbook Sub-Committee's report.

This re-examination of the Council's Decisions and Reports, which occupied most of the afternoon, was not exactly light going, and it was as well that the morning had provided some light relief, as when Mr. Harry Miles warned members of the dangers of undertaking seemingly small tasks—his had taken something like seven years to complete. Nevertheless, all were grateful to him and to his associates for the immense trouble they had taken, and for their help.

Some amusement was also caused by the reference to 'Passallatessera' and 'Passallatria' methods. It was eventually agreed to regard these survivors of the 1906 Report on Method Classification as Exercise methods, should any be rung. The critic who reproached the sub-committee for not finding other names confessed himself unable to do so, but the fact is that 'Surprise,' 'Delight' and so forth are accepted because they have come down from ringing's early days, whereas modern expressions of a like character would sound slightly ridiculous—for example, 'Marvel,' tried out some fifty years ago, but soon abandoned.

The meeting had begun with the reading of a message sent to a former secretary on his 90th birthday and a welcome to another respected member, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had come almost straight from a long spell in hospital. It was followed by a civic reception at the historic Red Lodge, graced by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and by the Dean of Bristol. Ice-cream and a handbell course of Stedman Cinques were served up on the lawn, and one young lady at least preferred the former. So to Leicester next year, and perhaps a visit to Ireland in 1958. E. A. B.

NOT FAIT ACCOMPLI

Dear Sir,—In your leading article in the issue of June 10th you refer to a decision taken at Bristol to have a President's badge of office, and also say that a vice-president is to be appointed. I think it should be made clear that the Committee which was set up is to consider the desirability of recommending the purchase of a badge and the creation of this new office, and that neither should be taken as a fait accompli. If such recommendations are made they will, of course, have to be accepted by the Council before further action can be taken.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
JOHN S. MASON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	PETER BORDER	10
SYDNEY T. HOLT	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
JOHN PINFOLD	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

Rung as an eightieth birthday compliment to Mrs. Laura Rymer and Mrs. Frances Ashford, grandparents of Miss Shirley Rymer.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*ROGER SAVORY	6
SYDNEY T. HOLT	2	ALAN MORGAN	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
GERALD C. HEMMING	5	JOHN STANIER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and 50th for the Association. Also 50 years since the conductor called his first peal of Stedman Caters, May 27th, 1905.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
C.C.C. No. 8. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	*GEORGE WATERMAN	6
DIANA M. MATTHEW	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	*SAM J. TWITCHETT	8
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	9
ROBERT E. LESTER	5	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal on ten. First peal of Plain Royal by all except treble.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN	*Treble*	HAROLD W. ROGERS	6
D. KAY ADKINS	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
MRS. H. W. ROGERS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
*ALBERT WENBAN	5	JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	EDWIN BROMLEY	5
BETTY A. TESTER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
COLIN A. TESTER	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., May 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 LADYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	PETER BORDER	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal. † 100th peal on the bells. First peal in the method. (Tipler's D 5/3.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
EDWARD JENNER	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MEADE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., May 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
RONALD G. EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	BERT GOGLE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

M. ANGELA CARTER	*Treble*	*M. ALISON WOOD	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	PETER G. DAVIES	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † 50th peal of Major.

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BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5
†TREVOR BEVIS	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	6
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	†STANLEY SHIPP	7
‡WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4	§PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. § 300th peal.
Rung to mark 50 years' membership of this Association by T. Reginald Dennis. The composition contains one lead of Primrose (the 8th place variation of Cambridge).

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
PETER CAME	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
JOE E. G. ROAST	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
GEORGE GILBERT	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
DEREK W. STONE	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Heath 1, J. Faithfull, jun. 2, Miss E. Arthur 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, D. Jackson 5, J. W. Faithfull 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss E. Arthur.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND EDWARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

KENNETH MEDWAY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
BRIAN GRINTER	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* 100th peal for the Association.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

MARGARET PAGE	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	CYRIL CHURCHILL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY INGHAM	5
*CHRISTINE PEDDER	2	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	6
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	‡JOHN PEARSON	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* Frist peal on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal.
A 14th birthday peal for Christine Pedder.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Ten-part No. 1. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

DAVID J. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. HILL	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	6
LINDA R. BINNINGTON	3	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	7
ROBERT B. BLOND	4	BERTRAM D. COSTAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
The first peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	6
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	7
JAMES B. MORLEY	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	DEREK K. KNOWLES	5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD	2	†PETER J. BARKER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	‡STELLA HUGHES	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells and in the method as conductor.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, Northrepps and 540 Grandsire): M. Bishop 1, R. Brewin 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, R. Wilmore 4, G. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6. First quarter in four methods for all but 3 and 4.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	3	JOHN WORTH	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE VIRGIN, WOLBOROUGH,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN QUICK	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
WILLIAM J. HARVEY	2	*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	*PETER R. JOHNSON	7
SIDNEY SKINNER	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD W. ADAMS	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	5
*GERALD W. GIBBS	2	HERBERT WAKELAM	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	7
ROY K. MOWFORTH	4	*WILLIAM ALLSOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.
* First peal.
Rung on the day of the S.P.G. garden party at Chillington Hall, Brewood, and the visit of the Bishop of Nandyal (S. India), the Right Rev. W. A. Partridge.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Surprise.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
†PETER M. GILES	3	GEORGE R. PAYNE	7
HAROLD MARCON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside."
A compliment to Allan Simpson and Miss Joan E. Hoodless on the occasion of their wedding at Cotgrave.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	EDWARD W. ROAST	6
MARY DOWSETT	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	7
JOHN WEST	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ivan J. M. Saunders.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Money 1, C. Herbert 2, J. Page 3, M. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, J. Templeton (first 'inside') 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Salvi 8.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Reversed. Tenor 28 cwt.

MARY WALSHAW	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
FREDERICK S. ALMOND	4	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung in honour of the Trinity ordinations at this Cathedral Church on the day following.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E flat

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
REGINALD T. JONES	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. LADD	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RALPH BIRD	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
*IAN H. ORAM	4	*PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this, his 15th tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN A. BEACH	*Treble*	JOHN T. MEDHURST	4
*JANET FRENCH	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
COLIN A. TESTER	3	†R. G. FAIRWEATHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEVIN S. HOHL.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOAN M. BROOKS	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	4
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
R. JOHN SCOTT	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY	4
REGINALD G. POWELL	2	AUBREY J. PROBERT	5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.
First peal as conductor.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,360 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin (cond.) 3, J. King (first of Doubles) 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

HAROLD LEATHER	*Treble*	ROBERT PLUMMER	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

The first peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.
Rung as birthday compliments to Miss D. Syrett and the conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND SUART	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	HAROLD WILSON	5
FRANK BIRKETT	3	JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

Rung in honour of the wedding, earlier in the day, of Mr. Harry Barnes and Miss Joan Currie, two ardent church workers and members of the belfry. Also to mark the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick, of Ambleside.

GREAT HASELEY, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ADAMS	*Treble*	LAWRENCE H. BUSBY	4
*CHRISTINE M. HALL	2	THOMAS S. BOWLES	5
*HORACE A. MAIR	3	MICHAEL C. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE A. MAIR.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CRACKNELL	*Treble*	*JAMES B. MORLEY	4
LEONARD S. SHARPE	2	†CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
KENNETH G. BROWN	3	*GEORGE FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

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

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob (four callings), three 240's Pitman's Grandsire, and 20 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. TEMPLETON	*Treble*	FRANK T. LONG	4
ALFRED E. HINMAN	2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung as a farewell to Canon W. A. Mandall, in recognition of his 50 years in the ministry, of which 25 years were spent as Vicar of Whissendine. He retired at Whitsun.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in nine methods: Four extents each of Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas'; five of Winchendon Place Bob; six of Plain Bob; and seven of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt in B flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	3
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST MORRIS	4

*†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

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WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

J. DEREK SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	4
VICTOR NEAL	2	HENRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

The band wish to associate this peal with Albert H. Crawley, of Barrow, for many years leader at Wistaston. This is the 77th peal on the bells and the first one he has not taken part in.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK PEARSON	5
*DAVID VOKES	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in five methods.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. BARNES	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	4
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT	2	GEORGE A. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	BERNARD FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	3
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
AUBREY J. PROBERT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in fourteen methods: (1) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Forty-nine changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	*JOHN R. SMITH	5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in 14 methods. First in 14 methods as conductor.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with varied callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE SUMNER	*Treble*	BERTIE BALL	4
WILLIAM ROSE	2	HERBERT GOAKES	5
WALTER LONGFOOT	3	*JOHN COULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Longfoot (son of the third ringer) and Miss Ruth Watts.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Roper (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, J. Harmsworth (first of Triples) 3, F. Goulter 4, J. N. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, N. J. Diserens 7, B. Stirland 8.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Sweet 1, Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, F. T. Locke 3, J. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (first of Kent Treble Bob and first in method as cond.) 5, E. V. Williams 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Locke (Langport) on the 29th anniversary of their wedding.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, B. Downie 2, H. Yardley 3, J. V. W. Conduct 4, J. Butler 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. Short 8. In memoriam F. W. Rishworth, a ringer at this church.

BITTON, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Milsom (first of Triples on treble) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, Miss J. Midgley 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown (first on eight) 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Hall 1, S. Hough 2, M. Sage 3, N. Lomas 4, I. Jenkins 5, S. Sage 6, B. J. Woodruffe 7, W. A. Smith (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Vicar on his appointment as a Canon.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, E. Deacon 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. R. Fray 1, A. N. Church 2, Miss M. E. Fray 3, A. H. Rogers 4, C. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. H. Parson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. J. Pullen, former headmaster of Clutton School.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS. — On May 28th, 2,160 of Minor (720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob): Miss P. Thompson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter 3, J. H. Pailing 4, C. W. Towers 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to L. Henson, local tower captain.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Richardson 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne (first as cond.) 3, A. Cozens 4, K. Perkins 5.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Thrush 1, H. Belcher 2, Kathleen Weller 3, D. Fowles 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael V. Chilcott.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 1,080 Plain Bob): Miss M. Crosier 1, C. H. Newell 2, L. G. Berridge 3, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 4, D. W. James 4. First in three methods by all the band. Rung by the Sunday Service band for Whit Sunday.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on June 5th, 1,282 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss K. Weller 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Rawlings 7, S. H. Dearden 8, C. Watts 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. Chilcott (cond.) 11, J. Phillips 12.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Jones 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, W. H. Wilson 4, C. J. Reede 5, W. Lynch 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, H. H. Jones 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, D. Reeve 5, B. Myles 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Sands 1, D. Houghton 2, J. Blick (first quarter) 3, Ann Fundrey 4, P. Shipton 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the dedication of two new trebles in 1953. First quarter in method on the bells.

HADLOW, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bowen (first way from tenor) 1, G. Fry 2, L. J. Honess 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, A. Skinner (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the district.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, Miss S. H. Dorey (first quarter) 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, R. E. Waters 4, J. Schofield (cond.) 5, J. Pitcher 6. Rung for Whit Sunday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, Mi J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, R. Retter 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Lake, a ringer at this church, and Mr. M. Pearce, of Hele (Devon).

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: N. D. Davies (13, first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel 3, C. E. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. For morning service.—Also 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. D. Davies 1, M. Baker 2, C. E. Hill 3, E. M. Baker 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Ad gloriam Deo.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 1,020 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss V. Phillips (first in two methods) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, M. A. Richardson 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.—Also on May 31st, 1,440 Spliced Doubles—(1) Place Bob, Colnebrook S.S., (2) Twincham, Bedfont S.C., Reverse Bampton, (3) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., (4) Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., (5) Westminster II., Chesham S.C., (6) Blackburn Place Bob, Chesham S.C., (7) New Bob, Itchingfield S.C., (8) Huntspill, Itchingfield S.C., (9) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., (10) Winchendon, Longford S.C., (11) St. Simon's, Rugby S.C., (12) St. Martin's, Rugby S.C., 89 changes of method: Miss V. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. First in 21 methods for all.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans (first quarter) 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner 5, A. Edginton 6. Rung after the service of induction of the Rev. R. J. B. Smith as Vicar of All Saints', King's Bromley.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Preston (first of Triples) 1, B. Morgan 2, M. Wright 3, F. E. Jukes (cond.) 4, C. Peakman 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung for morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Jukes. Also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Harry W. Dodd, a regular ringer at St. Mary's for 65 years, and Mrs. Dodd.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Callow (first in 4 methods) 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. J. White (first in 4 methods as cond.) 4, A. Bown 5. Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, J. T. Locke (first in 5 methods 'inside') 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. Rung for Empire Day.

LEICESTER.—On Trinity Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary de Castro, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Turner 1, Mrs. H. J. Poole 2, D. Theedom 3, H. Broughton 4, H. J. Poole (cond.) 5, T. Thornber 6, J. Acres 7, R. Prime 8. Rung for the annual Trinity Hospital Service.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Phillips 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, Miss J. M. Phillips 4, Miss J. Clements 5, Miss S. A. Richardson 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Cook 1, Miss Heather Bonner 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, R. E. Dean 4, Miss Evelyn Gibson 5, E. Silvey 6, E. D. Poole (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For Evensong.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, J. Moore 2, E. Connock 3, E. Knapton 4, E. Bray 5, E. Nash 6, G. Massey (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Kennington, 240 St. Columb, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Southrepps Pleasure, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, G. M. Battersby 5, G. M. Purnell 6. First in 5 methods for all the band.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Giles', St. Miles', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Canterbury, Northrepps and 60 of Grandsire): R. Handford 1, J. Handford 2, R. Wilmore 3, G. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, G. Harrald 6. First in 11 methods by all. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

NEWTON ST CYRES, DEVON. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. Cole 2, T. Ridgeman 3, F. Wills 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, G. Skinner 6, E. G. Cork 7, G. S. Luxton 8. Rung to celebrate the 12th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents Plain Bob, 8½ extents Grandsire): M. Journeaux 1, R. Gallop 2, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Tom Smith.—Also on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Gallop 1, M. Stone 2, J. Hadfield 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.—Also on May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 8½ Grandsire): John Dart (first quarter) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Smith 4, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Gallop 6.—Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Journeaux (first Minor) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, R. Gallop (first 'inside') 3, C. Holloway (first Minor) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. To commemorate the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

OXFORD.—On May 29th, at New College, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. T. Powell (first on eight) 1, J. Enton 2, D. Hodgson 3, D. A. Edwards 4, R. J. Cook 5, D. H. Niblett 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Roberts 1, Miss O. Smith 2, E. H. Smith 3, D. Cobb 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, F. G. Henbest 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, P. W. Webb (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Midgley 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, R. Smith 7, A. L. Dunn (first on tenor) 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th; also to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cookson for the gift of a son, Mr. G. C. Cookson being a member of the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On June 5th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, R. Sanders 3, J. Chapman (cond.) 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Rea 6, S. Howard 7, E. Wright 8. In memoriam Walter J. Anscombe, for many years ringer and steeplekeeper at Immanuel Church. Also first quarter peal by the treble ringer since he attained the age of 90 last January.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Taylor (longest length away from tenor) 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. Chapman 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Clarke (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, J. Hobbs (first of Stedman) 2, D. Miller 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, M. Stone 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Morgan, chairman of the Bridgwater branch, on leaving the district.

WOODEATON, OXON. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Christine Woodward 2, R. H. Jones (first in method as cond.) 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To mark the 12th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface, a pilgrimage was made from Exeter Cathedral to the birthplace at Crediton, headed by the Bishops of Exeter and Crediton and 300 clergy and laity, which numbered 300 by the time Crediton was reached. A brief halt was made at Newton St. Cyres Church, which is about halfway along the route, where the pilgrims were welcomed by the bells. As they left the church a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the saint.

Following upon the decision of the Central Council a member informs us that he is already planning a peal of Plain Bob Caters, and also hopes to ring Grandsire Minor or Major.

Fifty years ago on May 27th Mr. J. Thomas conducted his first peal of Stedman Caters. The anniversary was commemorated by Mr. Thomas calling the same method at Worcester.

The ten bells at the Imperial Institute were rung for the first time for the Queen's birthday since being rehung by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, of Haslemere, while on holiday in South Wales with their daughter, Margaret, helped to complete the band at St. Mary's Church, Tenby, for the Whitsun services.

Old Headington ringers, past and present, recently held a successful dinner at Eastgate Hotel, Oxford. It is hoped to make this an annual event. On June 18th they are joining with Marston ringers in a combined outing, when several Oxford towers will be visited.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has informed us that he made a mistake in replying to Mr. Cecil Pipe's question on the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee (page 364). The Suffolk tower which received attention was Lowestoft, and not Ipswich.

The bells of All Saints', Colchester, now a redundant church, are to be used in the proposed new church at Little Horkesley, which will replace the one which was destroyed by a parachute mine during the war. Four of these bells were cast by Miles Graye, the Colchester bellfounder, and the third by Richard Bowler (1587). The bells are being reconditioned in a London foundry.

'E. C. S.,' in his admirable leader of June 3rd, referred to A. G. Driver. J. W. Driver, mentioned in the text, was a ringer at Chelsea many years ago and had no connection with A. G.

The Guild of Devonshire ringers in 1954 elected 85 performing members. Three bands, Brixham, Kentisbeare and Uffculme, joined the Guild.

St. George's, Camberwell, band, saw the Thames Valley at its best on June 4th, when they held their second annual outing. Towers visited were Marlow, Burnham and Cookham, where local ringers made them welcome and also assisted previously in planning the tour.

St. Albans Cathedral has a keen young team of beginners, average age 15, who are making good progress in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. On June 4th they organised an afternoon tour, visiting Sandridge, Kimpton and Redbourn. After a picnic some of the party cycled to Abbots Langley to attend a ringing meeting.

Thanks to Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Lincolnshire ringers from Thurlby, Bourne, Rippingale, Billingborough, Silk Willoughby and Sleaford had an enjoyable tour in Northamptonshire on June 4th. Towers visited were Wilby, Mears Ashby, Cogenhoe, Brafield and three in Northampton. Through 'The Ringing World,' the party wish to thank Mr. Jeffs and all tower captains.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

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BROADCASTING COMMITTEE'S GOOD WORK — BOOK ON DOUBLES IN PRINTER'S HANDS — WIDENING THE RANGE OF PEAL RINGING. SHOULD RECORD LENGTHS BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY? COUNCIL SAY 'NO'

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The formation of this new committee at Newcastle was considered necessary to cope with the ever increasing field of sound and vision radio, and as an endeavour to ensure that, eventually, all aspects of ringing introduced on sound and vision programmes should be of a good standard and suitably presented from the ringers' point of view.

Your committee has, during the past year, made considerable effort to become acquainted with the heads of departments in the various regions and has attained some measure of success.

We have been fortunate in enlisting the co-operation of the Publicity Department of the B.B.C. in the person of Mr. F. L. Cobb, the chief of this department. We now have an understanding with him to the effect that all items relating to bell-ringing shall be sent to him from the various regions and particulars passed to 'The Ringing World' for publication. Obviously an arrangement of this sort will take a considerable time to reach perfection, as it involves the complete co-operation of the powers-that-be in the various regions. In this direction the members of your committee have made every endeavour to contact their religious directors and others concerned with the use of the bells in broadcasting and to persuade them to pass the necessary information in good time for publication. In due course we hope that we shall receive sufficient recognition by the B.B.C. to be consulted on all matters in this sphere of broadcasting. This may sound a little Utopian but should, we feel, be our ultimate objective.

In the main our contacts have concerned sound radio; we have, however, achieved some measure of success on the vision side. A suggestion regarding the Interlude on vision has been received from a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and we have been fortunate in enlisting the good offices of one of the leading vision producers to get this passed to the proper quarter. Should this idea become a fact, we feel sure it will be well received by the ringing fraternity.

We have during the year co-opted the services of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow.

It is not proposed in this report to go into any great detail with regard to what has been seen and heard on the radio during the year under review. Many rings, from all over the country, have been heard prior to divine service. In the main, the ringing has been of a fair standard. An old sore, of course, is how much uninterrupted ringing there should be. When we have established ourselves a little more firmly with the B.B.C. we hope to do something in this direction. Such items as the Bedfordshire Young Ringers' tour and the long length attempt at Loughborough were well covered on the air. On the vision side, bells, particularly handbells, have been introduced on a number of occasions.

The most important point concerning all broadcasting in which ringers take part is that the highest possible standard of performance should be aimed at. The ringing of good rounds is much to be preferred to poor change ringing. This applies more particularly to country towers where a shortage of competent ringers precludes good change ringing. With the best will in the world, we feel our efforts will be in vain if ringers themselves do not put their house in order, and on this theme we would end our report.

Mr. H. Sanger moved and Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. H. Miles said when big conferences were held the B.B.C. generally gave a news item. He thought that some arrangement should have been made.

Mr. Brian Threlfall suggested that the B.B.C. should be invited to broadcast a ringers' meeting.

Mr. Sanger replied that the B.B.C. were not easy people to deal with and while they might suggest things it was not easy to get them through.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said that as to the B.B.C. reporting their activities at Eastbourne, some ringing at the Council meeting was recorded in the news the same evening.

Mr. F. Skidmore: The B.B.C. were informed of this meeting and said they would do what they could but they did not do anything.

Mr. C. Pope: I think the B.B.C. are more interested in the religious service than the bells. If an approach was made through the incumbent perhaps a little more time for the bells might be arranged.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said until recently the B.B.C. had a feature of the bells on Christmas Day and Easter Day. Could they inquire why it was dropped?

Mr. T. J. Lock said in regard to television it was pointed out to him that because of the apparatus required, ringing should be from the ground floor.

The report was adopted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report of this committee appeared on page 350.

Mr. E. Shepherd moved the adoption of the report and said the committee was very self-conscious of its defects. In the past, under the direction of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the reports were prepared with great care and scholarship. He thanked ringers who had forwarded papers and articles.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thought the committee had produced an admirable report.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The year 1954 showed a steady decline in the number of peals rung, particularly in the realm of handbell ringing. The grand total was 2,406, made up of 2,283 on tower bells and 123 on handbells. The former were split up as follows: Maximus 34, Cinques 33, Royal 104, Caters 83, Major 923, Triples 266, Minor 621 and Doubles 219. It will be noted that the last two make up 34.9 per cent of the total. (Good for you, the countrymen!)

This total includes one peal of Plain Bob Cinques by the Norwich Association, one of Plain Bob Caters by the Suffolk Guild and one of Plain Bob Triples each by the Essex Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Suffolk Guild and the Truro Guild. One peal of Grandsire Doubles, by the Derbyshire Association, was not acceptable as 60 changes were added.

Outstanding performances. Peals worthy of special mention are:

A peal in 45 methods of Doubles in which the conductor rang two 'inside' bells, for the Middlesex Association.

Original Triples by the Winchester Guild.

Peals of Spliced Triples in 11, 10 and six methods by the Worcester and Districts.

Thirty-two Spliced Surprise Major by the Lincoln Guild.

Peals in 36, 42 and 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Yorkshire Association.

Handbell peals. These are made up as follows:

Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 5, Major 45, Triples 10, Minor 36 and Doubles 21. The outstanding performance was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Leicester Guild.

We deplore the fading away of this branch of our art and fully recommend its fascination to the younger exponents of tower bells.

It is our sincere wish that a permanent decision may be reached regarding the inclusion of peals of Plain Bob on the odd numbers.

Heading the peals totals was the Leicester Guild with 197 peals (10 on handbells) followed by the Kent County with 146, third was the Suffolk Guild (127) and the Essex Association fourth (123). The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Ladies' Guild both failed to produce a peal this year.

Mr. W. Ayre moved and Mr. H. Miles seconded the adoption of the report and this was carried.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The Methods Committee has had a quiet year. Having completed the book of Doubles Methods, it has turned its attention to the revision of the Minor and Triples Methods books, as requested by the Council last year. The former, being a very popular publication, it was decided to reprint the last edition with only few alterations and then to produce a completely new work over the next few years. The revision of the Triples Methods book has commenced and we hope to have it in print for next year's Council. Its contents will depend to some extent on the decisions of the Council about such methods at this session. We would like to express our appreciation at the help given to us by Mr. Segar.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in moving the adoption of the report said there was not very much to say for once.

Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded.

Mr. W. E. Critchley asked about the Doubles book.

Mr. Sharpe replied that it went to the printers six weeks ago and the printer hoped to have the proof ready in a fortnight or three weeks' time.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee has not proceeded further with the proposed collection of compositions for Stedman Caters and Cinques. At the last Council meeting it was decided to await publication of the revised edition of 'Stedman' in the J. W. Snowdon series and reconsider the need for such a collection.

Mr. C. W. Woolley moved the adoption of the report and said he had a strong letter from Mr. C. W. Roberts who disagreed with the report.

Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded.

The President: How is the revised book on Stedman Caters going?

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: It is anticipated that the new edition of Stedman will be finished by about the end of this year.

The report was adopted.

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RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1954:

Jan.
2. 5184 Farndon Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
4. 5152 Hockley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
9. 5088 Horsham Sur. Maj. (Sussex).
16. 5056 Southwell Sur. Maj. (Southwell).
25. 5280 Langley Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
27. 5040 Cawston Little Bob Maj. (Norwich).
30. 5056 Rugby Sur. Maj. (Oxford).
30. 5088 Holywood Del. Maj. (Irish).

Feb.
4. 5024 Harlesden Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
8. 5280 Stoneygate Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
13. 5152 Handbridge Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
13. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (36 methods) (Yorkshire).
19. 5088 Stoughton Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
20. 5056 Shrewsbury Bob Maj. (Chester).
27. 5040 Ludgate Sur. Royal (Lancashire).

Mar.
8. 5280 Gartree Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
20. 5040 Southwell Sur. Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).

April
5. 5280 Framland Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
8. 5152 Colmore Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
8. 5055 Byfleet Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
22. 5152 Evington Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
24. 5120 Hodnet Imp. Bob Maj. (Shropshire).

May
13. 5056 Shirley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5152 Queen Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
22. 5280 Southwell Sur. Maximus (Yorkshire).
22. 5040 Ellesmere Little Court Maj. (Shropshire).
29. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (42 methods) (Yorkshire).
29. 5056 Winchester Sur. Maj. (Winchester & Portsmouth).

June
10. 5024 Quinton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
10. 5040 Spliced Triples (11 methods) (Worcester).
14. 5152 Erdington Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
16. 5056 Falmouth Sur. Maj. (Essex).
18. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (48 methods) (Yorkshire).
24. 5120 Twickenham Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
28. 5024 Ribblesdale Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

July
7. 5024 Portsmouth Sur. Maj. (Essex).
14. 5088 Gainsborough Sur. Maj. (Suffolk).
15. 5056 Moseley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
19. 5152 Frankley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
29. 5152 Ventnor Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
31. 5040 Winchester Sur. Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).

Aug.
19. 5280 Goscote Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
21. 5040 Oakham Sur. Royal (Lincoln).
28. 5152 Enfield Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Sept.
11. 5088 St. Wolstan's Del. Maj. (Leicester).
11. 5040 Regina Bob Maj. (Oxford).
30. 5024 Ufford Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Oct.
1. 5152 Wombourn Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
2. 5120 Elford Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).
7. 5184 Bordesley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
9. 5024 Colchester Sur. Maj. (Essex).
15. 5056 Campsall Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).
18. 5152 Tyseley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
21. 5120 Olney Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Nov
4. 5024 Zennor Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
8. 5056 Tyburn Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

Dec.
7. 5056 Beretun Bob Maj. (Hertford).
18. 5088 Fordham Sur. Maj. (Ely).
20. 5152 Ullenhall Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
30. 5152 Bromford Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

The report was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall and adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved an alteration of rules as follows: To amend Rule 4, Section (ii), by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The section to read: 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the schedule of these Rules unless modified in application to and by permission of the Council.'

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and this was agreed to.

BOB TRIPLES, CATERS AND CINQUES

The president said that a number of motions before the Council had the same object in view. A meeting of proposers and seconders of these motions was held previous to the Standing Committee meeting to see if agreement could be reached on motions (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g). He was thankful to say that they had agreed to the following:—

'That this Council while not encouraging the ringing of peals which are not in accordance with its decisions resolves to recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions required for peals laid down in 1951 (see "The Ringing World," page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955) as subsequently amended, except that the Council is not prepared to recognise any peals rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods or in any way which does not comply with its rules and decisions.'

This motion was considered by members during the luncheon interval and upon resuming the president asked Mr. C. K. Lewis to speak first.

Mr Lewis said he became very concerned over this matter some time ago and he had come to the conclusion that they should be wrong from an historical point of view—and a member had suggested from a moral point of view—if they commended these irregular methods. 'Some people may have felt I have shifted my views. I have not. What I want is consistency for all decisions.

'I still hold the view the Council's decisions are a very desirable aim, but if people wish and desire to ring something that does not conform we shall be wrong from the historian's point of view in abolishing them. Irregular peals would be lost completely and in 50 years' time someone might come along and there would be no record. If Annable had his way peals with singles would be out. He did not like them. There was a danger that we should be losing something. I am anxious that nothing shall be lost, either regular or irregular, and the main point is that we should not dismiss anything because it is not in accord with our own ideas. Let us leave it to history to say if we are right. I have much pleasure in proposing this resolution.'

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in seconding, said it was the intention if the motion was passed that peals rung in 1953 which were deferred at last year's meeting would automatically be allowed.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he had rung a fair amount of Plain Bob but probably on even numbers. He had the pleasure in taking part in the first peal of Bob Royal which was ever recorded for the Ancient Society of College Youths and that was rung on the Shrove Tuesday of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He only attempted one peal of Bob Triples and that was not successful. On the five bells in his village church they rang Bob Minimus with the tenor behind because they were not capable of ringing any more. He knew many members of the Exercise enjoyed ringing Bob Triples, Bob Caters and Bob Cinques and found it a useful way of bringing on young ringers. He thought the Central Council should recognise any peal. The first peal ever rung was Bob Triples and the motion if passed would cover Bob Triples.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: The amended resolution does not cover all I desired but I am content to let it stand.

Mr. C. W. Woolley said it was the first time he had come to a Council meeting with a decided opinion from his own consituents as to what they wanted. He felt the Council should not discourage anything. He had a ring of eight with 30 cwt. tenor and a young band. They were advised to ring Plain Bob and did so very successfully with the tenor behind. A band like that wanted encouraging. These extra words in the amended resolution were, he presumed, for long length peals. Personally he was all for them being recognised as peals.

Mr. W. F Moreton said there were two points he would like to make. The first was that the resolution would allow all Minor methods—regular and irregular—to be included in the resolution. Secondly, there had recently been a lot of criticism of the Methods Committee and one of the things was Bob Triples. He would like to ask if the Methods Committee had ever said anything about Bob Triples.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Bob Triples has never been referred to the Methods Committee and we have never passed any judgment about it.

Mr P. A. Corby said they did aim the previous night on a wording that would meet the case generally and suit all parties—the wording was perhaps a little less strong than suggested by Mr. Poole and himself. It was a fact that they should not lose sight of, that there had been strong expressions from the Exercise as to certain methods. The Council as a body was accused of saying that certain methods should or should not be rung and the rank and file of the Exercise did not like that and in some quarters they had been vocal in saying so. The purpose of the resolution was to realise the function of the Council in regard to the advice it should or should not give. In other words how far should the Council go? In the past the Council had got itself in difficult situations in seeking to find legitimate answers to many problems and there had been a tendency to draw the attention of the Exercise to some to the exclusion of others. In the past there had been an under emphasis on the word 'surprise' and more latterly there had been an over emphasis on 'extension.'

'So far as Bob Triples is concerned Mr. Poole and I made an attempt to test the feeling of the Exercise with regard to the resolutions coming before the Council today. I may say that with the exception of two members of the Council every reply was in favour of both resolutions. We had 120 replies and that shows that the Exercise generally is in sympathy with what we are trying to do today.'

Mr. H. J. Poole said it would be obvious to the members of the Council the confidence Mr. Corby had gained since he left Kent and went into Leicestershire. 'I have agreed to the substituted motion and I think what we should be more concerned about than Bob Triples is the Exercise's reaction to what the Council has done in recent years. It is quite obvious from all quarters that there is a strong feeling that the Council has gone beyond its intention or authority and it is very necessary we should bear in mind that we want and need the support of all the Exercise. We want not merely the support of members coming to this meeting but every ringer of the country and the only way

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to get that support was to be reasonable. I feel in the past that between the technicians (I have the highest possible regard for those people who have gone into method construction) and the practical ringers there was a gap which it was difficult to bridge. What we must however be concerned about is the Sunday service ringers. Whatever our views may be about peal ringing—and I am a keen peal ringer—we ought to bear in mind the Sunday service ringer. Up to now we have said, "You should not ring Bob Triples in peals." We have many who say, "If it is good enough to be rung for Sunday service it is good enough to be rung to peals," and this is having its reaction. We should listen to these people.'

Mr. Norman Chaddock moved as an amendment that the words beyond all true peals be deleted.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. C. K. Lewis in reply to the amendment said those who were a lot older than he would remember they used to ring Woodbine Treble Bob and with bobs call it Merchant's Return, thus claiming two methods. If they were going to ring record lengths conditions should be more stringent than for ordinary gain.

Mr. N. Chaddock said the same fallacy would occur in an ordinary peal.

Mr. Lewis: You must protect people going for records by protecting them from spurious records. If you want to make a record in any direction you observe very strongly all the rules. Records require more stringent rules.

Mr. John Freeman opposed the amendment. He agreed that rules and decisions wanted to be considered from time to time and revised, but there was one proviso—some benefit should be gained. In his opinion nothing would be gained. He had never agreed that Bob Triples was a good start for the beginner. Having come from a tower brought up on Grandsire and Stedman it was not surprising. He did not think Mr. Corby's Gallup poll could be taken as an expression of opinion. Mr. Poole pleaded the case of the blue line written three years ago; he expressed the opinion that if they followed the blue line they would get nowhere. If they supported the amendment they would be opening the door for everything they thought right or wrong to be swept away because they got a spate of letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. E. Critchley felt that by the resolution they would get the confidence and goodwill of many.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said in the matter of the last wording of the motion they would have to draw a distinction between peal records in length and records in the number of methods. Mr. Lewis had said one could call a bob in a method and call the result another method, like calling a bob in Cambridge and calling it Timbuctoo. If they chose to ring 105 methods and called a bob in each method they would get 210. Without some distinction in methods there would be a lot of dissatisfaction.

Mr. C. W. Woolley: Surely the Council will retain the right to say whether Cambridge with a bob is Timbuctoo?

Mr. E. A. Barnett: If we do that we shall be held as dictators.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: Would it not be better to have a type of record for regular methods and another for irregular?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I think we must be very careful about this. There ought to be some distinction between record peals and ordinary peals.

Dr. Hatcher: Surely we should specify conditions about record peals.

Mr. C. W. Pipe: Can we clear up Plain Bob on all numbers?

The President: This motion covers Plain Bob on all numbers. It also covers irregular methods.

Mr. H. Miles: The whole of the controversy has arisen because of the reference back of the Peals Analyses Committee. I should like to hear the views of the convener of the Peals Analyses Committee.

Mr. Walter Ayre: The convener of the Peals Analyses Committee has nothing to say.

Mr. Miles: As a member of the Peals Analyses Committee I don't agree. At the last meeting I said that most of the Associations agreed to abide loyally by the rules and decisions of the Central Council and that was what we (the Committee) tried to do. We have tried to draw up the analyses under the rules and decisions of the Council. I contend if there is any rule that is not wanted all that is needed is to bring up a resolution to rescind the rule. All the time these rules and decisions appear on our books we must abide by them. We have heard a lot about dictatorial methods and who are the Central Council. The affiliated Associations are the Central Council. I think there is a lot of tosh being talked this afternoon.

Mr. A. E. Lock: I think it was said in 1905 that Bob Triples should not be practised because it is not worthy of being retained. That does not lay down a hard and fast rule. We on the Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were almost unanimous that that resolution should be dropped.

Mr. A. D. Barker: There were 29 who voted for that and I voted against it.

Mr. N. Chaddock: The reason we should leave out the latter part of the resolution.

The amendment, which reads: 'That this Council will recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions laid down for peals in 1951, as subsequently amended,' was put to the meeting and carried by a very large majority.

(To be continued)

A NEW BELL AT ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM

The new bell in the tower at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, has been in position for some time, but it has been the wish of the Rector that it should not be rung until complete success had been achieved in the £100,000 appeal for church restoration and extension. The amount asked for has now been fully subscribed, and on Thursday, June 2nd, the bell was rung for the first time.

The service of dedication was held in the ringing chamber, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon Bryan Green, assisted by the senior curate, the Rev. G. C. Potts. In the course of the service prayers were offered for ringers and their work, and the Rector expressed his appreciation of the ceaseless labours of his ringers as office bearers in the church.

The Master of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Albert Walker, thanked the Rector for his constant interest in the belfry, after which Canon Green rang the new bell. A bob course of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Major were then rung on the new eight.

The bell, which is in B flat, weighs 8 cwt., and bears the inscription: 'I was first rung on the completion of the appeal for £100.000 for the restoration of St. Martin's Church.' It adds a flat sixth to the existing twelve, and gives a fine octave in F with a tenor of about 14 cwt. It is expected to provide a useful light eight, both for general purposes and for the training of beginners.

The Master has pointed out that on Tuesday nights at 6.30 there is a special practice for beginners in various stages, and it is hoped that more aspirants will take advantage of this opportunity to benefit by the help and advice of more experienced practitioners. A. W.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Spring Meeting at Bristol

On May 7th a party of College Youths under the leadership of their Master (Mr. C. J. Watts) and accompanied by their secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck) and other officers travelled from London to Bristol, where, by invitation of the members in that city, the Society's spring meeting was to be held.

Mr. Albert Tyler and other country members met the party at Temple Meads Station and quickly rushed them off to St. Stephen's, the first tower of the day. En route the leaning tower of Temple Church was pointed out and regret was expressed that time did not allow any ringing there. (It was found later that the bells had been taken out.) St. Stephen's are a pleasant ten, and their merry tune was soon sounding out over the city.

By the time everyone had had a ring it was time for lunch, which was served at headquarters for the day, the Grosvenor Hotel, and where a room had been set aside for the Society's use. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, but unfortunately this was not up to the Society's usual high standard and consequently this glorious twelve was not heard at its best. Moving on to St. Thomas' the Society found that London did not have a monopoly of bad-going bells.

A company of more than 60 sat down to tea, which was followed by a short business meeting. Mr. C. R. Harding, on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, gave the Society a warm welcome to Bristol to which the Master replied suitably. The Master then addressed the members saying how glad he was that the meeting had been so well attended by members from as far away as Cheshire and Cornwall. He remarked that this was a sure sign that the members of the Society throughout the country, and in particular those in the West of England, realised that while the day to day business of the Society must necessarily be carried on by the London members, those in the country had just as important a place in the Society and were always welcome to take part in the Society's ringing and deliberations whenever they were in London. He urged them to use their endeavours to further the well-being of the Society, bearing in mind its proud history extending over 300 years, and to make the future a worthy successor of the past. He also tendered the Society's sincere thanks to Mr. Albert Tylor for the able way in which he had organised the day's programme, which had gone without a hitch.

A social hour then followed, during which old friendships were renewed and new ones made, and all too soon it was time for the members to leave for home after what all declared had been a very successful and enjoyable day.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting at Marlborough

The festival and annual general meeting was held at Marlborough on May 21st. Fourteen towers were open for ringing, which started just after midday.

The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall before a good gathering, the Master, the Rev. Canon C. Cox, presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

In his report the hon. secretary stated that membership remained static at 1,030 ringing, 15 honorary and 11 associates, life members being 12, elected during the year. Some Branches had increased membership and two Branches had decreased slightly. Peals numbered 18, the lowest for many years, and included one of Cambridge Maximus (first for the Guild).

Apologies were received from the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mrs. Hibberd, Messrs. J. I. Davis, F. Precey and R. H. Duke.

Election of officers:— President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Rev. Canon Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews. Thanks were expressed to the above for the work of the past year.

The Guild office and service were held in St. Mary's Church conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. B. R. Brown, R.D., assisted by Canon Cox, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton, Canon White and the Rev. J. S. Arthur. The Rector gave the address, and the Archdeacon of Wiltshire the Blessing. A band of ringers from Lyme Regis rang a course of Grandsire Caters during the service.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, to which 140 sat down, the company being welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. A. J. Free, on behalf of the town of Marlborough.

Hearty thanks were expressed to all concerned in the arrangements and the members dispersed to the various towers available for ringing both in and outside the Branch area.

OUTING

HUTTON, ESSEX

After an enjoyable ring on Kelvedon's pleasant bells, our coach sped on its way to and through South Suffolk.

Our Guild was revisiting this fair county and, as before, in 1952 and 1954, we were cordially welcomed, enjoying the mellow rings at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, and Rougham. Two hours flew by at Bury St. Edmunds—lunch first and then to the Abbey Gardens, the Cathedral Church of St. James and the massive pile of St. Mary's.

Another couple of happy hours were spent at Cambridge, sampling the punts on the river of viewing the Backs, St. John's Gateway and the wonderful Chapel of King's before proceeding to Thaxted, back in Essex.

Here, for an hour, we admired the many gaily-attired teams of Morris dancers performing with skill before a large audience in front of the ancient Guildhall. Then we revelled in our last touches of the day on the musical ring at St. John's.

The following Saturday, May 28th, saw us again on a tower-grabbing expedition—travelling poor man's fashion this time—on bicycles. Fobbing and Stanford-le-Hope, with their merry tuneful rings, were our main objectives, and a call in and a joyful pull on Ingrave's bells on our way home.

'Thank you,' we sincerely say to all incumbents and friends who welcomed us to their towers. ONE OF THE PARTY.

A SUSSEX VILLAGE & ITS AUGMENTATION

The story of the rehanging and augmenting of Wadhurst bells can truly be said to be different from the ordinary rehanging job, for although some £1,300 was raised by public subscription, not once were the parishioners asked to give to the bells.

After the repairs of 1938, it was obvious that the old timber frame was near the end of its useful life; it was installed in 1760 and strengthened in 1891, and had got so loose that further repairs would be waste of money.

With the end of hostilities in 1945 the tower captain tried to get the Parochial Church Council interested, but each time the matter was brought up, something else had prior claim, viz., extensive repairs to the church roof, elimination of damp in the north aisle, a new chapel in the south aisle and converting a disused school building as a church in another section of the parish.

In 1952, when everything seemed set fair, the death-watch beetle made itself known and another £2,000 had to be raised. But the beetle proved to be a friend in disguise, for it was decided that all the timber in the church should be examined and the beetle was found to be working in the beams supporting the bell frame.

In 1953 Mr. F. E. Collins was asked to report on the state of the beams and bell frame, and later on it was decided that estimates should be invited, based on Mr. Collins' recommendations. At the end of October, 1953, the three founders presented their estimates, and a Parochial Church Council meeting was called. It seemed obvious that the only wise thing would be to accept one of them, but a section of the Council thought that as the famous 'Whiligh' oak grew in the parish, another timber frame should be installed. Lord Courthope was at the meeting and said that he doubted if enough good seasoned oak could be found on the whole of the estate.

A faculty for a new steel frame, etc., was applied for, but the timber devotees protested to the Chancellor, and he said that an independent consultant architect should be called in to report on the matter. It speaks well for Mr. Collins that on reading this architect's report it seemed to be the whole of Mr. Collins' report, worded differently, the facts and the recommendations being exactly the same. On the receipt of this evidence the faculty was granted in June, 1954, and the bells removed in August.

In the meantime the public heard the one and only appeal for the bells and that was that someone should give two new trebles to complete the octave, but no one seemed interested. Just as the bells came back in December, a legacy of £100 was left to the Vicar and wardens, who decided to use this for a new bell, and on the day that the last of the six bells was installed in the eight-bell frame, an anonymous person offered to give the other bell.

The six bells, in their new frame and fittings, were dedicated on December 19th, 1954, when everyone voiced their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells. The old treble, having been recast, sounded a little prominent, but as the new frame is lower in the tower and the bottom half of the louvres has been bricked up, the bells sound very pleasant outside.

On Saturday, May 28th, a large congregation of parishioners and ringers gathered for the dedication of the two new trebles by the Vicar of Wadhurst (Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp). An interesting address was given by the new Rector of Rotherfield (the Rev. R. F. K. Hare). The opening rounds were rung by C. A. Bassett 1, L. W. Giles 2, J. Newick 3, Mrs. E. Bassett 4, Ann Bassett 5, J. Bishop 6, D. Neal 7, C. Pilbeam 8.

After the service there was a meeting of the East Grinstead Guild, when some 50 ringers tried out the new octave. The company were entertained to tea by the Church Council, after which the Vicar presided over the business in a manner reminiscent of the late Guild president. The Vicar was left in no doubt that Wadhurst now has a very fine octave, mechanically perfect and quite good tone, and with a band of 18 ringers in various stages of proficiency, the future looks very bright. It was regretted that the Sussex County Association were unable to be represented owing to a meeting that could not be altered.

The work, which was ably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was as follows: Two new trebles, the old treble recast, the back five retuned and were actually the only old work to go back into the tower, everything else, down to the smallest nut and bolt, being new. The weights of the two new bells are about 4¼ cwt. and 4¾ cwt., the rest as follows: No. 3, 5 cwt. 7 lb.; No. 4, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.; No. 5, 6 cwt. 15 lb.; No. 6, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.; No. 7, 11 cwt. 11 lb.; tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

NOTTS RINGERS' WEDDING

On June 4th, at Cotgrave Church, Notts, the wedding took place of Mr. Allan Simpson and Miss Joan E. Hoodless. The ceremony was conducted by the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, assisted by the Rector of Cotgrave, the Rev. A. H. Wakefield. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Arthur E. Hoodless, and Mr. Brian Buswell was best man.

It is noteworthy that the officiating clergyman, bride, bridegroom, bride's father and best man are practising ringers, as are also the bride's grandfather and uncle.

The bridal pair were duly rung 'in' and 'out,' and on leaving the churchyard had to pass under a canopy of ten handbells charged with confetti, which was liberally bestowed.

At the reception the numerous guests enjoyed a most bountiful repast. A musical touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by the bride, bridegroom, best man and C. Glenn evoked loud applause. In the afternoon a peal was rung at Daybrook by fellow-ringers in commemoration of the happy event.

The newly-married couple are taking up residence in Nottingham. Since ringing their first peal in August, 1952, their 22 peals have all been rung together, and this they hope to continue.

A HORRIFYING SIGHT

A party of ringers visiting Peterborough for the Diocesan Guild's annual meeting were impulsed out of curiosity and for archæological reasons to pause and look into the church at Orton Waterville (three miles from Peterborough and in the county of Hunts), where a feeling was that there existed three bells. They found four—treble by Thomas Norris, 1670; 2nd by Joseph Eayre, 1754; 3rd by Tobie Norris, sen., 1606; and tenor of approximately 6¼ cwt. by Joseph Eayre, 1755. All were on badly worm-eaten headstocks.

The frame for five bells would be capable of restoration after renewal of certain portions. A carpet of rubbish lay under the bells; the wheels were all broken and only one rope was any good. On the floor of the tower there was at least three-quarters of a ton of coke where chimers have to stand amid walls black with filth and a ladder in the middle of the belfry.

Curiosity also took the same party to Yarwell, where a ring was given on the four light bells, tenor 5 cwt. 4 lb., treble 2 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. Thornhaugh and Nassington were visited in addition. At Nassington they had a rope break; fortunately the Rector was present at the time. P. A.

LETTERS

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to W. J. Paice's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 27th, I sincerely hope the day will never dawn when muffled and half-muffled ringing is just a memory. To ring the bells open at funerals is about the most disgusting thing I have ever heard. I wonder what sort of service those clergy who uphold open ringing at funerals conduct in Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday?

Contempt is the only feeling we can have for the Rector who refused permission for an attempted muffled peal at the time of the death of H.M. King George VI.

Bells **should always** be rung muffled at every sad occasion and period connected with the Church, eg., Lent, Palm Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, etc.—Yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

WITHIN THE WALLS

By gad, Sir!

Shades of John Stow! Who has moved the Parish Church of St. Botolph without *Bishopsgate 'in a fair churchyard, adjoining to the town ditch, upon the very bank thereof' so that it has become 'St. Botolph* within *the walls, Bishopsgate'* (*R.W.*, 3/6/66, *page* 343)?

Verily 'a fable, foolishly stowed together.' *Yours sincerely,*

Harborne. *W. E. BOX.*

A FALSE COMPOSITION OF YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir, — In answer to Mr. Brian G. Warwick's letter regarding a false composition of Yorkshire, I should like to point out that as the conductor of the peal at Writtle on November 21st, 1953, I myself withdrew the peal about two months afterwards through the columns of 'The Ringing World.' If Mr. Warwick would care to peruse the journals for February and/or March, 1954, he will find confirmation.

I had already notified the secretary of the Essex Association, but apparently it arrived too late to avert publication in the 1953 annual report, as the prototype had already been sent to the printers.

I deeply regret this had to occur again to Mr. Golden's composition (which runs true to Superlative), but I am entirely to blame and not Mr. Golden, because he sent it to me as a 5,088 Superlative. I hope Mr. Warwick will accept my apologies for 'leading him (unwittingly perhaps) up the garden path.'—Yours sincerely,

Chelmsford. PERCY GREEN.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some twenty members and friends attended the monthly meeting at Batley on May 28th. During the afternoon and evening methods from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung. A broken treble rope brought ringing to a stop during the last lead of a touch of Kent prior to tea. The refixing of this rope gave rise to considerable ingenuity on the part of certain members afterwards!

At a short business meeting held in the tower a list of proposed meetings for the next two years was approved. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, to the local company (especially to the young ladies who had served cups of tea), and to those members who had helped to get the treble rope back to its rightful place.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be a joint one with the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild at Braham.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. Carnwell

The May meeting of the North Staffs Association was held in Leek, where the ten bells were rung to a variety of methods in the afternoon and later in the evening. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Youell).

At the business of the meeting, which followed tea at the Swan Hotel, one new member was elected. The meeting also unanimously endorsed a recommendation of the committee that a collection should be taken at the services which are held at the monthly meetings.

After the formal business was completed the chairman, on behalf of the Association, presented a table lamp to Mr. W. Carnwell in appreciation of his eight years of service as secretary, from which office he had resigned at the annual meeting in December, 1954.

His membership of the Association began 35 years ago and he had succeeded his father, 66 years a ringer, as Ringing Master at Kingsley. He had rung 110 peals, the majority of which had been for the North Staffs Association, and had taken part in the first peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major and in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major for the Association by a resident band. He was known to all the towers in the district and was held in high regard and affection by the Association members. It was a pleasure to know that his retirement from office, accepted with much regret, would not diminish his enthusiasm for ringing or his active membership of the Association. The Association extended its best wishes and thanks to Mr. Carnwell's wife and daughter for the support they had given him.

A further presentation of a cigarette lighter was made to Mr. W. Edwards, of Kingsley, who had been assistant secretary to Mr. Carnwell throughout his term of office. E. H. E.

500 PEALS RUNG BY MR. L. STILWELL

Congratulations to Mr. L. Stilwell, of Horsham, on ringing his 500th peal. His first peal was rung at Pulborough on October 6th, 1904, and his 500th at Marshfield, Gloucestershire, on June 1st, 1955. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Stedman 1.

Minor.—1 to 12 methods 125 (conducted 14).

Triples.—Grandsire 44 (16), Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 8 (6), Stedman 29.

Major.—Plain Bob 35 (7), Single Oxford Bob 1, Little Oxford Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Ashbourne College Bob 1, Cambridge Court 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 16, Kent Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Plain and Double Norwich 1, Spliced Double Oxford, Plain and Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 35 (3), New Cambridge 8 (3), Superlative 31 (1), Yorkshire 28 (3), Bristol 8, London 10, Ashtead 9, Painswick 5 (1), Pudsey 1, Lincolnshire 2, Windsor 1, Ipswich 2 (1), Belgrave 2, Rutland 2, Chiltern 2, Berkshire 2, Truro 1, Runnymede 1, Boveney 2, Belvedere 1, Melbourne 1, Sandringham 1, Pyrford 1, Lutterworth 1, Cranbourne 1, Cassiobury 2 (1), Norfolk 1, Dublin 1, Guildford 1, Aldenham 3, Shalford 1, Imberhorne 1, Horsham 1 (1), Southwell 3, Warnham 1, Ramsey 1, spliced in two, three and four methods one each.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 10.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent 4, Cambridge Surprise 7, New Cambridge 1, Albanian 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 13.

Maximus.—Kent 1.

Total.—500 (conducted 58).

Includes one peal on handbells (Bob Minor), one of Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, non-conducted. Seventeen methods rung for the first time. Rung in 160 towers, with 604 ringers, for 18 Associations.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting at Meopham

Attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Society, held on a beautiful summer afternoon at Meopham, Kent, suffered severely on account of the rail strike, and only a very small number of members and friends (all of whom had travelled quite long distances to be present) enjoyed ringing in various methods on the good light octave at St. John's during the afternoon. The Vicar (Canon V. S. Nicholls) conducted a most enjoyable service in church, and in the course of a brief but interesting address welcomed the Society to Meopham and regretted that transport difficulties had precluded a larger attendance.

A short business meeting followed tea in the Cricketers Inn, with the Master (Mr. T. H. Francis) in the chair. The belfry elections of Messrs. R. H. R. Parker and J. R. Cooper and Miss M. Parker were ratified, and the following new members elected: Messrs. P. F. Romney (Keymer), T. K. and K. W. Price (Bristol) and H. A. Nobes (Alverstoke). The secretary reminded members of the annual dinner, to be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 1st, and announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Dunstable and Totternhoe on Saturday, September 10th. The support of members was asked for.

The Master asked all present to stand in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. C. J. Matthews, and reminded members of the great loss which the Society had suffered.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon V. S. Nicholls for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to Canon Earle (Vicar of Wrotham) for the use of the bells there.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

At the quarterly meeting held at Frindsbury on May 21st approximately 50 members and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Prentice), who also took the chair at the meeting. Tea, which was provided by the local ringers, was taken in the Parish Hall. Five new members were elected at the business meeting, and a 'get well quick' card was signed by all members and sent to one of the local band, Mr. 'Gus' Hewitt, who is in Dartford Hospital.

After the meeting handbells were rung before a return was made to the belfry for more ringing. The customary methods were rung but unfortunately were not up to the usual standard of striking.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, HENDON

Friends from St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, St. Mary's, Finchley, and four visitors from the United States were included in the party of 32 when St. Mary's, Hendon, had a very enjoyable outing to the Sandy area of Bedfordshire on May 21st. The only disappointment was that 'Pop' (80-year-old Mr. E. E. Pratchett) was prevented from attending through indisposition.

The friendly welcome received will not be forgotten, nor the magnificent tea provided by the Vicar of Potton and his lady helpers. Thanks are also extended to the Vicar of St. Leonard's, Old Warden, and Mr. Webb, the Rector of St. Peter's, Tempsford, and Miss Joan Harding and Miss Joan Ashton, of Sandy.

Miss Ruth Foreman, Hendon's Ringing Master, carried out the duties of master of ceremonies in a charming way.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK L. FISHER

An Appreciation

In the passing of Frank Fisher we here in East Suffolk have lost a ringer of no mean ability. Although seldom did he get any practice, he could always be relied on as a sure ringer and an excellent striker on all numbers.

In latter years he took to handbells, which he soon mastered, as also Holt's Original. This he called from all tower bells and all except 7-8 'in hand.' Some two years ago I asked him to stand in in an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Major (silent). His cheery answer was: 'I will if you call the Original.' I admit that here I had to let him down. Over a period of 30-odd years whatever the weather or distance, Frank would always be there for a peal.

When I packed away the muffles after his funeral I could not but wonder who would take his place. His pride in the bells and the work he put into those bells that he loved could not be surpassed. His kind, quiet and genial disposition will always be remembered.

L. G. BRETT.

MR. W. H. PASMORE

By the passing on May 15th in his 79th year of Mr. William H. Pasmore, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its stalwarts. He was a Past Master of the Society, and for several years held the honoured office of trustee. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild and also of the Westminster Abbey band, and up to within a few months of his death rang regularly at both places.

Learning to ring at Southwark Cathedral, he made quick progress, and joined the Ancient Society in 1895, the Waterloo Society and St. Margaret's Society in 1896, and the famous St. Stephen's Society in 1898. This latter was the Rochester Row band, which at that time ways making history with advanced methods, not only on tower bells but also on handbells, and in 1901 Mr. Pasmore and his brother took part in a silent peal of London at St. Stephen's, and also rang in the first Surprise handbell peal ever rung—Superlative Major.

His first peal, at the age of 20, was rung in 1896 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, being Stedman Caters, and his last, Stedman Cinques, at Southwark in 1949.

He was a very outspoken man and was always in the forefront in maintaining the high traditions of the Ancient Society. He earned and held the respect of all who knew him, and his passing on to higher service leaves the Exercise the poorer. May he rest in peace.

As is the custom with Abbey ringers, his body was conveyed to Westminster Abbey, there to lie for one night before burial. The last rites were performed by Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, superintendent of the belfry.

Following is a record of the peals in which he took part:—

Grandsire.—Triples 6, handbells 2—8; Caters 2, 1—3; Cinques 1, 1—2.

Stedman.—Triples 23, 2—25; Caters 13, 2—15: Cinques 17, 5—22.

Plain Bob.—Major 1, 3—4; Royal 0, 1—1; Maximus 1, 1—2.

Treble Bob.—Major 5, 1—6; Royal 7, 0—7; Maximus 4, 0—4.

Superlative.—Major 8*, 1—9.

Cambridge Minor 1, Cambridge Major 11, Cambridge Royal 12, Cambridge Maximus 8, London Major 29, Bristol Major 3, Westminster Major 3, St. Stephen's Major 1.

Double Norwich Major 3, Double Norwich Royal 5, Spliced Surprise Major 2, St. Clement's Bob Royal 1.

Total 167 tower, 20 'in hand'—187.

* Includes 9,312 rung at Irthlingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting With Ladies' Guild

It was at the church of Biddenden—a gem in the magnificent setting of this unspoilt village and its lovely surrounding countryside, that the Ashford District had its first combined meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild on June 6th. Our hosts were the Society of Biddenden Youths, a flourishing band numbering nearly 20 with their learners. The luxury of their ringing chamber must be seen to be believed!

Mr. H. G. Payne, the secretary, with Mr. Geoffrey Waters, had been responsible for the arrangements. Ringing started at 3 o'clock and then came the customary service at 4.30. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Richardson). It was his first meeting, and he welcomed the ringers to his church.

A fine tea followed at the Chequers Inn, provided by the local band and their friends, and their generosity was thoroughly appreciated by the 40 members and friends. Then came the business meeting—District first, at which Ladies' Guild members were present. Mrs. Mitchell, on behalf of the latter, thanked the District for having made the combined meeting possible. Four new members were elected. Mr. G. Waters called attention to a forthcoming service for ringers which was to take place at Evensong on June 25th at Biddenden. He also said he hoped to organise fortnightly practice meetings in the western half of the District next winter, similar to those of last winter. The District secretary asked for a volunteer for similar meetings in the coastal area. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar, the organist, choir and local band for all they had done to make the meeting successful.

Then the men were thrown out and the ladies had their meeting!

During the evening Mr. Harry Baker had arranged for Frittenden tower to be open, and both towers were well patronised. Altogether 22 towers were represented by over 50 members and methods were rung up to Superlative.

Once again we had many young ringers with us, and we wish to emphasise how welcome they are and hope they will join us whenever they can. W. P. G.

LATE NOTICES

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Market Cafe 5 p.m. (mod. charge). Names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Hutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6527

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—M. Bailey. 6525

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6526

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), 1.30–3.45 and after meeting; Bramley (8), Church Oakley (6), Deane (6) 1–3.15. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, Church Cottage, 5 p.m., **to those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, June 29th.**—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 6528

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify by June 29th. — G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6530

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6470

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Monken Hadley and Barnet, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 5; Barnet (8) 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. —S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 6449

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2-5 and 6-8. Old friends and new all welcome.—Stedman H. Symonds. 6483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (moderate charge). Business 6.—J. Thornley. 6498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 6494

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6499

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Branch Sec., Charlbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6476

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The 25th anniversary meeting at Wicken on June 18th. Service 3.30. 6460

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury Branch). — Combined and quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Hants, on Saturday, June 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 6495

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Horbury. Horbury and Ossett bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Cafe, Horbury, followed by business meeting. Special business: Election of officers. Subscriptions are now due and Association reports for 1954 available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6448

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, East Brent, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6516

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea, before 23rd, please, to Mr. B. Witney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 6479

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Rostherne, June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham, by June 21st.—C. K. Lewis. 6489

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley (**not** Bunbury), June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 22nd.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6507

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Priors Marston, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 6513

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6515

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at St. George's, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 21st, to C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleeve Hill, Downend, Bristol.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 6504

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Childswyckham, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notify for tea by June 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Hewelsfield, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 6510

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual prize contest, Cawthorne, June 25th. Entrance fee 10s. to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester. For teas, notify, by June 18th, N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6475

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Broseley (8), June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 22nd, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6501

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—King's Walden, June 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Wearmouth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6502

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Will hold a meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and the business meeting. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 18th, to Mrs. Shields, The Central Cafe, Staindrop (price 2s. 3d.). A special bus has been arranged to leave Bewick Street, Newcastle, at 2 p.m., but so far only 11 seats have been booked. Will anyone interested please communicate with Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. In the event of the bus not being filled, anyone who has booked a seat will be informed of cancellation. 6473

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held at Drighlington on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, Westhouse, 40, West Street, Drighlington. 6511

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Drighlington, June 25th, at 3. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, please, to S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6522

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Gedney Hill, June 25th. Usual times. Names for tea by June 18th to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 6490

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Summer outing, Saturday, June 25th, to Northants District. Ringing at Chalcombe (6), Sulgrave (6), Daventry (8) (tea), Staverton (6), Southam (8). All welcome. Details and reserving tea, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 6450

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Edithweston (6) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea, by June 21st, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 6481

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Bishop's Palace, Abergwili, on Saturday, June 25th. Members please meet at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, by 3 p.m. A bus will take members from St. Peter's to the Palace and back. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service at Palace Chapel at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Saturday, 18th, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 6518

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Meeting, Abbotsbury, June 25th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 21st, please, to J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury. 6517

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6521

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Knighton, Radnorshire, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and also after meeting. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. T. E. Griffiths, Rector of New Radnor. Tea (4s.) and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6432

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —June 25th. Ringing at Egham, Staines (St. Mary's) and Wraysbury at 2.30, and Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor at 6. Service 4.30 at Egham. Tea 5 at Egham. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 22nd, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 6428

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Powick, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names, by Tuesday, June 21st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 6505

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Annual meeting, Howden (8) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Business: Election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6474

READING UNIVERSITY. — The annual general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 27th, in the History Room, The University. Old student ringers welcome. 6520

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6509

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names with cash, please, by Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 6500

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Bells available:—Stoke (6) 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Merrow (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., 3 p.m.-4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 11 a.m.–12 noon, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Shalford (8), Clandon (8) and Holy Trinity (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) 12 noon–1 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Congregational Hall, North Street. Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, Surrey. 6524

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington (8), July 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All ringers welcome. Please notify.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6506

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. W. Dakin, 2, Leake Lane, Kingston-on-Soar, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 6514

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