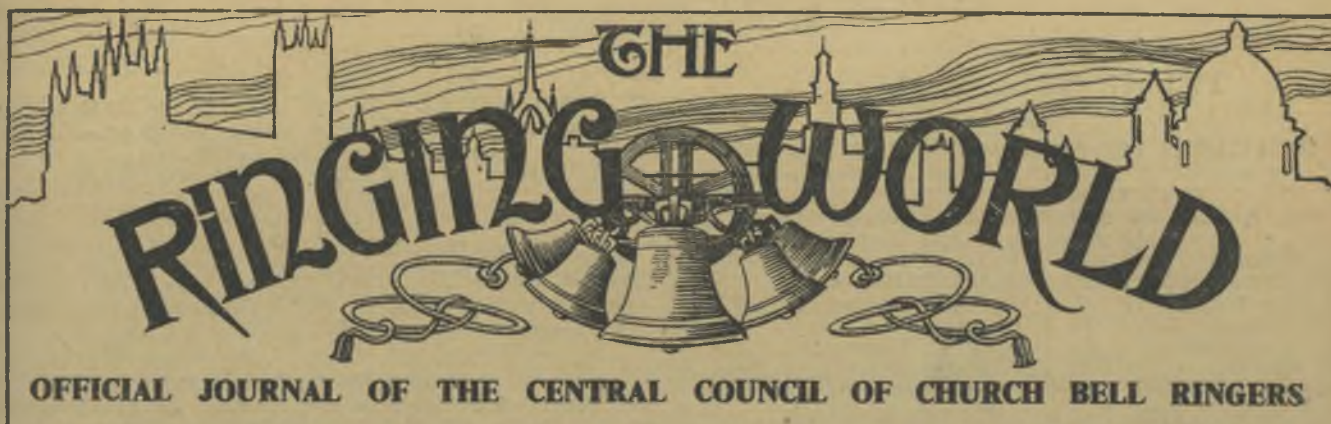




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DO YOU BELIEVE IN FAIRIES?

MANY of us read with avid interest the tale of the Big Giant and the Little Giant, a cover feature of a few weeks ago. Well, this is the tale of the five Cornish Piskies (Pixies anywhere else). It all began when one of the senior piskies gathered his little flock around him and announced that they would be attempting a full peal of Toadstool Doubles at a certain tower on December 10th.

Thus, on that fateful day, the little folk, consisting of the senior pisky, a reverend pisky, a charming little elf, a pisky scribe and another pisky imported from the Devon moors and now working with the Dragonfly service, made their way to the scene of the day's fray. The bells, five in number with a tenor of 3½ cwt., were raised and the peal commenced in orderly fashion.

Unfortunately, after thirty minutes' ringing, the end of the tenor rope parted company with the sally and a very puzzled looking senior pisky was left with about a foot of rope in his hands and the remainder lashing about the guides. It was first suspected that sabotage work had been carried out by the rival clan, the gremlins, but unfortunately there was insufficient evidence, and after the rope had been repaired a fresh start was made. This came to grief after nearly two hours when one rebellious pisky decided that he didn't like Grandsire, so why should he ring it? It was then too late to make a fresh start, a fresh date was fixed, and the little elf who had been ringing the treble heaved a sigh of despair, as it was to have been her first peal.

The next attempt was for New Year's Eve and the little band once more assembled in the tiny belfry. Candles were procured from the altar to provide light; the senior pisky, whom we suspect was aspiring to become a junior gnome (acting unpaid), gave a stern lecture on the folly of trying to make Court places in Plain Bob. The bells

were tipped out and all went well until the Dragonfly pisky suddenly disappeared, leaving a puff of blue smoke and a strong smell of cordite. He was eventually found outside the church, clasping his abdomen and groaning in agony. It transpired that the greedy little fellow had eaten three full helpings of cowslip casserole for lunch and was now paying for it. However, he made a speedy recovery, another start was made and all went well until the little elf tried a complicated series of dodging and place making in 4-5. This was not met with general approval and 'Stand' was called. The little gathering then broke up and drifted away into the gathering dusk to celebrate in true pisky fashion the arrival of the New Year.

A third attempt was fixed for Saturday, January 21st. This time only the senior pisky's chariot was able to ascend the muddy slope into the church field, whilst the remaining piskies had to leave their chariots (of inferior quality) at the bottom of the field and walk. This time the senior pisky and the little elf were only forty-five minutes late as compared with the usual hour. However, after hasty apologies, the bells were soon going once again, and this time in spite of the fact that the senior pisky nearly mis-called, the Dragonfly pisky trying to ring Grandsire when Plain Bob had been called for, and the fact that nearly all the band missed their sallies at times, the peal triumphantly came round after 2 hours 24 minutes. The band heaved a sigh of relief, bells were lowered and candles returned to their rightful places on the altar. Afterwards, outside the church, the senior pisky was heard boasting to his followers that never had he scored his first peal for any year so early in January, and was quite deflated when two of the band mentioned a peal they had rung only the previous evening.

And so the little folk melted away into the gathering dusk and left behind them one more conquered tower and (who knows?) perhaps some enraged local gremlins. This all goes to show, doesn't it, that there *are* fairies at the bottoms of our bellropes.

R. A. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

STELLA HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
HOWARD HOWELL 4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	*DEREK J. TRANTER 11
ERNEST STITCH 6	P. GEORGE GOLDER Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

Rung for the 75th birthday of Mr. W. R. Hughes.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JOHN PINFOLD 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION 10
MRS. G. WM. CRITCHLEY .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	JAMES PHILLIPS 6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND 3	ALBERT J. ADAMS 8
JOHN HILL 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. 5	JOHN CHILCOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

A birthday compliment to Frank E. Darby.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 5, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Treble	BRIAN GRINTER 6
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 3	FRANK D. MACK 8
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER 9
JOAN GRAY 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	JOHN M. JELLEY 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
*JOHN H. FIELDEN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Bristol.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH .. Treble	ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 5
JACK BERRY 2	JOHN CASTELL 6
JAMES BLOND 3	FRANK ABSOLOM 7
ERNEST GARRARD 4	ROBERT BLOND Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 6
*STELLA HUGHES 3	PETER BORDER 7
JOHN H. FIELDEN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Bristol.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method by all.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

GERALD C. HEMMING .. Treble	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5
*ROBERT W. COLE 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 6
FREDERICK C. LYNE 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
HAROLD HUXLEY 4	*HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Stedman.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
*JOHN HALLIWELL Treble	WALTER WILKINSON 5		
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	JAMES SKEATS 6		
†PETER CROOK, SEN. 3	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW 7		
ERNEST J. GOWER 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor		

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † 400th peal for the Lancashire Association.
Rung in memoriam St. David, Patron Saint of Wales, Bishop, who died in the year 544.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

HAROLD SCHOFIELD Treble	*†PETER M. DAWSON 5
MRS. H. SCHOFIELD 2	FRANK RAYMENT 6
CHRISTINE PEDDER 3	*DOUGLAS THORP 7
*DAVID ATKINS 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD SCHOFIELD.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., March 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DENIS R. CARLISLE Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
VIVIENNE HORTON 2	GORDON A. HALLS 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
*MARY LAWRENCE 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*R. CYRIL TYLER Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
†HARRY ALEY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 22 cwt. in E.	
ARTHUR G. MASON Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5		
HARRY SPRINGATE 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6		
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED (73) 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7		
*EDWARD C. BARTON 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

OLIVE M. BOULDEN Treble	*DAVID STAPLES 5
MAISIE VANTOM 2	JOHN R. COOPER 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	MARK W. MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 300th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*DRUMMOND M. RANDALL Treble	†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT 5
DENNIS BERESFORD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
†D. MARY WARD 3	JOHN L. MORRIS 7
MARY FULLER 4	STEWART F. W. KIMBER Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. 27).	Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
JOHN T. TILSTON Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
HARRY W. HOWARD 4	H. STEWART BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID PRIESTLEY (Un.) .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW (Northpn.) .. 5
*A. REX AGG (Ext.) 2	ALAN F. THIRST (Imp.) 6
D. KAY ADKINS (Un.) 3	JOHN R. LEEMING (King's) .. 7
DENIS N. LAYTON (Imp.) .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE (U.C.H.) Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Yorkshire for the Society.



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LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 30.

Ivor Jenkins Treble	Tenor 29½ cwt. in D flat.
Jean C. Brown 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. . . . 5
Trevor Taylor 3	Derek Taylor 6
Geoff. D. Fearnough 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD. . . . 7
	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.
Basil Jones 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. . 5
Peter Border 3	JOHN WORTH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 4	PETER LAFLIN 7
	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (Rev.).

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. B. COOKSON (S. John's) Treble	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5
R. B. MORRIS (Clare) .. 2	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
*G. C. GALLEY (Queens) .. 4	J. H. FIELDEN (S. Cath's) Tenor

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

* First peal of Major in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
REGINALD J. DARCH .. 2	C. JACK GIBSON 6
RICHARD S. PAYNE .. 3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
*STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 100th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the seventh.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	P. MARGARET JAMES .. . 5
WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. . 2	E. ALAN RAWLINSON .. . 6
BRIAN HARRIS 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*PAMELA C. JAMES .. . 4	KENNETH LAWSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. . 2	JOHN S. BARNES 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE 7
*CLIFFORD BIRD 4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Triples in the method.

In memoriam Frederick Robert Borrett.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.

THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. . 4
WALTER H. POOLE .. . 2	*ROGER J. FOX 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal away from the treble.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. Treble	†A. ANTHONY JAKES .. 4
†HERBERT SUTTON .. . 2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 5
JOHN E. BROUGH .. . 3	*JOHN R. JOYNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in three methods. † First 'inside' in three methods. ‡ First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grand-sire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	*ERIC A. FELLOWS .. . 3
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the induction of the Rector, Maj.-Gen. the Rev. A. Cottam.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, and three 240's of Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* 150th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Latimore, jun., organ blower at Croft Church for 25 years.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. . 4
VIVIENNE HORTON .. . 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ALAN G. FOSTER .. . 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD. HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sun., March 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MAURICE J. DODD Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 4
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 2	*HAROLD P. REED 5
PETER NASH 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD. LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 Plain methods: (1) Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, (2) Hereward Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) London, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) College, Wavertree College, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Double, Fuibeck, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5-6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The greatest number of methods yet rung in a handbell peal for this Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1956, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.
BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES 3-4

*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1956, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.
BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 3-4

MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5-6

*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3-4 | †ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

*‡JOHN M. JELLEY 9-10

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

* First peal on ten bells 'in hand.' † 500th peal for the Guild.

‡ First peal of Royal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. SMITH 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5-6

BRIAN G. WARWICK 3-4 | MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 9, WHITEHOUSE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 1-2 | DONALD H. NIBLETT 5-6

MARIE R. CROSS 3-4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

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QUARTER PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): Margaret Ward 1, D. Mary Ward 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, Judith Cox 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, C. H. J. Williams 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Minor (360 Oxford Bob, 360 Reverse Canterbury and 540 Plain Bob): J. Laine 1, G. Hill 2, H. Goodchap 3, P. G. Moran 4, C. G. Jones 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung for Matins, and with the best wishes of the band to Mr. G. W. Pipe and Miss D. Matthew on their engagement.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, H. Stebbings 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung for morning service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, W. W. Shorter 6. Each of the ringers 1 to 5 conducting a different Morris' 240, the remaining 60 being rung unconduted. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Cartwright 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, E. Razzell 3, N. Brown 4, N. Steere 5, H. G. Pratt 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, P. Humphries 10.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Martin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, Miss M. Turner 4, L. S. Woods 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, F. R. Schofield 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Barking.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Morton 1, C. T. Windram 2, J. Hadley 3, J. M. Nash 4, J. G. Chapman 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the new King's Heath Church Hall.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,344 Treble Bob Royal (Granta Variation): P. H. Whitaker 1, G. A. Halls (cond.) 2, S. Walklate 3, A. E. Thompson 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, M. J. Barker 6, P. J. Skinner 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, A. Taylor 9, H. Taylor 10.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, C. F. W. Phillipps 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, F. C. Roper 6, A. E. Cook 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. L. O. and Mrs. Kenyon to the parish.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and 7 covering): J. Poynter (first quarter) 1, T. Sparks 2, D. A. Raxter 3, J. Lindon 4, G. Rawlings 5, F. Pugh 6, G. Stobart (first quarter) 7. Rung after meeting short for Triples.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, James Phillips 3, J. Allsop 4, H. Ellis 5, B. Lunn 6, M. P. Moreton 7, C. Watts 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft 1, S. Ashton (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, R. Head 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong and for the dedication of a processional cross in memoriam Mrs. F. Andrews. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tee 1, E. J. Harding 2, S. J. Harding 3, R. J. Turner (first quarter) 4, C. H. Turner (first as cond.) 5, H. Dudman (first quarter) 6. Rung for the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. C. Webster (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, J. R. Mayne 3, H. G. Hart 4, P. D. Beedie 5, D. J. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Milsom 7.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Jackson 1, C. V. Hare 3, Miss J. Mayes 4, P. Mehew 5, R. J. Coppage 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme (cover bell) 8. For Matins, and a farewell to the tenor ringer on his departure for overseas service with H.M. Forces.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Stevens 1, C. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, M. Stone 4, D. K. Lane 5, D. Miller 6, C. Clarke 7, R. Short (first on 8 as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): J. Adams (cond.) 1, Miss V. Naylor 2, Miss C. Hall 3, C. Bennett 4, H. Mair 5, L. Busby 6. For Evensong; also a bon voyage to Miss V. Naylor, who is taking a post in Denmark.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 4th, 1,224 Minor (720 Plain Box, 360 Double Court, 144 Little Bob): L. Sharpe 1, L. Melton (first in three methods 'inside') 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Birch 1, A. F. Bury 2, P. Rowe 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, R. A. Southwood 5, D. N. Penrose 6, H. Harper 7, K. Rowe 8. First quarter for 3 and 8. Rung as a gesture of respect to the late Mrs. H. Lawrence, of Trebarn, Truro.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Martiner 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, G. Peters 3, A. H. Smith 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, G. W. Morris 7, F. E. Hawthorne 8. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Summerell (first quarter) 1, C. H. Norton (first quarter) 2, E. R. Norton 3, A. E. Harris 4, W. Neath (first as cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands) on his appointment as Rural Dean.

LISS, HANTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, D. A. Wheeler 4, A. W. Betsworth (cond.) 5, J. Hole (first quarter) 6, W. Baker 7, P. Heath 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rector of Liss (the Rev. N. Barnett) and his wife on the gift of a daughter (Mary Rose).

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, R. March 3, C. Windram 4, F. Wallington 5, D. Griffen 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, A. Millward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Arthur Manning, for many years ringer at this church before moving to Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, in 1937.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. Osholdiston (15) 1, Miss C. MacNaire (13) 2, B. Groves (12) 3, A. McFall (17) 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, J. McFall 6. First quarter by 1 and 2, and first in two methods by all except conductor.

MILFORD-ON-AVEN, HANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, L. F. Cobb (first in method) 2, F. L. Harris 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, M. J. Best 6, J. E. Daniels 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Trigg (first quarter) 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss P. H. Jones 3, D. G. Clarke 4, W. G. Jones 5, W. Thompson 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. For St. David's Day.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barnes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, H. Collings 3, Miss M. Miller 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. Rung as a farewell to the third ringer, who is leaving the district.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutton (13) 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, P. Jackson (14) 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5, C. M.

Orme 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer on his departure for overseas service with H.M. Forces, and a 16th birthday compliment to A. J. Tuttle.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard 1, M. Saunders 2, Miss K. Ballard 3, P. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, R. Hinton 6. Birthday compliments to the Misses K. and E. Ballard.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake (first 'inside') 3, R. Head (cond.) 4, K. C. Timbury 5. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Kenneth Timbury and Miss Margaret Titmuss.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. F. B. Smith 1, J. Small (first 'inside') 2, Ruth S. Hodgson 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, Jean Morrison 5, R. E. Workman 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, S. J. Skinner 8. First quarter for 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney 1, R. F. Ewer 2, M. Frost 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, J. Ewer 5, W. Little 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, J. L. Cox 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: M. Frost 1, B. Cornell 2, G. Dadds 3, G. Penney 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, R. F. Ewer 6, J. Ewer 7, W. Little 8, W. J. Arnold 9, J. L. Cox 10. First on 10 bells for 1, 4, 7, 8 and 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. N. Blake. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney 1, B. Cornell 2, J. Ewer 3, R. F. Ewer 4, J. L. Cox (first 'inside') 5, W. Little 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, M. Frost 8. Rung as a birthday compliment for H. E. C. Goodenough.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Harris 1, P. Jackson 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft 5, R. Head (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Kenneth Timbury and Miss Margaret Titmuss on their engagement.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. G. Pittaway (first of Triples) 1, J. Keyte 2, H. J. Pratlcy 3, P. F. Coombes 4, J. Benfield 5, R. Jarvis 6, L. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the tenor ringer.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Piper (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden (cond.) 2, B. Edwards 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Aldridge (first 'inside') 5, R. Motton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong and the birthdays of the ringers of the treble (21), 2nd (79) and Miss G. Iddins (16).

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. A. Lodge 1, J. E. Race 2, D. G. Mayell 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, B. W. Parker 5, H. G. Godlard 6. A birthday compliment to D. A. Lodge.

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodcock 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, J. Penfold 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, P. J. Rye 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Lt.-Col. H. A. C. Webber, people's warden.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, D. Hewitt 3, Miss M. Stephens 4, M. Stephens 5, H. Rumens 6, H. Smith 7, E. E. Holman 8, A. J. N. Boyack 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3, 4 and 10. Rung for Matins.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Feb. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. K. Knowles 1, A. Elsmore 2, G. Darlington 3, Mrs. M. Tranter 4, D. J. Tranter 5, H. Moreton 6, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 7, A. Hubball 8, K. W. Knowles 9, J. W. Hingley 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to D. K. Knowles and Miss P. Wright.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Short 1, M. Stone 2, D. Miller 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Dymet 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. M. Beale, interred that day.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Meham (first in method) 1, Miss D. K. Saunders 2, J. R. Wilson 3, D. A. Smith 4, Miss J. M. Clements (first in method as cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6. For Evensong.

THE LADIES' GUILD West Midland District

On a hill overlooking Droitwich Spa and an entanglement of railway lines stands the Church of St. Augustine, Dodderhill. It was here on March 3rd that members of West Midland District assembled for their annual meeting.

The church was originally cruciform in shape but subsidence in the 17th century resulted in the nave collapsing. All that remain to-day are the chancel and transepts of the former church, making the present church T-shaped. The tower, which, after the disappearance of the nave was removed from the crossing to the end of the southern transept, contains a beautiful ring of eight bells. During the afternoon members and friends gave varied performances on these bells with two courses of Grandsire Triples by bands of ladies.

At a short service the Vicar (the Rev. L. W. Chidzey) gave a talk on the history of the church, and then joined the Guild in an excellent tea in a Droitwich cafe.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; secretary, Stella Hughes; Central Committee, Maureen Fellows and Samela Thomas; District Committee, Maureen Fellows, Evelyn Fletcher, Molly Flynn and Samela Thomas.

In her report the secretary stated that with one exception meetings during 1955 had been well attended. She also mentioned the history which was made in the District during the year by a peal at Shirley, Warwickshire.

The next meeting will be held in Warwickshire, probably on the first Saturday in June.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

Some 35 members and friends attended the March meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Market Lavington. Visitors were present from Bath and Radstock. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Collins), and the choir of young ladies was in attendance.

Tea was served in the School Room. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, this being his first meeting since his induction as Vicar of Market Lavington. Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

Ringings during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London and Beverley Surprise Minor.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of the Society was held at Marden on February 18th. Ringing from 3 until 4.15 consisted of rounds and call changes and some well-struck touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

The Vicar of Marden conducted the service, and Mr. G. I. F. Thomson (president of the Society and Divinity master at the Boys' Grammar School) read the lesson.

Tea in the schoolroom was followed by the meeting, held in informal style round a roaring log fire. One new member was elected.

Choir practice in the church prevented us from returning to ring until 7.30. The meeting ended at 8. Our apologies to Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. L. Holness.

P. Y. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Beverley Minster on February 11th at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves) and the local ringers. Forty-five members attended.

The Minster bells were raised and rung to various methods until the service. This was held in the Minster choir and conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. George Storer (chaplain to the Society).

Tea, provided by the Minster Wives Guild, was served in the Parish Room, followed by the annual business meeting. Replying to a welcome by the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, the Vicar said he was pleased to see so many young people present, and thought this was a happy augury for the future of ringing.

A surprise item was provided by Mr. T. H. Huddleston and six of his young ringers from Driffild, who gave a first-class display of handbell ringing. They played many favourite tunes on 36 handbells to the delight of the company.

At the invitation of Canon Vesey and ringers of St. Mary's Church, members then adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's to conclude a successful meeting by further ringing.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley); vice-president, M. G. Braithwaite (Beverley); secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington); assistant secretary, Miss A. Davie (Beverley); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell (Pattrington); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. Barker (Beverley); Committee, Mr. A. Taylor (Beverley), Mr. R. Ducker (Sutton), Mr. F. Wilkinson (Pocklington), Mr. F. W. Dale (Hessle), Mr. W. Tyson (Bridlington).

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Seeboard unfortunately had a breakdown, so a recent peal at Bodiam, Sussex, progressed under an increasing shadow. By 6 o'clock, with five 120s still to go, the ringers were mere blobs and the ropes almost completely merged in the general gloom. As an impish gesture the engineers switched on for a few seconds and then plunged the church into total darkness. Power was restored just in time for the Rector to entertain the band to tea.

Mr. H. Reynolds, of 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate, is the new hon. secretary of the Eastern Division, Sussex County Association.

Mr. Frederick A. Finch, of 14, Lancaster Gardens, West Ealing, is again in office as hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association.

Mr. A. P. Cannon writes that the claim for the first peal at Horningsham, Wilts (p. 148), is somewhat late. The first peal was rung here on June 23rd, 1929—Bob Minor—conducted by Mr. W. C. Shute. Other correspondents are also thanked for the information.

Mr. Joseph E. Grensted, who rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Borden, Kent, on March 3rd, rang his last peal in the method 49 years ago at Rochester Cathedral on February 2nd, 1907, before leaving for Canada. He has recently returned to this country and received the congratulations of the band on his performance.

A bell-ringing father, whose 20-year-old daughter is a student nurse, has a surprise awaiting him. His daughter has learnt to handle a bell, and she writes: 'Just wait until Dad knows!' She adds: 'This is my biggest and most glorious vice.' When her fellow students heard of the bell-ringing they commented: 'Willie's completely mad'; but she adds: 'Believe me, I love it!'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Central Council Library has had a most valuable addition by the gift of some 60 books from the president of the Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. They are, with two exceptions, foreign books. A list will be published in our next issue. Another substantial gift comes from Mrs. Joan Padmore, grand-daughter of the late Thomas North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoodless have left Nottingham for Southsea.

Kent County Association have arranged for their dinner this year to take place at Rochester on Saturday, October 27th.

A suggestion for an Easter present—a quarter, half-year or annual subscription to 'The Ringing World.' For particulars see column 1 of this page.

Six bachelors rang a peal on Leap Year's Day at The Leigh, Gloucestershire. Much to the disappointment of the band, there were no members of the fairer sex waiting outside the church at the conclusion of the peal, in spite of much publicity!

A candid footnote to a peal we received this week was 'Rung just for experience.' This was a very good reason seeing that four of the band were attempting their first peal of Major, and it was also a first in the method as conductor.

Mr. Norman Harding is now rate collector and financial assistant to the Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council.

Mr. J. H. Bullock, of 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex, writes that he understands that a recording has been made of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. If so, he would like details. He also asks if there are any recordings released of the bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech, Somerset.

Mr. Jim Bennett, who is now back at Grundisburgh after his round-the-world trip, will tell the story of his experiences in our next issue.

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PEAL RINGING IN SCOTLAND

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WHEN we come to investigate peals rung in Scotland we find there are only 52 of them. Of course, there are only 12 towers to begin with, but even so, the average per tower is very small. The first peal in this country was probably one rung at Old Steeple, Dundee, on May 21st, 1873. It was of Grand-sire Triples. There have been three other peals at this tower—in 1905, 1908 and 1927.

The second peal in Scotland and the first peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) was rung on September 27th, 1877, at Inverness. This is the only peal which has ever been rung there. These two peals come before 'Bell News' commenced publication (which is my chief source of 'supply' for that period).

Only two other peals were rung in the 19th century—both at Edinburgh Cathedral (10). The first was of Grandsire Caters on August 31st, 1886, and the other, Kent Treble Bob Royal on August 5th, 1895. Both were, of course, the first of Caters and Royal in the country and were rung by visiting bands. This tower has heard eight peals in all, which makes it second in order of numbers of peals. The remaining six were in 1902 (two), 1904, 1927, 1952 and 1953.

Another Edinburgh tower, St. Cuthbert's (8), has the highest number—18. Eight of these were rung from 1902 to 1908, and eight from 1922 to 1938. The other two were in 1950 and 1952. The third tower in the capital city, St. Andrew's, has not had a peal yet. Both the other 10-bell towers, Glasgow Cathedral and Inveraray, have had four peals. At the former they were rung in 1922, 1937, 1948 and 1951, and at the latter in 1938, 1939, 1951 and 1954.

The remaining 8-bell towers not already mentioned are Alloa, Dundee (St. Paul's), Leith and Paisley. The last tower has had most peals of this group—six. They were rung in the years 1922, 1927, 1929, 1938, 1947 and 1954. Both St. Paul's, Dundee, and Leith had their only peals in 1927 (the frequency of 1927 in the above towers denotes a 'tour'). Alloa's five were in 1927 (!), 1935, 1938, 1950 and 1952.

There is only one 6-bell tower in Scotland—Dunkeld Cathedral, and this has not yet appeared in the peal columns of the ringing Press. Thus, there is not a great deal to say about ringing in Scotland. The majority of the above peals have been rung by visiting bands and they are spread fairly evenly through the years. Thus before 1914, 17 peals had been rung. Between the wars came a further 23, and since 1945 there have been 12. None were rung in 1955 (as in the case of Ireland, also).

FIFTY YEARS RINGER AT NORTH WEALD

A watch-chain medallion in the shape of a bell fashioned in solid gold was presented to Mr. Harry King, captain of the band at North Weald, Essex, on February 19th, to mark his 50 years as a ringer at St. Andrew's, North Weald. With the presentation was a book containing 49 signatures of contributors who were ringers or associates of St. Andrew's Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. Bernard Adeney) made the presentation, and among those present were Mr. F. C. Gant (general secretary of the Essex Association), Mr. J. H. Crampion (Master) and Mr. C. Willmington (secretary) of the South-Western Division.

Before the morning service a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung by Janet Evans 1, S. King (conductor) 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, H. King 5, J. Lodge 6. After the service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by F. Gant (conductor) 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, C. Willmington 4, H. King 5, J. Crampion 6.

Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. John George Jefferies

MR. & MRS. J. G. JEFFERIES

celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, March 3rd. Mr. Jack Jefferies (as he is known to all his friends) has lived most of his life in the village of Mangotsfield, which until quite recently was 'truly rural,' but has now become part of a large housing estate, which surrounds the city of Bristol. At Barley Close Farm he has carried on his dairy farm, and can quite well remember selling milk in 1d. and ½d. measures.

Mr. Jefferies has been a keen bell-ringer for over 55 years, and has been captain of Mangotsfield ringers for 30 years, a position he still retains. His two sons and two of his three grandsons are also ringers, and sometimes enjoy ringing a peal together.

A very popular personality, Mr. Jefferies has done a lot of spade-work for ringing. He is a College Youth, a Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a Past Master of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

He was congratulated by his fellow-members of the Gloucester and Bristol Management Committee at their meeting in Gloucester on Saturday, March 3rd.

On Monday, March 5th, a representative band of the Gloucester and Bristol officials rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, and amongst the ringers was veteran Fred Leaker, who arranged and rang for Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies' wedding fifty years ago. Mr. Jefferies afterwards entertained the ringers and friends at the local hostelry, who thank Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies for their hospitality.

The band in the quarter peal consisted of F. Skidmore (general hon. secretary) 1, F. G. Leaker (vice-president) 2, C. R. Harding (Master) 3, A. C. Baker (Management Commit-



MR. J. G. JEFFERIES

tee) 4, W. F. Scudamore (hon. secretary, Bristol Rural) 5, A. V. Bennett (hon. secretary Bristol City) 6, R. G. Hooper (Ringing Master, Bristol Rural, conductor) 7, W. Cook (Bristol Rural) 8.

MAJOR WITH SEVEN PAIRS OF HANDS

Peals at Pendleton are rare but that on February 19th was indeed a special occasion as the band included Frank Barraclough and Basil Jones, each of whom has lost an arm, amputation being at the shoulder. The apparent ease with which they handle and strike any bell is amazing.

Pendlebury, at the end of last century, was one of the most active towers in Lancashire. It was here that the late Harry Chapman conducted the first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major for the Association, and the decades to follow saw many more peals. A member of the band for many years was the late Henry Shaker, that friendly man so popular and familiar at Council meetings. Another member was his pal, Sam Greenhalgh, who joined the Association in 1892 and rang about 100 peals.

The bells were completely restored in 1908 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and are in good tone, but a 5,120 under three hours today is not exactly a free gift, writes 'Dee Cee Vee,' though our giant guest-star artist and conductor simply toyed with the tenor.

UNRINGABLE TOWERS RECORD

Dear Sir,—I have nearly completed my survey of the unringable towers in the British Isles and the assistance I have had from most counties has been of great help, but in order to complete my lists I must appeal for the following information.

Counties in which I have only partial information are as follows: Bucks, Hunts, Lancs, Lincs, Northants, Oxon and Somerset; also I have no information at all on the following: Berks, Cheshire, Notts, Suffolk.

If some enthusiasts could help me with these counties, I would be grateful.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Eastern Division**

Despite the very cold weather about 40 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Division at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 25th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and included methods up to Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A short service was held at 4.30 p.m. conducted by the Rev. L. E. Meredith assisted by the Rev. J. Tibbs. The service included the special hymn for bellringers in the revised version of 'Ancient and Modern.' Tea was enjoyed in The Old Parsonage attached to the church.

At the business meeting Mr. F. Dallaway was elected to the chair. An apology for absence was received on behalf of Mrs. Percy, who wished the meeting every success. The statement of accounts revealed a balance of £27 12s. 10d., a little lower than last year due to a large increase in the levy. In his report for 1955 the secretary stated that 11 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 25. Twenty-two elected members were welcomed to the Association, including two non-resident members. He was pleased to report that the condition of the bells in the Division was good. The two trebles to complete the octave at Wadhurst were dedicated on May 28th, and Bexhill bells were in ringing order once again.

The following officers were elected for 1956:—Secretary, Mr. H. G. Reynolds (Mr. R. W. Pankhurst not wishing to stand for re-election); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Giles; auditor, Mr. T. A. Hunnisett; Committee, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. G. Beeny.

Mr. Verdon proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Division for their good services during the past year, and Mr. Percy (general secretary of the Association) pointed out the marked increase of affiliated towers during the past three years. It was unanimously decided on a suggestion from Mr. Rogers that a letter be sent to the Master of the Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) on behalf of the meeting expressing regret on hearing of the illness of his wife and wishing her a speedy recovery, and hoping to see him at a future meeting of the Division. A collection was made towards the Bow Bells Appeal, which realised £1 10s.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist, and the ladies for preparing an excellent tea.

R. W. P.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING IN SOMERSET TOWER

Dear Sir,—In the olden days when oil lamps were the means of lighting the belfry there was little chance of suddenly being cast into pitch darkness; but by modern electric light . . . Oh, yes, it can and has happened. It did down Yatton way in Somerset.

Now by means of a handyman's work, a couple of switches, batteries, etc., that go with it to make light, an emergency lighting system has been installed, and should the power fail either ringers or others in the belfry can pull cords, and the danger of flying ropes in the darkness has gone. Though the emergency light is only a glimmer compared with the mains, it is sufficient to finish a touch or quarter peal.

Has any other tower thought of the dangers of a 'blackout,' and are there any other installations?—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Bristol.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association, held in Shrewsbury, attracted a gathering of more than 80 members and visitors from a wide area, who during the afternoon rang touches on the 10 bells of St. Mary's and also on the 12 at St. Chad's. The service at the latter church was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Chapman, who said this was the last time he would have the privilege of welcoming the Association as he was shortly leaving for Stoke-on-Trent. All present heard this with the deepest regret, as during his stay in Shrewsbury the Vicar of St. Chad's has been a most valued friend and supporter of ringers.

After tea at the County Cafe the annual meeting was held in St. Chad's Parish Room. In his report the Master (Mr. A. Pritchard) said that 1955 had been a fairly successful year; six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 42, and the ringing at these had on the whole been good. Thirteen peals had been rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Maximus, and including Association 'firsts' of Lincolnshire Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Atcham bells had been rehung and the first peal on them rung by the Association.

The balance sheet presented by the hon. treasurer showed a balance in hand on the year's working after paying for 200 reports. This was considered highly satisfactory, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. F. H. Bennett for his grand work during the year.

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. A. Pritchard; hon. secretary, Miss E. V. Jones; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. H. Bennett; trustees, Messrs. A. S. Bayley and E. Fox; auditor, Mr. Hughes. A ballot for Central Council representative, rendered vacant by the departure of Mr. L. Hewett, resulted in the election of Mr. F. H. Bennett to this post.

An invitation was received from the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society to join in a joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th, and it was agreed to support this. Other meetings will be held as follows:—March, Oswestry; May, Market Drayton; June, High Ercall; July, Atcham; September, joint meeting with Hereford Guild, venue to be decided; November, Whitchurch.

After the usual votes of thanks the company returned to St. Chad's tower, where further ringing was enjoyed until nine o'clock.

HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

The method: -36-14-1258-36-14-38-14-58, 2nd place lead-end. 4ths place bob: f.c.c.'s 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432, 63542 and 56423.

5184 by R. F. B. SPEED.

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52436	X	—	—
42356	—	X	—
25634	—	2	—
25346	X	—	—
54326	—	X	—
34256	—	X	—
53462	—	2	—
43652	—	X	—
42563	—	3	—
43265	X	—	—
24365	—	X	—
54263	X	—	—
34562	X	—	—
32465	X	—	—
32654	X	—	—
32546	X	—	—
24536	—	X	—
43526	—	X	—
53246	—	X	—
23456	—	X	—

FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE**MAJOR BY ALL-DEVON BAND**

In the 'Royal Oak' afterwards, we were trying to work out how many attempts the Guild had had for it; we failed, but settled for 12 or 13. The first was some time in 1951, and like all the rest, except one at Honiton Clyst, was at Wolborough: they varied in duration between ten minutes and two hours. Sometimes the ringing was good—sometimes . . . well, least said soonest mended: but, conditions being what they are in Devon, it was quite an achievement. Very few of us rang any Surprise Major between one peal attempt and the next, and the arrangement of each attempt was a triumph of organisation, for there are not more than a dozen Surprise peal ringers in the county, and they live as far as 57 miles apart, and are busy men; well over a thousand miles must have been covered in the course of the attempts, one of the regular participants covering over 70 miles by train each time.

We felt a little humble, afterwards, conscious that we were the lucky eight to have our names under the peal. Any of the attempts might have been the successful one, and it was a pity that two men, in particular, couldn't get away for this one—E. J. Taylor and Tom Myers. We always felt more confident that this might be 'It' when they were in the band, and it was almost unfair to sneak through it without them. What's more, they came the furthest to the attempts. And there was Elizabeth Brown, too; she might have been in it if she hadn't had to run away to Wiltshire.

Well, there it is; it will be quite a novelty for one of us to meet Fred without the certainty of hearing, 'When are we going for that Cambridge again?' But what do I hear, floating through the tobacco-smoke across the pint pots? Heigh-ho, they're talking about Yorkshire now.

J. G. M. S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

For their annual meeting the Eastern Branch again visited Loddon, and some 28 members and friends braved the arctic conditions to make the gathering a happy one.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Ninham), the Association president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) reading the lesson. The business meeting after tea was presided over by Mr. E. R. Goate, Branch chairman.

Branch officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate; secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead; Ringing Master, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole (in place of Mr. H. W. Barrett, appointed Association Ringing Master). Miss D. E. Lidbetter and Mr. S. Copling were elected as Branch representatives on the Association Standing Committee. Messrs. Forder, Chapman, Bird, Bailey and Ford were elected to the Branch Committee.

The recent belfry election of Mr. and Mrs. B. Warwick, of Blaby, was ratified, and the following new members were also elected: Mr. P. T. D. Cattermole, Miss S. Hewitt and Miss P. Randelsome.

Subject to usual permission being obtained, a practice meeting is to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on April 14th, a meeting proper at Pakefield on June 16th; other dates for 1956 are September 29th and December 1st, venues yet to be decided.

Certain of the Branch officers having received appeal literature in respect of the 'Bow Bells' Fund, some discussion ensued. It was finally agreed that the question should go before the Association's Standing Committee.

The meeting took the opportunity of congratulating personally Mr. Nolan Golden, who recently rang his 1,000th peal. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. R. Ninham, the organist (Mr. Bond), Mr. Barrett (Master of the local company) and Mrs. Barrett and her lady helpers for the excellent tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'CRAFT' GUILDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. F. Stenson, in his letter published on March 2nd, 1956, reports the views of Mr. R. B. Meadows about the proposal for the formation of a Railwaymen's Guild. Mr. Meadows is opposed to what he calls 'craft' guilds because, in his opinion, they cut across the diocesan and county guilds and he goes on to say that the Police Guild is not liked for that reason.

So far as I know the only 'craft' guilds existing at present are the Guilds of Clerical and Medical Ringers, the National Police Guild and, if it is still in being, the Royal Air Force Association.

I am a member of the Police Guild and I cannot see in what way it harms the interests of the territorial societies. Its members meet together as a body only for the annual meeting and dinner, and they ring very few peals as a guild. To me the success of the annual gatherings is sufficient justification for the existence of the guild.

The majority of members about whom I know anything pull their full weight in their diocesan and county guilds and in many cases they can be counted amongst the most enthusiastic and loyal supporters. At a function in Leicester a few years ago there were present, with others, the president and a vice-president of a diocesan guild, a district secretary of a county association, the Master of the College Youths and three ex-district secretaries of county associations, all of them active members of the Police Guild. Does this show that 'craft' guilds cut across diocesan and county guilds? I think not.

If the Police Guild is unpopular, the reason, in my opinion, is not the one given by Mr. Meadows, but lies in the fact that membership of it is confined to ringers with interests other than ringing in common. For the same reason the various university societies are not liked by some ringers.

I do not, however, accept that the Police Guild is generally unpopular and I know that the university societies are not. I therefore feel that those railwaymen who are in favour of the formation of a guild for members of their 'craft' need not fear that they will incur the hostility of the Exercise at large. I, for one, wish them every success if they form their guild.

—Yours sincerely,

J. G. A. PRIOR.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Pudsey on October 15th, 1955, because of falseness.

This peal was taken from an old copy of Treble Bob, Part II., and I carelessly omitted to check the figures.

I hope the band and the Yorkshire Association will accept my sincere apologies and I append the composition so others will not fall in the same trap.—Yours, etc.,

R. BETTLEY-COOKE.

Leeds 6.

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By Wm. Sottanstill

23456	M	In	Out	5ths	W	H
54326	2	—	—	2		
43526	—	—	—	—		
35426	—	—	—	—		
375264	—	—	—	—		
372465	—	—	—	—		
34256				2		

Twice repeated.

BOW BELLS APPEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. F. Wellington's query ('Ringing World,' page 121, Feb. 24th). I should like to express agreement with his proposition concerning a centralised payment of ringers' donations, via the Central Council. There are two points which I should like to raise, however.

Firstly, if there is a C.C. official willing to act as receiver, would it not be better to send all (ringers') donations direct to this official? There are doubtless many ringers who would wish to contribute individually.

Secondly, without presuming to instruct the church authorities of St. Mary-le-Bow, I feel that we ringers should press for a 53 cwt. tenor. Although there are several very good twelves with tenors around 42 cwt. (St. Nicholas', Liverpool, are generally reckoned to be the finest in the country), the familiar Bow Bells would surely not be quite the same without the extra metal. Modern bell-hanging would, I think, give a reasonably handy ring at this weight.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow.

PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—The subject of the 'freak' peal of Plain Bob Major rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry should have been allowed to die a natural death. However, I am very surprised at Mr. E. C. Gobey, thinking 2 hrs. 35 mins. a fast time for a peal on the Foundry bells.

I have rung 62 peals there at an average time of 2 hrs. 25½ mins. Fifty of these have been on the back eight at an average time of 2 hrs. 22½ mins. Even the slowest, 2 hrs. 38 mins., is only three minutes more than Mr. Gobey's 'fast' time, and that was a 5,120. My next slowest was 2 hrs. 32 mins. Even when Mr. Gobey rang a 9,120 on February 16th, 1924, the time was 4 hrs. 37 mins., which works out at 2 hrs. 35 mins. or 2 hrs. 36 mins. for a 5,056. Did Mr. Gobey think that was fast or slow?

It is true that in recent years peals have tended to be rung quicker, but ringers who ring these fairly regularly in the evenings do not arrive by train until 6 p.m. and the return train leaves at 9.1 p.m., which does not allow for any minutes to be lost.

In my opinion, Mr. Gobey ought to have more sense than to query the truth of the composition. At least three members of the band (apart from the conductor) can vouch for the accuracy of the peal.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Ringing Master, St. Thomas', South Wigston.

A GENUINE INQUIRY

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd I note a cryptic paragraph beginning, 'It is a pity that so many people indulge in wishful thinking when adding footnotes to their peals.'

If this unnamed correspondent refers to a recent peal at Great Bromley, I must protest that it is an even greater pity that he is apparently unable to distinguish between a peal column and a gossip column, as in this instance no footnote was appended, a note being inserted in Belfry Gossip in an honest attempt to ascertain the facts.

Incidentally I wonder if this correspondent is so certain of his facts, as I have been shown a 1912 record which shows that Canon Papillon rang 14 peals for the Essex Association, which is not quite the same as ringing and conducting dozens at one tower.—Yours sincerely,

R. DUESBURY.

Thorington, Essex.

[Note.—We also thank Peter J. Eves for his letter making the same point.—Ed.]

ADVANTAGES OF A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Although not a mover of the proposed Railwaymen's Guild and feeling at first opposed to its formation, I have nevertheless exchanged views about it with a number of railwaymen and non-railwaymen friends. As also you yourself, sir, in a speech at the Henry Johnson Dinner have associated my name with the matter, perhaps I might have a few lines of your space to put forward a personal opinion which to some extent modifies what I wrote privately to Frank Stenson a few weeks ago (quoted by him in 'The Ringing World' of March 2nd).

Let us admit that there are already enough ringing associations without our adding another, especially an exclusive non-territorial guild. Railwaymen would not wish to bring themselves into disfavour by asking to be treated as a separate body within the ringing Exercise. It ought, then, to be made clear at the start:—

1. That the proposed guild would not wish to be considered for Central Council representation.
2. That peals would not be rung for the proposed guild, but for the local association as appropriate in each place.
3. That non-railwaymen ringers would be welcome at any ringing meetings. No doubt joint meetings with local associations could usually be arranged.

The formation of a Railwaymen's Guild is not as aimless as might appear, the significance being in railway staff facilities. To put the matter plainly, railwaymen, who in general work odd and awkward hours, are less able to attend ringing occasions than they would like, but would be seen more often in the tower if ringing were recognised as an organised activity by their Railway Staff Association. To be organised you require some kind of a guild.

Would ringers, I wonder, be willing to look more kindly on the proposed new guild if they are assured that its real purpose is not to seclude railwaymen ringers into periodical 'clan' gatherings, but to assist many of them towards ringing with their friends up and down the country more often than is now possible.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

Bath.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—The report of a so-called peal of Stedman Triples at South Wigston makes one think. I myself am just a novice at this great art, and after reading F. S. C.'s letter I think it is better to stay put than get mixed up with these so-called 'peal snatchers.'

On looking back in 'The Ringing World' (page 89), I note that six of the band were amongst the leading peal ringers of 1955, and one, I am told, has over a thousand peals to his credit.

If peals have to be rung like this just to make up the number, please save me from B. G. W.'s band.—Yours, etc.,

W. G. SMITH.

TENOR CLAPPER REMOVED FOR VISITORS

Dear Sir,—In the '20's after much negotiation we obtained the use of Bow bells for a short visit.

Judge of our surprise, while waiting to ascend the tower, we heard two hefty men descending carrying a body on their shoulders. The body turned out to be the clapper from the tenor. Left to our own devices, we rang some very bad Grandire Caters. Perhaps that is what they expected. I am pleased to report better receptions at all other London and district towers.—Yours truly,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE BRISTOL MEETING, 1955

MINUTES of the second session of the twenty-second Council (58th Annual Meeting), held in the Chapter House, Bristol, on Whit Tuesday, May 31st, 1955.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Dean of Bristol and by the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

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

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Viggers.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. R. O. Fry, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

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

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

Devon Guild.—Mr. J. E. Lilley, Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck, Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. P. Border.

Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

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

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

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. G. E. Oliver, Mr. J. J. Webb.

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

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

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

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

Oxford University Society.—Miss K. Higgins.

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

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

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

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

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

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

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

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

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

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. H. Stalham, Mr. L. Stilwell.

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

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

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

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Absent
Wholly represented ..	26	72	—
Partially represented ..	18	38	24
Not represented ..	10	—	15
	54	110	39
Life Members ..	—	5	2
Hon. Members ..	—	11	8
		126	49

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members, making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for one Representative Member and five Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid except those of the North Wales Association.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Ainsley, Miss P. J. Ayris, Messrs. C. A. Bassett, E. W. Biffen, F. D. Boreham, T. R. Butler, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. P. Fidler, E. G. Fenn, S. Fokett, T. H. Francis, A. Harman, J. E. Hobbs, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. H. J. Mansfield, W. N. Park, F. Precey, A. H. Pulling, J. W. Rathby, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, C. J. Sedgley, B. F. Sims, J. F. Smallwood, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, C. Wallater, R. St. C. Wilson, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. H. W. Barrett (Norwich), A. L. Barry (Gloucester and Bristol), P. Border (Ely), R. O. Fry (Bath and Wells), Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (Kent), Miss K. Higgins (Oxford University), Mr. D. Hughes (Hon. Member), Miss M. Lidgey (Truro Diocesan), and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Lancashire).

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

The President read a telegram of congratulation sent by the Secretary to Mr. E. Alexander Young, formerly secretary of the Council, on the occasion of his 90th birthday on May 20th.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

No elections or re-elections were made.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. J. W. Milner (Chester) and F. Warrington (Ely).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 8th, 1955, and circulated to members, were adopted subject to the substitution of Mr. J. Segar for Mr. C. Glenn in the list of new members presented to the President.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—
(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The formal report of the Standing Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

(a) Handbook Sub-Committee.
(‘Ringing World,’ June 24th, 1955, pages 393-5, July 1st, 1955, pages 409-10, and July 8th, 1955, page 426)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Arising from the report, notice of motion to amend Rule 11 was given by the Hon. Secretary.

(b) Roll of Honour Sub-Committee.
(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. It was agreed that the Secretary send an official letter of thanks to all who had contributed to the successful completion of the Roll.

‘RINGING WORLD’ COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

‘RINGING WORLD’ ACCOUNTS

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 362)
Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(‘Ringing World,’ June 10th, 1955, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION
COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 3rd, 1955, page 350)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 378)
Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 363)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 10th, 1955, page 364)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 17th, 1955, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers.

ALTERATION TO RULE 4

On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, Rule 4 (Section ii.) was amended by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The Section to read 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the Schedule to these Rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.'

MOTIONS

(a) The following motion was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, in lieu of motions (a) to (g) inclusive on the Agenda paper, with the agreement of the respective proposers and seconders and with the consent of the Council:—

'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 laid down for peals 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 peal rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods, or in any way which does not comply with its rules and decisions.'

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded, an amendment to delete all after the words 'as subsequently amended.'

This was carried.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

(b) Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and carried:—

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

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. H. Dallaway, it was agreed that the invitation to visit Leicester in 1956 be accepted.

The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from the Irish Association to visit Dublin in 1958. It was agreed to defer a decision until the 1956 meeting.

NEW COMMITTEE

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, Mr. H. J. Poole seconded, and it was agreed that a committee be appointed:

(a) To consider nominations for the position of President, and to make a recommendation.

(b) To consider and submit to the Council suitable designs for a badge of office for the President.

(c) To consider the appointment of a vice-president of the Council.

(d) To alter any rules that are necessary.

It was agreed that the committee should consist of three members of the Standing Committee, to be nominated by that committee, and three other members, Messrs. P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman and T. J. Lock.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, and carried with acclamation.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol for the use of the Chapter House; to the Dean for officiating at Holy Communion that morning and for his welcome later in the morning; to the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Mr. C. R. Harding) for his welcome; to Mr. F. Skidmore (Secretary of the Association) and the Reception Committee for local arrangements; and all incumbents and steepkeepers for the use of their bells.

A civic reception was afterwards given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Red Lodge.

BEWDLEY HOLD THEIR
FIRST DINNER

The young, keen and flourishing band at St. Ann's, Bewdley, Worcs., held their first annual dinner on February 13th. Although the weather did its best to wreck the function, all the cars reached their destination and all but one of the 24 acceptances were present.

The Rev. R. A. Jones (Rector) presided, and the toast of 'The St. Ann's Association' was proposed by Mr. B. C. Ashford, secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and acknowledged by the Master. The Master proposed 'The Visitors,' and Mr. H. V. Cooper, Stourbridge, replied. Afterwards Messrs. Ashford, Cooper and A. Glazzard (Master of Hartlebury) gave a delightful programme of handbell ringing.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

The new editor of the Australian ringing journal, 'Ringing Towers,' is John Cummins and the treasurer is Mrs. Margaret Goodyer.

Congratulations to two members of the New South Wales Association who have recently qualified as doctors; they are Geoff Logan, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and Dick Bailey, of All Saints', Parramatta.

St. Mary's Cathedral has recently lost two ringers. Ted Sheehy has completed his studies as a wool classer and will be working away from Sydney, while his brother John has gone to Springwood to commence his studies for the priesthood.

A peal attempt at Parramatta for the wedding of Bobby Ferris, their tower captain, broke down after 1 hour and 40 minutes.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM H. THEOBALD

We deeply regret to record the passing on February 20th, at the age of 85, Mr. William H. Theobald, an esteemed member of the Leytonstone band, which made history between the wars in furthering the art of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing.

Unfortunately, Mr. Theobald had been confined to his room for several years past through arthritis, and although he could no longer take any active part in ringing, his keenness never waned. His old friend Mr. E. D. Smith used to visit him frequently, as did several others of his old associates, and through them he kept in touch with ringing in general. Whenever one visited him he always had a cheery greeting, and loved to talk of old days.

Mr. Theobald was a native of Marlow, and it was in the tower of All Saints' where he first learnt to ring, and rang his first peal in 1889, conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook. On moving to the London area he quickly progressed and became a member of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone. He joined the Essex Association in 1907 and at one time held office as district secretary and later as auditor until ill health intervened.

Mr. Theobald rang 188 peals on all numbers from Minor to Maximus. Although most were rung for the Essex Association, he rang many for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association.

With his passing goes another link with the old Leytonstone six-bell band, whose quality of ringing was of the highest standard, and still remembered by many.

He was cremated at the City of London Crematorium on February 23rd. In addition to family mourners, Mr. E. D. Smith and Mr. J. H. Crampion attended.

HIS PEALS

Doubles—Grandsire 1.
Minor—Plain Bob 1, Surprise (including one of Spliced Surprise in 23 methods) 43.
Triples—Grandsire 3, Stedman 23.
Major—Plain Bob 4, Treble Bob 22, Double Norwich C.B. 7, Cambridge Surprise 15, Superlative 5, London 2.
Caters—Grandsire 3, Stedman 27.
Royal—Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 13, Cambridge 3.
Cinques—Grandsire 2, Stedman 9.
Maximus—Treble Bob 3.
Total: 188.

CANON JOHN MOSS

The death of the Rev. Canon John Moss occurred on March 3rd after a short illness. He was Vicar of Bilsborrow, near Preston, and Rural Dean of Garstang. It did not matter whether it was a peal attempt or a meeting, Canon Moss always made a point of meeting the ringers. His wife always came on the scene with refreshments, and in this way they became known to a wide circle of ringers in Lancashire.

The funeral took place at Bilsborrow on March 6th and was attended by the Bishop of Blackburn (Rt. Rev. W. H. Baddesley), the Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster (Rt. Rev. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall), the Archdeacon of Lancaster (Ven. W. G. Fallows) and a large number of clergy from the Garstang and Preston Deaneries. The Lancashire Association was represented by the vice-president and the Preston Branch secretary. Ringers were present from Broughton, Leyland, Penwortham and Scorton. The bells were rung fully muffled before the service and after the committal.

Mr. Moss was 64 and his death is much regretted. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss, his two sons having been killed in World War II. E. R. M.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER E. LONGMAN

The Crews Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is much the poorer by the death of one of its most respected members, Mr. Walter E. Longman, of All Saints' Church, Lawton, who died on February 20th. He had been in indifferent health for about 12 months but his death was unexpected.

The service he had given to the church was an example to all with whom he came in contact, and at his death he was a churchwarden, a position he had held for a number of years. He was also a member of the choir from boyhood days and a ringer of no mean ability. Mr. Longman had rung about 70 peals, ranging from Doubles upwards, and during the years when Lawton ringing was at its peak he took part in many Surprise peals. He was elected as a member of the Central Council but owing to illness was unable to attend.

He was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower he had served so well on February 23rd. Representatives of the Chester Guild and North Staffs Association attended the funeral.

After the memorial service on Sunday, Feb. 26th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by his ringing friends with the bells half-muffled. The band consisted of: Robert Arrowsmith (Lawton) 1, Phillip S. Whalley (Wolstanton) 2, Brian Ferneyhough (Alsager) 3, William Massey (Wolstanton) 4, Thomas Arrowsmith (Lawton) 5, George W. Biddulph (Wolstanton) 6, Douglas R. Whalley, conductor (Wolstanton) 7, Alex. Booth (Lawton) 8.

The ringers wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Longman, Nancy and Daniel.

MR. WILLIAM E. SPICE

Following a short illness, the death occurred at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on March 6th, of Mr. William Edward Spice, of Tunstall, Sittingbourne.

He was 67 years of age and for the past 45 years had belonged to the Tunstall band of ringers, of which he became captain and secretary following the death some nine years ago of his father, William Spice, son.

Although not keen on peal ringing, he participated in a number of peals during his lifetime, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Penshurst in May, 1904. He was, however, a regular and reliable ringer for Sunday services at Tunstall, where he was for many years a member of the choir, served on the parochial church council, and was always a willing helper in decorating the church for the usual festivals. Because of his professional skill as a gardener, his decorative work was always much admired. It may truly be said that 'Bill' Spice, as he was known by his many friends, was of sterling character and a most likeable disposition. He will be sadly missed at Tunstall.

The funeral took place at Tunstall on March 10th. Immediately following the committal in the churchyard, members of the Tunstall band, assisted by local ringer friends, rang the bells half-muffled.

Among the many floral tributes to his memory there was one from the members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, of which the deceased became a member some 50 years ago.

MR. WILLIAM EVANS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Evans, late of Lyonshall, Herefordshire, at the age of 67, at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Old Radnor. He was for about 10 years (until 1934) Ringing Master of the Kingston District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and had rung 33 peals.

A skilled motor mechanic, he worked for many years with the firm at W. H. Burgoyne and Sons in their haulage and tent-hire business at Lyonshall.

The funeral took place on February 27th at Old Radnor Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Williams, assisted by the Rev. I. Price.

The bearers were local ringers, who, after the service and assisted by Mrs. E. Chandler (assistant secretary and peal recorder, Hereford Guild) and Mr. A. Williams (Almeley), rang the bells half-muffled.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Old Radnor ringers and one from the Kingston District ringers.

On the following Saturday a half-muffled peal of Minor was attempted at Old Radnor by a representative band of the district, of which Mr. Evans was Master, but after ringing five extents in just over two hours, 'Stand' had to be called, much to the disappointment of the ringers and parishioners, owing to the very bad 'go' of the bells, particularly the 5th and tenor, which had given its ringers more than enough! It is hoped that a further attempt may be made at another tower. The ringers were: Leslie Evans 1, Mrs. E. Chandler 2, Laurence T. Mainwaring 3, Frederick R. Harris 4, A. Bryan Ellsmore (conductor) 5, Austin T. Wingate 6.

Cheddar Tower Is Alive

Two years ago there was no ringing for Christmas at Cheddar, the band having gone to pieces. Since then a gratifying revival has taken place with a record of unbroken ringing for Sunday service. Tribute to this was paid at the annual ringers' service by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. George).

The service was preceded by a number of younger ringers playing hymns on handbells. Unfortunately the captain, Mr. E. C. Wickham, was prevented from attending through indisposition. The lessons were read by Mr. Richard Brown, vice-captain, and prayers and hymns were taken from the Association's form of service.

5,024 Glenparva Surprise Major

By Rev. H. LAW JAMES

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3	3		X			2 3 4 5 6

First rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on January 25th, 1956, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

Method is Whitwick with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

Founders' Names Wanted

Dear Sir,—I would be very grateful if you could insert in your columns a request for the names of the founders of the following rings of bells:—

Bramshott (St. Mary) 6 bells, Highclere (St. Michael) 8, Heckfield (St. Michael) 5, Kings-thorpe (St. John) 6, Lane End (Holy Trinity) 6, Monk-Sherborne (All Saints) 5, Putney (St. Mary) 8, Rotherwick (unknown) 6, Roade (St. Mary) 5, Rochester Row (St. Stephen) 8, Selborne (St. Mary) 5, Silchester (St. Mary) 5, Sherborne St. John (St. Andrew) 6, Southwark (St. George) 8, Weston Favell (St. Peter) 5, Waterloo (St. John) 8.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN T. HALE.
Farnham.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Preliminary Notice

The third session of the 22nd Council (59th annual meeting) will be held at Leicester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1956.

In accordance with Rule 13, notice of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not later than six weeks prior to the meeting.

Details of other arrangements will be given later.—E. A. Barnett, Hon. Sec.

BIRTH

CARPENTER.—On March 10th, 1956, at Friar's Craig Nursing Home, Coventry, to Marjorie and David, a son (Stuart David). A brother for Anne. 7962

ENGAGEMENT

ARTHUR—GIBSON.—The engagement is announced between Kenneth Arthur, of SS. James and Basil's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Margaret Gibson, of St. Hilda's, South Shields. 7952

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Homely accommodation. Highly recommended. Moderate terms for ringers.—Mrs. L. G. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, N. Devon. 7973

PUBLICATION

AN IDEAL GIFT

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MISCELLANEOUS

Would any ringer care to purchase or hire Grocery and Provision Shop, outskirts of Norwich? Good sound business. Very good living accommodation.—B. Gogle, 87, Reepharm Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, Norfolk. 7972

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire, at the Church of St. James, rededication of the rehuing ring of eight bells (John Taylor and Co.), Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. All ringers welcome. Names for refreshments to John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 7917

COMPLETE YOUR FILES.—Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available at the 'R.W.' Office, price 6d. per copy, post free.

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, March 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. 7935

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, March 17th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses from Halstead and Bures. 7893

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Harpending, Herts.—Special practice, Saturday, Mar. 17th. 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. C. Jacklin (captain). 7965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and **HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Combined meeting at Benenden (8) on March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. —W. P. Garner. 7894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at West Malling on Saturday, March 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 7834

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—March programme. St. John's, South Hackney, E.9, Saturday, 17th, 3 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Matthew's Bethnal Green (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Wednesday, 21st, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. (learners). A cordial welcome extended to all.—Bullock, Sec. 7919

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Brentford, Saturday, March 17th. Bells from 6 p.m. Chiswick not available in afternoon.—F. A. Chiswick, Hon. Sec. 7934

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston on Saturday, March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buses leave Newark at 1.35 and 4.35 only.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 7869

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7940

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7939

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be on March 20th, not the 27th.—A. B. Peck. 7958

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—The new ring of eight bells by Taylor's, of Loughborough, in West Bridgford Parish Church will be dedicated by Bishop J. R. Weller on Thursday, March 22nd, at 7.30. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp. 7976

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 24th, Mark. Bells (8) 5 to 9 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewes Branch.—Church Lawton, March 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 21st.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7971

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting. St. Mary's, Birkenhead, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by 21st at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7969

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Bristol, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 7956

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), March 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7957

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Badgeworth, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7975

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham on Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names by March 21st to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. 7947

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, March 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method, Hull Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7950

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton, March 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham, Kent. 7888

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting (joint), Drighlington, March 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Deane Road, Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea only. Lovely eight (20 cwt.). All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 7970

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting, Drighlington, March 24th, 3 p.m. Tea—please notify Sydney Barron, 40, West Street, by first post on 24th. Buses (Queen Street) 2.30, and every 20 minutes.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7968

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, March 24th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30 at Red Lion Inn. Names, please, by Wednesday, March 21st, to Mr. R. Belton, Westgates, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester. 7959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover, March 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. No name, no tea. 7955

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, Mar. 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, by March 21st. Also available, Lytchett Minster. 7954

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Shreshill, near Wolverhampton, March 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 21st to Mr. H. Butler, 5, Pool Cottages, Shreshill, near Wolverhampton. 7916

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, March 24th. Bells 4–6, 7–8.30. Tea available. 7974

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Northiam (6), Saturday, March 24th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. Button, Amak, Northiam.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 7949

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting on Monday, April 2nd, at Honiton (St. Paul's). Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by March 29th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 7963

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at Cathedral at noon. Luncheon at Corn Exchange. Tickets in advance by March 26th, members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., also information leaflet including business agenda, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Ringing at Gillingham, Rainham, Chatham, Frindsbury and Rochester Cathedral.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7953

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 o'clock. Service 4, tea (1s. 6d. per head) and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, Hon. Sec. 7967

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements but fuller details next week.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 7951

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Friezland, Saturday, April 7th. For teas please notify Mr. L. Dawson, 29, St. Mary's Drive, Greenfield, Oldham, by March 31st.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7948

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Llangatock, near Crickhowell, Breconshire, on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 7944

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 28th, at Prestwich. Details later. 7946

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