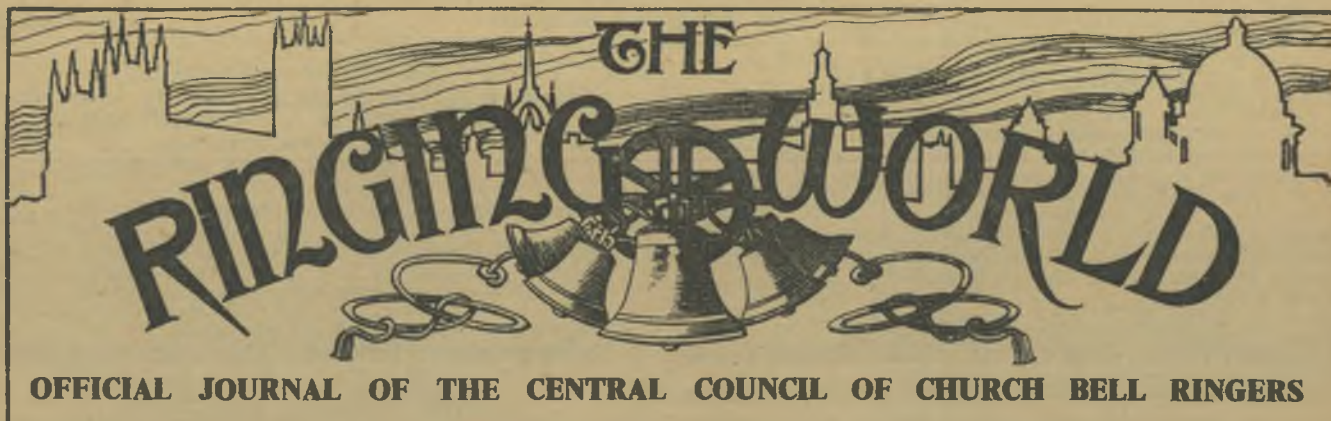




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AFTER the rather heavy agenda with which they were faced at Bristol last year, it may well have been with some relief that members assembled in the Council Chamber of Leicester's Town Hall—surely one of the best meeting places which it has been their privilege to use—with what looked to be a comparatively light programme in front of them, as indeed it proved to be.

In some ways, age stole the stage in the earlier part of the day. The meeting took place on the 91st birthday of a respected member and former secretary, Mr. E. Alexander Young, and the good wishes of all were sent to him. The absence on account of work arising from his forthcoming retirement, after nearly half a century as Rector of Kington Magna, of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, one octogenarian member of long standing, was noted with much regret, while it was a pleasure to see another, Mr. Albert Walker, again able to attend a meeting. The oldest member present, however, was one of the youngest in terms of service, Mr. H. Stalham, of the Sussex Association.

The Biographies Committee had listed a number of former members now over 90 years of age, and it is a sobering thought that since the report was drafted, three of those originally included had passed on. The Council was able to offer congratulations in advance to the convener of the Committee, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who himself reached the age of 80 two days later.

The affiliation of the University of London Society was duly agreed, and then a letter from the New South Wales Association, received too late for the printed agenda, was read, applying for membership. Ten years ago the then secretary of that Association, Mr. W. M. Rowe, had been made an honorary member in recognition of his services to Australian ringing, and last year the Standing Committee had felt it would be more appropriate if the Association itself were invited to join the Council. A special meeting held in Sydney in March had agreed that application should be made, and it was with great pleasure that the Council approved the inclusion within its ranks of the only sizable Association outside the British Isles. For the present, its representative will be drawn from among those ringers in England with first-hand knowledge of Australian ringing. This seems a very sensible arrangement, but it is to be hoped that in the not too distant future an Australian-born ringer, perhaps temporarily residing here, will make history by taking his seat on the Council. He would receive a great welcome, such as was extended on this occa-

sion to an outstanding figure in the Exercise, Mr. A. J. Pitman, when he was presented to the president.

With the exception of that of 'The Ringing World' Committee, the reports did not arouse a great deal of discussion, and since the former will be dealt with separately it need not be mentioned here, except to say that the financial outlook of the paper is once again causing anxiety to those who share the responsibility for keeping it solvent. One indirect outcome of this is that the Peals Analysis will in future be published in a modified form. The Council's other funds are in a healthier state, although the printing of the Handbook will absorb much of the cash in hand; however, the Clement Glenn bequest, a suitable use for which the officers of the Council are to consider, provides at the moment an additional reserve.

Of the four motions, the first produced a useful discussion from which much good may come if a suitable textbook can be produced. The last two were treated, by their sponsors as well as other speakers, rather more lightly than is usually the case, a fact which, so far as one of them was concerned, led a member to protest with perhaps undue severity; but if nothing else, this motion served to bring to the fore the question of peal standards generally.

The large attendance, exceeded only at the last London meeting in 1948, must have been particularly gratifying to the Leicester Diocesan Guild, justifying their decision to carry on after the first doubts which inevitably arose on the death of Mr. Poole. The ringing and social arrangements were admirable in every way. During the social evening after the meeting, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's prowess as an entertainer was once again demonstrated in a hastily-composed monologue about an incident in the cathedral belfry when, it appears, a stay was broken by a former member of the Council. The presentation of the pieces by the president to the ringer concerned caused much hilarity.

That this was the last complete meeting over which Mr. Lewis would be presiding must have been very much in the minds of all who were there, a large number of whom, like the writer, do not really remember the Council when he was not its president. When Mr. Lewis hands over next year he will have been in office longer than any of his three predecessors, and it may be permissible to end this brief survey by quoting a comment of one member who was unable to be present: 'No one has done more for the Exercise than he has, even if one has not always agreed with him.'

E. A. B.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT 8
GEORGE W. CECIL 3	TERRY EARLE 9
*HARRY TURNER 4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 10
FRANK V. GANT 5	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 11
*LIONEL S. WOODS 6	*PETER J. EVES Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

Rung for the start to the Third Annual Festival Week of the Cathedral.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	FRANK S. HANSFORD 8
JOHN CHILCOTT 3	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON 9
JAMES PHILLIPS 4	J. HOWARD FREEBORN 10
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
RAYMOND G. BURTON 6	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	JOHN B. SANSOM 6
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN 4	JOHN CHILCOTT 9
ALFRED B. PECK 5	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

With compliments to Mr. E. Alexander Young, 91 on May 22nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5152 HERWARD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BARRETT Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 5
ROBIN A. HODGSON 2	JAMES P. BLOND 6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
VERNON GREEN 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ROLAND BENISTON 3	*JOHN M. JELLEY 7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal together.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 6000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*ROBERT C. HALL Treble	*HARRY J. WHEATLEY 5
COLIN B. LONGMORE 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN 7
GERALD C. HEMMING 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The longest length by all the band, and on the bells.

Southern Branch quarterly peal

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 changes of London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with full work for all the bells in each method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GORDON BENFIELD Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of five spliced.

In memory of Arthur Firth, a faithful ringer at Rotherham Parish Church, who died suddenly on Sunday, May 13th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George W. Pipe and Miss Diana Matthew.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN R. SMITH Treble	*RAYMOND W. BALLS 5
†REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON 2	HANBURY F. CARTER 6
MRS. H. F. CARTER 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY 4	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung for the Feast of Pentecost.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

*†JUNE M. CLEMENTS Treble	†FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
*ROGER BALDWIN 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 3	*FRANK L. HARRIS 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

A compliment to Josiah D. Harris on his 84th birthday.



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SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*ALAN CAPSTICK Treble	JOSEPH THORNEY 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	*†NICHOLAS M. NEWBY 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
†JAMES E. BURLS 4	*STANLEY ANDERTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal. First in method on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Crook, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	EDWARD CONNOCK 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 2	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT 6
FRANK E. HANSFORD 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7
MARJORIE LEGG 4	*SIDNEY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

ARTHUR D. COOK Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 5
GORDON BENFIELD 2	NORMAN V. HARDING 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

FRANK L. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	JOHN HARTLESS 6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
MICHAEL J. BEST 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
DAVID J. KING 4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*VERNON GREEN Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. 2	*PETER R. SANDERS 6
*ROBIN A. HODGSON 3	†CHARLES COLES 7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*NORMAN LEES Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 5
†DEREK SANDERSON 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
FRED PRITCHARD 3	IVAN KAY 7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY 4	*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM Tenor

Conducted by F. PRITCHARD.

* First peal. † First in the method.

An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Bastow, of Middleton, grandmother of treble ringer and wife of second ringer.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.	
BRIAN G. WARWICK... .. <i>Treble</i>	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
*ALAN CARVETH 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
WILLIAM THORNEY 3	JOHN M. JELLEY 7
ERNEST J. JELLEY 4	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNEY.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
*CAROL FERNLEY Treble	JOHN WORTH	5	
MRS. JAMES FERNLEY .. 2	BASIL JONES	6	
MRS. LESLIE BOUMPHREY 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7	
JAMES FERNLEY 4	PETER LAFLIN		Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal at the first attempt.

The 50th anniversary of Peter Laflin's first peal, which was the same method and the same composition.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 NORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.			
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	.. Treble	*JOHN R. MAYNE	 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	 2	THOMAS J. LOCK	 6
MARY LAWRENCE	 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	 7
ALICK CUTLER	 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	 <i>Tenor</i>
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.		Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.	

* 50th Surprise Major method for a peal. First peal in the method, which is No. 237 in Corrigan's collection, the composition being No. 17 of Treble Bob in the C.C. collection.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

		Tenor 15 cwt.	
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ..	Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ..	Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.		Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.	

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.			
*DEREK G. SPITTLE	Treble	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	5
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER ..	2	DAVID E. PARSONS ..	6
*RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS ..	3	*RALPH C. SPITTLE	7
*GILLIAN R. PARSONS ..	4	JOHN HILL	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek G. Spittle.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

ERNEST F. PAYNE Treble	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 5
ROYSTON WILMORE 2	F. KEVIN THOMPSON 6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 4	FREDERICK J. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the augmentation and rehanging of these bells.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND ORIGINAL

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NEIL BENNETT Treble	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5
†BARBARA G. COOKE 2	TREVOR TAYLOR 6
DEREK TAYLOR 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
PETER WATSON 4	ALBERT W. STONE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT W. STONE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Average age of band 19½ years.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
*DAVID BEACHAM 2	*GEORGE E. EVENDON 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
WILLIAM LEWIS 4	*FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. William Lewis, popular towerkeeper at St. John's, on his 70th birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS

RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHRISTINE MUXLOW .. Treble	CHARLES R. MUXLOW .. 4
*JOYCE MUXLOW 2	*TOM WARRINGTON 5
MRS. S. SHORT 3	*FRED HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by TOM WARRINGTON.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. HILL .. Treble	CHARLES W. TOWERS 4
MRS. A. SIMPSON 2	ALLAN SIMPSON 5
PETER M. GILES 3	BRIAN BUSWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

First peal in five methods by all except the tenor ringer.

Rung to the glory of God, for the Festival of Whitsun.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B., and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	ELSIE K. HART 4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 2	H. GEORGE HART 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

WINGRAVE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM G. SEAR .. Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON 4
†ROY WOODRUFF 2	JOHN W. SINFIELD 5
*HENRY B. WHITNEY .. 3	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 4
RONALD E. BURT 2	FRANK PEARSON 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Janet Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. J. Arnold.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAS. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM CRACKNELL 4
ALBERT LAWES 2	GEORGE J. FILBY 5
CHARLES BROWN 3	GEORGE FILBY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. FILBY.

A wedding and birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth. The ringer of the treble is in his 82nd year.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	E. H. SIMPSON 4
MRS. D. WORSMAN 2	F. RAYMENT 5
H. B. SCHOFIELD 3	S. LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. H. POOLE Treble	S. WHITE 4
R. SELWAY 2	H. E. G. JEANES 5
F. J. WHITE 3	W. E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by W. E. TURNER.

Rung on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fifth.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD F. WHITE .. Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 4
*THOMAS PRICE 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* 100th peal.

Rung at the request of Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., to commemorate a 720 Bob Minor at this church on May 23rd, 1827, in which three of his ancestors took part.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

WALTER H. TRUEMAN Treble	ERIC SUTTON 4
*ANN PETTIFORD 2	FRANCIS G. WILTON 5
BARRY SHEPPARD 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD PHILLIPS Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
DAVID J. LEWIS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

50th peal on the bells.

A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. D. J. Lewis.

DOWNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

MARY R. ANDREWS Treble	BRIAN BLADON 4
MARY FULLER 2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EAST HENDRED, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Single Oxford, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Fulbeck, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GILKS Treble	HAROLD P. REED 4
HARRY P. FLOYD 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
ROBERT B. BLOND 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. Augustine.

HANDBELL PEALS

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sun., May 13, 1956, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT 22, EGERTON STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 1—2	DEREK TAYLOR 3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5—6
JOHN THOMAS 3—4	*VIVIEN BARNES 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*ALBERT W. STONE 1—2	DEREK TAYLOR 3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR 5—6	

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal 'in hand.'



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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

Approximately 36 ringers and friends attended the Newark District meeting at East Bridgford on May 19th, when ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise. Tea was taken at the Wharf Cafe, followed by the business meeting at which Mr. F. W. Vernon was elected to the chair.

Barnby-in-the-Willows was confirmed for the July meeting, and Whatton-in-the-Vale was chosen for September.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. F. W. Vernon to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. V. Dent for his arrangements. W. L. E.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Farnham District at Bentley**

It was a good idea to hold a ringers' meeting the day before Whit Sunday, because 'Whitsuntide is a time of fellowship,' said Canon G. L. Cole, when he welcomed ringers to the Farnham District's meeting at Bentley on May 19th.

A large number enjoyed ringing a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Corke and Mr. D. M. MacPherson.

After the ringers' service conducted by the Rector, with Miss M. Beeken at the organ, an excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by local ladies. A short business meeting followed during which four new members were elected.

Major E. J. Bragg thanked the Rector, the Bentley ringers and ladies who had helped make the meeting a success. M. A. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting, held at St. Mary's, Hayes, was a thoroughly enjoyable event for the 48 members who were present. Fourteen towers in the district were represented.

Ringing, directed by Miss M. Andrews, Ringing Master, preceded the service in church, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Smith. Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) read the lesson. Mr. A. Davidson, St. Mary's organist, led the singing of psalms and hymns.

Tea followed, abundantly provided and tastefully served by the local ringers and their parents; the Rector was at the head of the table.

Seven ringers were elected members of the Association at the business meeting. Mr. J. Dafters, district representative, read an excellent report of proceedings of the Easter committee meeting and of the annual general meeting.

Eynsford was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on July 28th, and St. John's, Deptford, for the combined meeting with the Surrey Association on October 13th. Practice meetings are to be held at Downe on June 23rd and Penge on a date to be arranged. Owing to the incidence of the Association's annual dinner, it is necessary to alter the long established last Saturday in October arrangement for the annual district meeting. This will be held on November 3rd.

The chairman read the Bow Bells Appeal, and it was agreed that each tower be asked to contribute to this cause and towerkeepers pass such contributions to the district secretary.

The meeting received in the traditional manner the news of the passing of Mr. E. Horton, verger of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, a member of the Association.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD**Sudbury District Start a Bell Fund**

There was a record attendance of well over 40 at a meeting held at the six-bell tower of Felsham on May 26th. This may have been because there has not been a meeting there for over 50 years, but the bells do not go too well, and the collection taken at the service was used to start a bell fund.

The weather was very favourable, and as ringing is on the ground floor visitors were able to sit on the grass in the sun outside the tower between touches, or ring the handbells.

At the business meeting it was decided to cancel plans for the social arranged for June 23rd and, instead, to hold a dinner and social at Lavenham later in the year, probably on October 27th.

Ringing continued after the meeting up till 9 p.m., and the bells at Drinkstone and Rougham were also rung for a short while in the evening. Ringing varied from rounds and call changes to London Surprise.

Saxmundham District

About 40 ringers from all parts of Suffolk attended the meeting of the Saxmundham District at Benhall and Saxmundham on May 19th. Ringing in the afternoon was at Benhall, where the Rector greeted the ringers.

The service at Saxmundham was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Moyle). The business meeting followed tea, at which Mr. A. R. Bridges and Mr. J. M. Bailey were re-elected hon. secretary and Ringing Master respectively. The next meeting will be held on July 7th at Peasenhall and Yoxford.

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Before leaving the Council Chamber at Leicester on Whit Tuesday, Mr. Fred Dukes, an Irish representative, gave Mr. Frank Lufkin 5s. as his subscription as a non-resident life member of the Essex Association, in readiness for the Central Council's visit to Chelmsford next year.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has met with an accident, cutting off the tops of two fingers.

The well-known Cheshire ringer, Mr. Peter Laffin, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal with a peal at Norbury, Cheshire, rung in the same method and the same composition.

Mr. John Segar, of Retford, Southwell Diocesan Guild's representative on the Central Council, has towed his caravan to the meetings at Newcastle, Bristol and Leicester. Why worry about hotel accommodation, he asks.

Mr. Edward Rudkin, a native of Ridlington, where he rang in the 3-bell tower, has rung his first quarter peal at the age of 70. It was rung at Weston Favell as a farewell to the Rev. R. B. Disney, who is leaving to live in Bedford.

The quarter peal at Rye on May 28th was a farewell to Mr. G. F. B. Smith, a ringer at Rye since 1932 and captain of the band since the war. Thirty past and present ringers at Rye contributed towards a travelling clock, to be presented to him before he sails for South Africa.

Mr. Tom W. Lewis, of Worcester, had a big disappointment when illness prevented him from participating in the peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Major, arranged for his father's 70th birthday. Stedman Triples was substituted and successfully brought round. His father, Mr. 'Bill' Lewis, has been the popular towerkeeper at St. John's, Worcester, for over 20 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

An example of Leicester's hospitality comes from Whitwick. After a peal on Whit Monday a ringer ordered two rounds of meat sandwiches in a local public house. On offering to pay he was told they were on the house, as he had been working hard! And good sandwiches they were, too!!

Ladies are now admitted to the belfry of Liverpool Cathedral.

Mr. George Preston, for 69 years a ringer at Christchurch Priory, died on Sunday. He had been unwell for some time and entered hospital three weeks ago.

The librarian of the Central Council acknowledges with grateful thanks the gift by Mr. W. H. Viggers to the library of a bound copy of 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain,' by Ronald H. Dove.

Following the peal of Darlaston Bob Triples at Mountsorrel, 'Grandma' Wilmore kindly entertained the band to tea, and the Vicar came too! This was deeply appreciated by all concerned.

During the peal at Kingston-on-Soar, the Rector visited the belfry and tried to hold a conversation with the tenor ringer, whilst his dog made a Stedman whole turn round the ringer of the treble, but fortunately the ringers were not distracted too long from their work.

St. Laurence-in-Thamet (Ramsgate) band have unfortunately lost the services and guidance of their longest serving member, Mr. Albert E. Jarman, who, on the advice of his doctor, has had to give up ringing following a heart attack. 'Bert' Jarman, who is now aged 68, has been a member of the St. Laurence band for the past 48 years, has been captain since 1934 and was most regular in his attendances for Sunday service ringing. His loss to the already depleted band will be greatly felt.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

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HANDBOOK COMPLETED — VALUABLE GIFTS TO LIBRARY — NO BADGE OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT — A VICE-PRESIDENT — TELEVISION FEATURED — NEW PUBLICATIONS — DROP IN PEALS FOR 1955

THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

THE report, which was signed by Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated:—We regret that circumstances have prevented us from putting in hand the printing of the Handbook as yet. The final manuscript will, it is hoped, be presented to the Standing Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

The secretary moved the adoption of the report and said they proposed to obtain an estimate within a week or two. The committee regretted the delay. The idea was first mooted in 1950, and the present sub-committee had only been dealing with it for two years.

The report by seconded by Mr. Lewis and adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

The year 1955 saw a marked increase in demand for the Council's publications. The total sales amounted to £107, an increase of over 30 per cent. on the previous year. This was largely due to the publication of a new edition of 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, etc.' and the issue of the new book on 'Doubles Methods.' I am glad to report a profit of £18 15s. on the year's working.

This year's best seller has been 'Hints to Beginners'—246 copies, with 'Preservation, etc., of Bells' a close second with 243 copies sold. In the last two months of the year 234 copies of the new 'Doubles Methods' book were sold. 'Village Bells,' which topped the sales lists so many times, has this year 'made fourth' place.

Among many inquiries I am constantly asked for (1) a new edition of 'Minor Methods,' (2) a new edition of 'Triples Methods' and (3) an illustrated book on how to learn to ring a bell, and acquire an elementary knowledge of the rudiments of change ringing. It would greatly benefit the Exercise if these could be published at the earliest possible moment.

The borrowing of works of reference has again increased and, in this connection, it would greatly help me if borrowers of Library books who have had these for more than 12 months would write me a note confirming that the books are still required.

During the year the Library has received many valuable gifts. From our president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, we received the magnificent donation of 58 foreign books on bells, and also of two English ones: these have been catalogued, and a list printed in 'The Ringing World.' From Mrs. J. Padmore we received 21 books, formerly the property of her grandfather, the late Thomas North, who wrote extensively on bells in the 19th century; a list of these has been published in 'The Ringing World.'

In addition to the above-mentioned we have received, and acknowledge with grateful thanks, the gifts of the following works:—From Mr. E. H. Lewis—(1) 'Experiments with spring bell frames,' MS.; (2) 'Report of experiments carried out at All Saints', Loughborough,' MS., and two extremely rare and valuable foreign books; (3) 'Magius de Tintinnabulis,' 1689; and (4) 'Biringuccio Pirotechnia,' 1559.

We received a copy of 'The History and Rules of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild': 'Carillon Bibliographies,' from the author, Mr. J. R. Lawson; 'The History of Ringing in Hertfordshire,' from the author, Mr. H. V. Frost; 'Peal Tablets at Eye,' MS., from Mr. C. Rush; from Miss Jenkyn, the note book of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; 'Bob Minor and Bob Major,' 'Cambridge Minor and Major' and 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples,' by I. H. Rowe and Mr.

Broome, from the authors; 'The Irish Bell News,' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; and from Mr. B. Glen copies of 'The Clavis Campanologia' and 'Shipway's Campanologia.'

The report concluded with appreciation of the services of Mrs. J. Steeples (née Patricia J. Ayris) in connection with the sales section of the Library and to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant for housing the library in Launton Rectory.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, said they had received requests for all sorts of publications. During the year they had received a considerable number of gifts and they tendered their best thanks to the president for his magnificent gift of foreign books, a list of which had been published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Leslie Morris seconded the adoption of the report.

The president said he was very fortunate some years ago in being able through Mr. H. B. Walters, to get the library of Mr. Morris, a clergyman in South Wales, who had been collecting books on bells. He felt that as he was getting rather old it would be well to start getting rid of certain things to the destination he wished them to go.

The report was adopted.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee, signed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, stated that the Committee's terms of reference were:—

(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.

Briefly, the results of the deliberations of the committee on these matters are:—

(a) The committee recommends the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe for the position of president;

(b) Although it is the committee's opinion that a badge of office for the president is not really necessary, designs for a badge have been considered and two are presented for inspection;

(c) The committee considers that it would be a distinct advantage to have a vice-president of the Council and recommends the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for the position.

(d) Alteration of Rules—see note (b) by secretary.

In addition, the committee recommends that normally the president and vice-president should hold office for six years, but the members of the committee are most strongly against any rule to this effect.

Note by the Secretary: (a) The other members of the committee are:—Standing Committee, R. S. Anderson, A. A. Hughes; Council: P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman, T. J. Lock.

(b) Alteration of Rules.—If it is agreed that there should be a vice-president, consideration will be given to the amendment of the following rules:—

(i) Rule 6—Life Members.

(ii) Rule 9—Election of officers.

(iii) Rule 12—Vesting of property.

(iv) Rule 14—Procedure at meetings.

In addition, if the proposed clause (ii) is added to Rule 11 at the forthcoming meeting (see Item 9 on the agenda), this will need further amendment.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in moving the adoption of the report, asked that the items should be taken separately. On (b) it was for the Council to decide whether they considered a badge of office was necessary. The committee did not think that it was necessary and the Standing Committee also approved of that decision. There was no reason to consider a design if the Council considered that a badge of office was unnecessary.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee endorsed the view that it would be an advantage to have a vice-president and recommended the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded the adoption of the report.

The Council agreed to the nomination of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as president, of the appointment of a vice-president and the nomination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for that office. It regarded a badge of office as unnecessary.

In regard to the period of office, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, in answer to the Rev. St. John Smith, pointed out that the president retired every three years. Mr. A. A. Hughes explained that after a period of six years the president was still open for re-election.

The report was then adopted.

In consequence of this decision the hon. secretary gave notice of motion to amend the Rules of the Council accordingly. This was agreed to.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The report of the committee, signed by Mr. H. J. Sanger, stated:—

In this second year of office your committee have to a great extent consolidated their efforts of last year. You will remember that we set out to gain a good system of contact with the B.B.C. and to encourage this body to consult us whenever possible on matters relative to our art. We are pleased to report that, particularly as far as the Publicity Department is concerned, we have achieved this object. The Editor of our journal reports that this department now communicate with him regularly, and have on several occasions consulted him, chiefly in connection with handbell ringing. We feel that this official recognition of our journal by the publicity department is a major achievement. Again we find that the B.B.C. regularly makes an item in its programme concerning Sunday services, of the bells, and includes the name of the captain of the ringers. Descriptive matter, too, is now much more correct, a point which is most important where the general public are concerned, and all of which adds up to the fact that the B.B.C. are taking much greater care than formerly in the presentation of bells and ringing.

During the year many rings of bells have been on the air prior to divine service, and much of the ringing has been quite pleasant for listeners. Some, however, has not been so good and here we would emphasise the point we made last year, i.e., 'good rounds are much to be preferred to bad change ringing.' Listeners in general, too, are in the main quite oblivious to any particular changes. If asked, they will either say the bells sounded well or were an awful clatter. May we, therefore, stress the need of making your bells sound their very best when on the air.

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Television has featured bells and ringing on a number of occasions. The casting of Gressen-hall bells was filmed and televised, the dedication service broadcast and at the opening service later on the ringers and bells were filmed whilst ringing, which film was later televised. The new ring of ten for St. Clement Danes', Strand, was also shown on television and interviews have been recorded.

The Christmas broadcast was quite good and well presented. In a letter we expressed our appreciation of it to the B.B.C.

An idea in connection with the television 'Interval,' which was sent in last year by a member of the Salisbury Guild, and which has been the subject of some correspondence with the B.B.C., has not to date borne much fruit, but the matter is still in hand.

Handbells featured in a number of programmes around the Christmas season in carol services, and the performances were extremely good.

In concluding this report we would mention the old complaint of too little time given to bells prior to divine service. In this respect we have as yet gained no further concession of time; it is, in fact, a very difficult problem. There is, however, one way in which all ringers concerned can help—that is by being most accurate in their timing collaboration with the engineers. It is so easy to lose valuable seconds on the air by bad timing. It should also be borne in mind that incumbents' wishes are respected by the B.B.C., and if tower captains would always see to it that their incumbents are well acquainted with our views on the subject, namely, the desirability of a reasonable period of uninterrupted ringing, much good would probably be done.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved, and Mr. J. W. Dunwoody seconded, the adoption of the report.

In reply to a question by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. Sanger said a suggestion had been made that a film be made of handbells ringing for television interval and only the hands and bells be shown. The suggestion was being gone into.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report stated: The committee has now the compositions which are to be published in the new 'Stedman' book, and while regarding this collection as much more comprehensive than the previous one, still considers that there might be a separate collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, as there are so many compositions which should be made available to conductors. Some preliminary work has been done on this collection and the time has come to invite those having interesting compositions in their possession to send them to one of the committee. The book would be about the same size as the 'Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods,' and it is hoped to include every type of composition.

Mr. C. W. Woolley, in moving the adoption of the report, said to do all this work and turn down publication would be very hard. He would like to know if the Council would publish the work.

The Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended that the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques be published.

Mr. E. W. Critchley seconded.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Has any question of cost been considered? Personally I think it would be extremely valuable.

The President: It would be about the same size as the book on Major compositions.

The report was adopted and on the proposition of Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key. It was decided to print the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

An examination of our record books reveals the names of 715 persons who, in 65 years of the Council's existence, have been elected to membership. Of this total 320 are known or believed to be deceased. The latter figure is given with reserve because it is likely that some former members have retired and, removed from the scene of their former activity, have died without the news reaching the Council.

At the time of preparing this report about 120 of the biographies are included in our album which is exhibited, a further 100 are complete and are in varying stages of final editing by Mr. Viggers and writing by Mr. Willis. Of the remainder, 20 await only a photograph and a few must be included in our 'unknown' class.

With reference to this unknown class, we have a list containing 40 names of those who became members but who never attended a meeting of the Council. The committee recommends that these names be entered in the album in list form only, with an appropriate note of explanation attached.

In the months preceding our meeting to-day, the birthdays of some past, and of one present, members have been passed. A list of nine names is appended, all of whom are over 90 years of age:—H. W. Brown, November 1st, 1862; J. Ashmole, February 6th, 1863; S. J. Hughes, August 19th, 1864; F. G. May, January 4th, 1875; J. A. Smith, December 17th, 1863; C. Willshire, January 8th, 1866; H. W. Tompkins, April 4th, 1862; E. A. Young, May 22nd, 1865; James Parker, March 17th, 1866.

We feel sure that the Council will wish to extend its greetings to these veterans. The Biographies Committee has had indirect correspondence with Mr. F. G. May, per Mr. Sheppard, of Cape Town, and with Mr. C. Willshire (now living in Montreal) per Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Your Biographies Committee again wishes to offer thanks to the many correspondents without whose help its task would indeed be an almost impossible one. We are particularly grateful to Mr. A. D. Barker, who obtained the loan of photographs of the two Groombridges (senior and junior): to Mr. F. E. Dukes, of the Irish Association, through whose good offices a very worthy photograph of the late Mr. G. Lindoff was obtained: to Mr. F. W. Lack and Mr. Ridgman, of Ely Diocesan Association, who obtained for us a loan of a fine photograph of the late Rev. W. W. C. Covey-Crump; and to Mr. Irvin Slack for his assistance in collecting data regarding North Country members.

Members will have noted throughout this report the emphasis on photographs, which are regarded as an essential part of our records. They are also the most difficult to collect. We therefore append to this paragraph a specimen batch of six from the many which we need. All are names of outstanding past members of the Council, and we would be grateful for help in obtaining their photographs:—John Basden, Middlesex County Association (died 1911); C. W. P. Clifton, Lincoln Diocesan Guild (1926); R. A. Daniell, Royal Cumberland Youths (1935); R. G. Knowles, Worcestershire and Districts Association (1942); T. Lockwood,

Honorary (1911); T. Walmsley, Chester Diocesan Guild (1933).

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, in moving the adoption of the report, said that two of those of 90 and over had died—Mr. J. Ashmole and Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded, and mentioned that the record book was on view.

Mr. W. Rogers, in congratulating the committee on making an excellent job, said that in the record of Mr. John Carter there was no reference to composition.

The president wished Mr. A. C. Hazelden a happy 80th birthday on the following Thursday.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report stated: The Committee again regret a falling off in peals, both on tower- and handbells during the year 1955.

There was a grand total of 2,237, with 2,126 on tower bells and 111 on handbells. The analysis shows as follows:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Maximus	17	—	17
Cinques	38	—	38
Royal	81	6	87
Caters	55	3	58
Major	827	32	859
Triples	226	18	244
Minor	662	29	691
Doubles	220	23	243

Once again the Leicester Diocesan Guild appears at the head of the list, with the Lincoln Guild next, followed by the Oxford Guild. The first six places are:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Leicester	143	25	168
Lincoln	117	6	123
Oxford Diocesan ..	116	—	116
Kent	107	2	109
Yorkshire	92	14	106
Norwich	94	3	97

Certain Guilds and Associations have fallen this year and must look to their laurels. No peals were recorded by the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, National Police Guild or the Scottish Association. Two peals not completed till 1956 (the early hours thereof) are not included in this analysis. A moot point, maybe, but a peal is never rung until it is completed, as many of us know.

There were two outstanding performances on tower bells:—

(a) A peal in 53 Surprise Major methods by the Yorkshire Association;

(b) A peal in 72 Doubles methods by the Middlesex Diocesan Guild.

On handbells the Minor record 'went by the board' with the Yorkshire Association raising the number to 109 after 'practice peals' in 72 and 57 methods, surpassing the one, also rung in 1955, of 106 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

With the alteration of rules last year, one might have expected a spate of 'unorthodox' peals, but with the exception of a few additional Bob Triples, plus Grandsire Royal and Major, with the inclusion of Grandsire Minor in a peal, the temptation appears to have been resisted.

The committee trust that the decline in the number of peals rung does not mean a corresponding reduction in Sunday service ringing, as that is our essential duty.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

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STRONG PUBLIC INTEREST IN BELLS

LITERARY AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The year 1955 was marked by no great national celebration or prodigious ringing enterprise such as brought bells and ringers so vividly before the public in 1954. In one or two centres of activity the Press recorded some reaction against what was called excessive ringing. Your committee would commend such manifestations to the consideration of all ringers, and would venture to suggest that these monitory rumblings, although not the prelude to any great storm, should by no means be ignored.

In general, the appeal of the bells remains strong and the articles and news items that have appeared show that public interest is fully maintained. 'The Sunday Times' of August 7th, and 'The Western Gazette' of October 28th gave us well-written articles on bell customs and their appeal to the people of this country, and in May 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' described a visit to the belfry at Armley. The South African National Magazine, 'Outspan,' for July 29th, provided a well-illustrated and lively account of the activities at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, and the accompanying photographs were very striking.

From the East there came in September the story of the installation of a ring of five bells in the little Church of St. Martha, near the 38th Parallel in Korea—work that has been carried out under the supervision of Sapper Peter Minchin, of Swindon. An autumn number of 'The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder' published photographs of the church and of the bells being hung in their frame.

A moving reminder of the bonds uniting our Commonwealth comes from the leading article in the 'Cornish Evening Tidings' of August 17th, where the suggestion is made that the sons of the West Country now scattered over the world should provide a memorial ring of bells for St. Michael's, Plymouth.

Articles in three trade journals came to the notice of the committee. In the 'Brush Group Publication' Mr. J. W. Gibson gave a light-hearted account of a ringer's troubles, while, in contrast, the (Irish) 'Chamber of Commerce Journal' in a lengthy and detailed article on bell founding provided an interesting reminder of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry of Matthew O'Byrne, Dublin. A second article on the founding of bells appeared in 'Jenolite News,' and this excellent thesis may, for its authority, clarity and general interest perhaps rank as the outstanding article of the year. This essay will be found reproduced in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th.

Ringers featured in the Press during 1955 have been nicely divided between 'ancient' and 'modern.' No small amount of attention has been given to youth, and it will doubtless be noted with pleasure that this publicity has not been devoted to the exaltation of the youthful prodigy but to the much more desirable revelation of team work and communal activity among the children and young people.

Considerable activity is reported from schools up and down the country, and there are indications of a growing number of handbell groups in primary and secondary schools. In August 'The South Yorkshire and Rotherham Gazette' printed an excellent photograph of the Rotherham High School girls looking very business-like at their ropes, and in the following month 'The Surrey Times' gave us a pleasant picture of 70-year-old Mr. W. A. Goldstone surrounded by a group of his charming young pupils. In March 'The Folkestone and Hythe Gazette' visited Cheriton and found young ringers playing a prominent part in the belfry of St. Martin's Church.

-In ringing circles youth is linked with age to a remarkable degree, and it is therefore pleasing to find that the Press has once again shown us some of the vigour and enterprise of the older

brethren. In June 'The Birmingham Gazette' portrayed Mr. Albert Walker assisting the Rector of Birmingham to ring the new bell at St. Martin's Church, and in 'The Birmingham Weekly Post' of September 2nd Vivien Bird wrote at some length on the churches and bells of Bredon, Worcestershire. The article was well illustrated and included pictures of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and Mr. Stedman Devereux. Towards the end of the year 'The Kent Messenger' published a photograph of the 88-year-old Mr. E. Ruck, the only surviving founder-member of the Kent County Association.

Two photographs of bell rehanging appeared in the Press in January. 'The Surrey Times' pictured the bells in St. Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, together with members of the Charman family. An excellent picture in 'The Birmingham Mail' provided an interesting demonstration of the man-handling of one of the bells in its approach to the tower of Handsworth Parish Church, Birmingham. A new treble for this ring of eight was the gift of Alderman A. Paddon Smith.

THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

With this issue the charge for postage of copies of 'The Ringing World,' in common with other periodicals, will be 2d. instead of 1½d. This will cost the Editorial Committee another £250 for 1956. Postal subscribers are asked to meet their share of the cost by remitting 1s. 3d. either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editorial Offices, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

An encouraging manifestation of the vitality of the Exercise is provided by the periodicals and publications devoted specifically to the art of ringing. In addition to 'The Ringing World' it is pleasing to note the continued publication of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District, that enterprising little monthly 'The Ringing Towers,' which works so gallantly to link the scattered ringing centres of Australia, and the very comprehensive 'Irish Bell News.' The year has witnessed also the publication of a new American magazine, 'Overtones,' produced as the organ of The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The president of the Guild is Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, daughter of the late Dr. Nicholls, and the magazine reveals that since she formed the Guild in 1937 the movement has grown into an extensive organisation for the teaching and practice of tune ringing in all its stages. The size of the Guild and the scope of its work are indeed astonishing.

Ringling books and pamphlets of the year present both the historical and practical approaches to the art. Mr. J. W. Clarke has published Part IV. of 'Cheshire Bells,' and Mr. Ernest Morris' monumental work 'Towers and Bells of Britain' provides an exhaustive survey of its subject. It is encouraging to find Mr. Wilson's 'Notes for Beginners' reaching a fifth edition, while for the young conductor it may be pointed out that C. Chambers' 'Calling Grandire Triples into Rounds' offers an unusual approach to an interesting technique. Two booklets of considerable interest have been produced by local effort and for local church funds. The first, Mr. H. V. Frost's 'Ringing in Hertfordshire,' should have received attention in the last report, and for the omission your committee tenders apologies. The booklet is attractively produced, with an excellent cover, and contains besides a careful survey of Hertfordshire ringing, much matter of general interest. The second little work 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' issued by the Bed-

dington Band, is a most attractive booklet, which, in the care and selection of its material, may well serve as a model for any pamphlet designed for the general public.

During the year the Central Council has published its fifth edition of 'The Preservation and Repair of Bells'; and the long-awaited and very welcome 'Collection of Doubles Methods' appeared in November. Messrs. Viggers and Hodgson continue to produce the 'Ringer's Note Book and Diary,' and we are informed that the current issue is sold out.

This report cannot close without reference to the volume of poems entitled 'By Wandering Tempest,' the work of Mr. A. J. Lancefield, well known in Kentish ringing circles. The book contains a number of poems on bells and their nostalgic appeal, written in a distinctive style and with considerable power. Lovers of verse may find this collection a pleasant companion to the more technical books on their shelves.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, and carried.

(To be continued)

NORTH STONEHAM BELLS

An appeal is made to the friends of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, Hants, to help in the restoration of their bells. Seven of the bells are to be recast, viz.: Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and tenor, and all these except No. 6 rehung on ball bearings. The tenor is to be increased in weight to about 10½ cwt., the work to be carried out by John Taylor and Co.

North Stoneham became famous during the time that George Williams was in command, when ringers from all over the county used to travel there regularly for practice in methods which were seldom rung anywhere nearer than Guildford. Peals were also rung there regularly.

Towards the cost the ringers have raised a very substantial sum, but £400 is still needed. Mr. R. A. Reed (captain), of 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants, appeals to the host of ringers—many of them now famous—who have rung peals there, or have any fond memories of the light ten, to send donations to him, which will be officially acknowledged.

The bells were rung for the last time before removal on June 3rd, and in the afternoon an attempt was made for the 250th peal on the bells.

A RECRUITING VISIT

At the request of the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Bishop, M.A.) a party of ringers from Rotherham Parish Church visited Harthill with a view to creating interest in bell ringing amongst the Anglican Young People's Association. An inspection of the bells had been made the previous week, ropes attended to and the ringing chamber cleaned up.

From 7 till 8 p.m. the tower bells were rung to Grandire Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major, after which they were lowered in peal. Some 15 to 20 young people who watched the proceedings and also listened outside were thrilled at the sound of the bells being rung in full peal.

The whole gathering then adjourned to the nearby church room, where, while refreshments were being served, they were able to hear a tape recording of the ringing just done, and learn with interest that the recording was being sent to Australia. A short introductory talk and demonstrations of change ringing were given on handbells, and the evening's activities concluded with a selection of tunes on handbells.

As a result of the visit over a dozen recruits have volunteered to attend the belfry and church room each week for instruction, and it is hoped to be able to report some progress in the not too distant future.

N. C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Prestwich on April 28th and was attended by members and friends from all parts of the county.

The day's proceedings started with ringing at Hulme (8), Miles Platting (8), Worsley (10), Manchester Cathedral (10), Manchester Town Hall (12)—this provided quite a tour for car parties.

The annual service was held at the Church of St. Mary, Prestwich, and was conducted by the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. The Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Liverpool, gave the address, and the Rev. P. T. Robbins read the lesson. Tea was partaken of in the Prestwich Co-operative Society dining hall.

After tea the annual meeting commenced under the president's guidance. No apologies were received. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read and there were no matters out of the minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The president asked the scrutineer to declare the result of the ballot for vice-president. Mr. Blakey declared the result as follows:—N. M. Newby, E. R. Martin, P. H. Derbyshire. Whereupon Mr. N. M. Newby was declared by the president as the vice-president for the ensuing two years. Mr. Newby expressed his appreciation. The president said that there was only one nomination for general secretary, namely, Mr. F. Dunkerley, and declared him duly elected. Mr. Dunkerley thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The general secretary read the committee's and the ringing secretary's reports, which were accepted. Mr. Peter Crook, treasurer, read the balance sheet and auditors' certificate. After several questions had been asked and dealt with, the balance sheet and auditors' certificate were duly accepted. The total assets of the Association stand at £519 0s. 6d.

FROM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

One of the chief items was the general secretary's scheme for the simplification of the Association's accounts, in particular the collecting of subscriptions direct from tower leaders to the general secretary. The arrears figure for 1955 was 116 as against 265 members in 1954. The general secretary in his report for 1954 said that the value of the 265 members' arrears would cover 80 per cent. of the cost of printing the annual report, so one can see that much leeway has been made in 1955. Three amendments and one additional rule were adopted.

Losses by death were as follows:—Life ringing members: T. W. Hammond (Liverpool), A. T. Houldsworth (Newton Abbot); ringing members: F. Youles (St. Annes-on-Sea), W. Lawrenson (Poulton-le-Fylde), L. Reynolds (Prestwich), R. B. Smith (Sefton), M. Stables (Kirkby-in-Furness), C. H. C. Haines (Penwortham).

The Association extended a hearty welcome to the 102 new members who joined during the year. The total number of members resident in the county is 1,091.

Tribute was paid to the following members with long records of faithful service to the Association:—J. March, 61 years; C. Sharples, 60 years; P. H. Derbyshire, 59 years; H. Barlow, 58 years; T. Metcalfe, 55 years; H. Entwistle, 51 years; P. Crook (sen.), W. Fowler, H. France and J. Littlefair all with 50 years' membership.

On the ringing side, 89 peals were recorded for the year, and of this total 27 were Surprise. This showed a definite increase in Surprise ringing and reflected in a great measure the work of Mr. W. J. Ridyard, of Southport, in his determination to put the L.A.C.R. on the Surprise ringing map.

It was noted with pleasure that a new ring of eight had been provided at East Crompton in the Rochdale Branch.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the day a success. F. D.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—May I, through this journal, say 'Thank you, Leicester,' for the splendid hospitality which we have enjoyed this Whitsuntide?

The facilities provided and the generosity extended to us could hardly be surpassed. The social evening and dance was a most enjoyable function, thanks in no small degree to the presence of so many young members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Once again the Leicester Guild has maintained its high tradition of good bells, well-kept belfries, good ringing and generous hospitality.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

FROM TENOR

Dear Sir,—We in Frome would like to know where the information quoted in the new 'Dove,' that our tenor weighs 27 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., comes from, as we ourselves have no record of it ever having been weighed. It was reputed to weigh 36 cwt. with cannons, but was estimated by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who rehung the bells in 1937, to weigh 31 cwt. Its diameter is 55½ in., height to crown 39½ in., circumference at inscription band 92 in., thickness at soundbow 3 9/16 in., note C sharp, date 1662, John Lott founder, and it has been slightly flattened some time by means of a pointed tool.

If the figure given is a calculation an accuracy of .03 per cent. seems a bit optimistic; if the bells have been weighed it is odd that this has been so completely forgotten locally.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE B. OVEREND.

Hon. Sec., St. John's Ringers.

Frome, Somerset.

A REPLY TO MR. WARWICK

Dear Sir,—I was very distressed to read Mr. Warwick's letter, particularly from my point of view, in that he suggests that my only letter to 'The Ringing World' was not worth the paper it was written on because I did not hear the alleged peal.

The time lag between my letter and his reply should have given him plenty of time to read my letter properly, which made no actual reference to the peal's merits in any way. All I suggested was that the standard of striking in any peal is that which is allowed by the conductor, and I quoted two cases of opposite values of standards, one at Leicester and one at Salford Priors, both of which I heard. The conductor of the first allowed a very poorly-struck peal. The conductor of the second stopped a good peal because it became ragged towards the end. I made no suggestion at all as to which class Mr. Warwick's peals fall—your readers will judge for themselves, but I have no reason to doubt anything that Mr. Cheney heard, providing he is a responsible person, as he must be if he is welcome to ring at Wigston at any time.

Furthermore, if a conductor claims his peals through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' surely any comment should also be sent through the same channels, whether it be praiseworthy or not. It is not underhanded in any way—rather to the contrary.

I remember reading a comment from Mr. Warwick some years ago, when several 'silent' peals were being claimed. He suggested that such peals should have a witness. He was probably right, but I do not remember anyone writing and saying his letter was not worth the paper it was written on because he had not heard the peals.

I wish him a very successful secretarialship, in helping to solve the loss of members in his Guild.—Yours faithfully, A. J. MOORE.

Uppingham.

THE PEAL AT FOLKINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I don't wish to take up too much valuable space in your columns, but would like to answer Mr. J. H. Musson's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 25th regarding the peal at Folkingham on April 2nd. I am sorry he has got somewhat hot under the collar over the matter, but am afraid I cannot retract from my opinion of rounds coming up six times only in the peal. I am not quite so dull of hearing or unable to count up to seven, as Mr. Musson would have one believe.

Anyway, if the rest of the band who rang in the peal are of the same opinion as the conductor, well, let them claim it by all means. As for the rest of Mr. Musson's remarks about myself, well, of course, they are exaggerated, unfounded and totally insignificant as to the real point in question. However, if the same band care to come again at any time we shall be glad to see them, and hope we shall not be at sixes and sevens over the validity of a 'peal of Minor.'—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. C. T. H. Bradley's letter questioning the authenticity of a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Folkingham on April 2nd. I rang the treble and in my opinion it was a perfect peal.

No doubt Mr. Bradley did hear only six 720's from the near vicinity of the church, as stated, but I suggest that he forgot that he was actually in the ringing chamber for the first of the seven 720's. He did, in fact, lock the belfry door, conceal the key in a crevice in the wall and fail to return at the end of the peal to release the ringers.

It was fortunate that another ringer happened to be in the church, otherwise we may not have been extricated from our prison for some considerable time.—Yours faithfully,

Sleaford Lincs. D. HENRY METTAM.

HANBOROUGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Church of SS. Peter and Paul had a ring of five which were extremely hard going but of superb tone.

A local band, with wonderful perseverance, mastered these bells under many difficulties and change ringing was again accomplished for Sunday services. Interest revived, the ringers wished for bells which would entice more ringers, so rehanging of bells was contemplated and ambition soared higher to the desire for a new treble. Since February, 1954, the ringers themselves have raised the sum of £255 and a further £20 has been received in grants. £200 is still needed for their project and three generous people have loaned this sum free of interest for four years.

The new treble bell was dedicated by the Rev. Canon Spafford, Rector of Hanborough, on March 20th.

The peal, rung on April 23rd, in which four Hanborough ringers took part, expresses their pride in the restoration of the bells.—Yours truly,

LOTTIE PIMM.

Eynsham, Oxon.

THE STALWARTS OF OLD

Dear Sir,—I would like to give my experience of ringing a peal with the late John Souter, of Diss. The method was Double Norwich, and I was reminded by the conductor, the late F. R. Borrett, that if I rang well and pleased John Souter I might consider myself able to ring. If, on the other hand, I failed to do so, I should never be a ringer. The peal was duly rung and John made no comments. I rang with him several times after this, and so I took it all was well.—Yours truly,

GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.

MEMORIAL TO HAROLD J. POOLE

Following the 8 a.m. Holy Communion service in Leicester Cathedral on Whit Sunday the Provost (the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong) conducted a service in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral and dedicated a memorial plaque to Mr. Harold J. Poole. The service was attended by all the members of the Cathedral company.

The plaque, which is in oak, reads:

To the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
HAROLD JOSEPH POOLE
X 1902 — 1955 X
Ringing Master 1937—1955
and Lay Canon of this
Cathedral Church
* * *

This tablet was given by his wife
and family in thankfulness for
his life and work for the ringers
of this tower
* * *

In every work that he began
in the service of the House
of God—he did it with all
his heart.

2 Chronicles, 31, v. 21.

The ringing chamber, recently painted, and the table adorned with spring flowers, presented a most attractive appearance. On the walls are three peal tablets—Bristol Surprise Maximus, 12 Surprise Maximus peals and the memorial peal to Harold J. Poole.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The first annual meeting of the Guild took place on May 12th at Abbots Langley. Ringing at the Church of St. Lawrence preceded Evensong, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. F. S. Poole, with the help of other members' ladies. At the business meeting the secretary reported on progress since the inaugural meeting a year ago. The Guild now has a membership of 26, two being student members; it was hoped that other interested members of the profession would be encouraged to join. Only one peal had been rung for the Guild in the year, two other arranged attempts failing because of insufficient numbers. During the year two boards commemorating the two doctors' peals rung before the formation of the Guild had been dedicated—at Abbots Langley and Great Baddow. The annual dinner was at the Crown Hotel, Garston, and much enjoyed.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz: President, F. S. Poole; Master, R. E. Price; secretary-treasurer, D. L. Gullick. It was agreed that the next annual meeting be at Stevenage and that a winter meeting be held in London.

ARCHDEACON'S PROTEST AT RECORDED BELLS

Opposing the use of electrically-recorded church bells in the Parish Church of Chester-ton, Staffs, at a Consistory Court at Lichfield Cathedral on May 26th, the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) said the sound was 'very disturbing—particularly if worn or cracked records are used.'

In granting the petition, the Chancellor (Mr. C. H. Gage) said he was generally opposed to recorded bells, as imitations were quite out of place in church worship. He stipulated, however, that the bells should be reproduced for only 20 minutes before morning and evening service on Sundays; the present bell in the church must be used for all other purposes; the apparatus must be kept under lock and key and not used for reproducing any other sound than that of bells.

The petitioners had said that to install ordinary bells would be impossible because of mining subsidence.

MR. EDWIN TIMBRELL

The death took place at Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston, on May 26th, of Mr. Edwin Timbrell, the Lancashire composer. He was 85 and had been a patient for the past 15 months, but not always confined to bed. His ringing was learned at the Parish Church of Chipping, where there was a good Minor band in 1890, two brothers being also members of the band. It was as a composer that he became well known at the turn of the century; the records show that the late T. T. Gifton called one of Timbrell's peals of Superlative in 1901.

The funeral took place at Chipping on May 29th, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. K. Nye, who spoke very highly of Mr. Timbrell. The Lancashire Association was represented by Mr. L. Walsley, branch secretary, and Mr. E. R. Martin, Preston. A memorial peal is being arranged as early as convenient.

AN APPRECIATION

Edwin Timbrell was the last of the three ringing brothers who rang handbells together as far back as 1898. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1892 and became well known as a peal composer in the early part of the present century. The popular method in those days was Treble Bob and he produced many first-class compositions, especially one-parts. He broke the deadlock in long peal composition, superseding Thomas Day's 16,608 by a five-part 16,800. This he later extended to 17,120. At the age of 81 he produced a new peal of Treble Bob Major, which was rung to Bristol and Treble Bob.

He was a contemporary of the late Arthur Craven and also Arthur Knights, who paid him a very high compliment. Arthur had been trying as he said for years to produce a 14 course peal with 5.6 the extent in 5.6. Timbrell gave one to Arthur's son, Ben, who posted it to his father. His reply was typical. 'Timbrell,' he said, 'there's a man I want to meet, but before I do meet him I will say that he is no fool.' Arthur Knights conducted the composition at Eckington in June, 1933.

The village of Chipping, where the Timbrells lived, is among the Pennine Hills, 5½ miles north of Longridge, and before the days of buses this meant walking to Longridge Railway Station if they wanted a Major peal. Edwin had rung between 30 and 40 peals, mostly Treble Bob Major, but he kept no records and was not as careful as he should have been in tabulating his peals. Of a very shy and retiring nature, he never liked the limelight, but he was a true friend and loved ringing when he was younger. Thus passes one of the old brigade of composers, and happily his compositions are preserved. May he rest in peace.

E. R. MARTIN.

MR. JACK WALTER

Members of the Canterbury District will learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. Jack Walter, which occurred on May 22nd at his home in Whitstable. He had been ringing the Saturday previous. On Sunday he complained of feeling unwell and lapsed into unconsciousness, in which condition he remained until his passing.

Mr. Walter, who was 69, originally lived at Wickhambreaux. It was here he learnt his ringing, and remained a member of that band until his removal to Whitstable. On November 15th, 1902, he was, together with eight of his fellow-villagers, made a member of the Kent County Association, and he remained a member for life. Of that eight, his brother, Mr. S. Walter, is now the last active ringer. Jack joined the Canterbury Cathedral band in 1936, and he remained one of its most regular members. Quiet, unassuming, he was, nevertheless, a most popular member at both the Cathedral and Whitstable. He was well known throughout

OBITUARY

East Kent, and his little blue Austin Seven was always seen at district meetings, which he attended with unfailing regularity.

In the presence of many friends, the funeral took place at All Saints', Whitstable, among them being ringers from Canterbury, Sturry and Wickhambreaux, together with the local ringers. Previous to the service the bells were rung half-muffled. During the evening the bells of Canterbury Cathedral were also rung to his memory. Much sympathy will be expressed to his widow and two daughters.

MR. G. F. WILLIAMS

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. George Forbes Williams, of Cottingham, for many years captain and secretary of Holy Trinity tower, Hull. He was 74.

Mr. Williams was born in Ireland, but spent his childhood in Essex, where he learned to ring. He came to Hull and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1907 and succeeded the late Mr. Charles Jackson as leader at Holy Trinity. For some years he was president of the Beverley and District Society, retiring a few years ago on account of ill-health. An extremely competent conductor, his place will be most difficult to fill. For the Yorkshire Association he rang 69 peals, conducting 45, and would have rung a great many more had his spare time been not so limited.

The service at Hull Crematorium was attended by a large congregation, including many of his ringing friends from Beverley, Hull, Patrington, Sutton and other towers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the coffin by R. Ducker 1-2, J. Parr 3-4, C. Barker 5-6, L. Rodmell 7-8. Mr. A. E. Sellars, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and president of the Beverley and District Society, was present to represent both bodies. Others present included Messrs. A. B. Cook, F. W. Dale and G. Braithwaite, all very old friends.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled at Holy Trinity on the Wednesday evening.

Mr. Williams leaves a widow, son and daughter to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.
H. S. M.

MR. G. A. WOODCOCK

A faithful ringer whose family name appears in the parish registers of Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, as long ago as 1680, died on April 20th, in the person of Mr. George A. Woodcock. He was 72.

A chorister for over 60 years and a bell-ringer over 50 years, he came of a family whose building firm is renowned locally for its craftsmanship. His loving care of the church fabric made him a devoted servant of the church; he was parish clerk for ten years prior to the First World War and was a prime mover in having electric lighting installed in 1932. His firm was responsible for all repairs to the tower and spire undertaken in recent years and he personally installed the new floor under the bells at the restoration in 1949, working closely with the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A member of the Parochial Council since its inception, his annual survey of the church was always useful to the Council.

Canon D. W. Lee (Vicar) said at his funeral that God should be thanked for such men whose Christian witness, broad outlook and artistic appreciation were an example to all. His memorial would be the many public buildings and private houses he had constructed locally and the excellent state of the church fabric.

On the evening of the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half muffled on the bells he had rung quite recently, by Miss J. Hemming (first quarter) 1, John H. Jones 2, James W. Jones 3, Basil Tisor 4, James Corbett (cond.) 5, A. James Collins 6.

REDEDICATION

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET

Whit Saturday will long be remembered in the Parish of Broadwindsor, for on this day the restored ring of six bells was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne. Prior to the service the streets of the village had been decorated, and on an open space near the church numerous stalls had been erected for the sale of local handicrafts and products, the receipts being in aid of the Bell Fund.

At the service the church was packed to capacity and the service was relayed to those outside. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung by the local ringers and after the service the bells were thrown open to the visiting ringers, who made good use of the time at their disposal.

During the past few months it has been broadcast on the B.B.C. and widely published in the papers that Broadwindsor may possess the oldest church bell still capable of being rung. Of the three pre-Reformation vintage, the fifth bell bears markings that it was cast in the 13th century. This may or may not be correct, though it is accepted generally that Broadwindsor can claim to be the only parish to possess three bells that date back to at least 100 years before the Reformation.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have equipped the bells with new fittings, with cast iron headstocks instead of the older type of timber ones and the bearings are of the ball bearing type. Mr. John P. Fidler represented the founders, and those who had had previous experience with these bells expressed their admiration on the vastly improved 'go.' The details of the bells are as under:—

Treble.—'Daniel Ewans and Azariah Elwood, Bilbie 1806.' Six cwt.

Second.—Henry Slade and Thomas Studley, Bilbie 1790.' Six and a half cwt.

Third.—'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.' (Pre-Reformation.) Eight cwt.

Fourth.—'Est michi collatum ihe istud nomen amatum.' (Pre-Reformation.) Nine cwt.

Fifth.—'S.C.T.A. x G.A.B.R.I.E.L. x O.R.A. x P.R.O. x N.O.B.I.S.' (Pre-Reformation.) Eleven cwt.

Tenor.—'Carmen Francisci Sonet in Aure Dei. 1897.' Fourteen and a half cwt.

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Runge at Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, April 11th, 1956.

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BIRTH

POOLE.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1956, at Linsdale, 96, Wycombe Road, Marlow, to Patricia and Dennis Poole, the gift of a daughter, Valerie Sylvia, a sister for Bernard. 8428

ENGAGEMENTS

BLUNDELL—FAULKNER.—The engagement is announced between Clifford, son of Mrs. L. G. M. Blundell, 2, Jesus Hospital, Bray, Berks, and Angela, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Faulkner, 36, Coleridge Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8429

SARGENT—SAXTON.—The engagement is announced between John Philip Hugh, elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Sargent, of Wingerworth Rectory, Chesterfield, and Pauline Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Saxton, of 7, Priory Road, Chichester. 8040

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PUBLICATIONS

MR. SCOTT B. PARRY, of the United States, is pleased to announce that his book 'The History and Art of Handbell Ringing' is to be published in America this summer. Anxious to make the book available to his many friends in England, Mr. Parry is asking that all persons interested in owning a copy make this known on a postcard addressed to him at the following address:—

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—There will be no practice meeting this month, because of the joint festival at St. Albans on June 16th.—Kenneth G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8439

NORTH WEALD GUILD of Change Ringers tender their apologies to two visitors who were disappointed when they arrived for practice on Tuesday, May 29th. In future cancellations of practice will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.' 8438

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5, in Forrester's Arms. Method for practice: Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8383

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Chinnery, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett, Essex. 8384

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. 8337

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-the-Hill, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 9th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8392

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, June 9th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Northaw, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Two Brewers, 4.15 p.m.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 8379

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8336

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Putney, Saturday, June 9th, 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Business 5 in vestry. Tea, own arrangements. Barnes 7-8.30. Practice meeting, Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common, 7.15-9.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8407

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Edgware Tube Station near to church in Station Road. Stanmore bells available in evening.—T. J. Lock. 8364

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon. 8327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Winslow, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8367

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTER.—Ringing afternoon, Saturday, June 9th, on the newly-rehung six, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parry, The Village, Redmarley. 8366

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), June p.m., Curd's Tea Rooms. 8374

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. 8344

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon, Sunday, June 10th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 6, South View, Babington, near Frome. 8365

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, June 13th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 8422

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Stoke, June 16th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 8430

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Merriott, Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 8418

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 8399

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Berkswell (6) June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by Hampton-in-Arden, 6 p.m. Names for tea, if possible, to J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8436

DURHAM COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringing day, Saturday, June 16th. Towers: Durham, St. Nicholas' (6) 2-3 p.m.; Chester-le-Street (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea 4-4.30 p.m. Houghton-le-Spring (8) 5 p.m. onwards. Service at Houghton-le-Spring 6.30. Ringing also at St. Nicholas' 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, please, to: Secretary, D.C.S.C.R., Union Society, Durham. 8398

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, South Normanton, Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8424

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Practice meeting at Over on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock in Sunday School Hall near church. Service 6 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 14th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8440

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held jointly with the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) at St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, on Saturday, June 16th, 1956. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 13th, to Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, Lancs. Please try to attend this meeting and help to get the North-West District working again.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8417

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 8414

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, St. Mark's, Worsley, 3 p.m., June 16th. Joint with Ladies' Guild. Business after tea. Names to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 8437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Whitefield on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Wymeswold (6), June 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Mrs. Downs' Café. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss C. Cowley, 166, Ashby Road, Loughborough. 8427

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, June 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 13th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Finchampstead on June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Notify Mr. R. Elliott, 35, Kingsley Road, Eversley, Hants, by June 12th.—B. C. Castle. 8420

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greet-ham (6), Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—E. E. Gibson. 8390

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cosgrove, on June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, near Wolverton.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 8391

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Winterbourne Earls (5), June 16th, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Silver Star bus 5.30, 6 p.m.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec. 8425

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), June 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by June 13th.—K. C. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Hon. Div. Sec. 8433

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Hants, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8435

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bewdley, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea not later than Friday, June 15th, to Mr. T. F. W. Harris, Chedworth, Park Lane, Bewdley.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 8416

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Bingley on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, June 14th, Miss M. Barker, Acland Hall, The Training College, Bingley. Special business: Election of District officers. Subscriptions now due and 1955 annual reports available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8401

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Wirksworth, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. Trent bus No. 37. Special methods: Ashted Surprise Major, Court Bob Triples. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 8415

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting, Downe, Saturday, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 8419

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Mary (6), Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names before June 18th to Mr. W. L. Ketteringham, Church Lane, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 8433

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service at St. Mary's, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Schools. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15, and 6 to 6.45; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8421

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby Abbey (10), Saturday, June 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 21st to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. New reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8424

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townend, 7, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claimes (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 14th. Application for lunch tickets (price 5s. 6d.), not later than Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8355

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

On May 26th 40 members crowded into the little tea shop at Wadhurst, Sussex, which was the only cafe left in the town after the recent air accident. However, the weather was kind to the unfortunate few who waited outside for vacant seats

For many it was their first experience of the augmented eight, and everyone agreed they were a pleasure to handle and to hear. The Ringing Master (Mr. L. Giles), officiating in his own tower for a change, was hard put to satisfy a variety of demands, and the bells were kept going to methods ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp, and the Vicar and his wife later joined the ringers at tea.

At the short business meeting thanks were voted to the Vicar and organist, and to Mr. C. Bassett for arranging the tea under very difficult circumstances. H. R.

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quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, H. Curtis 3, I. Dickin
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