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THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

IT is a fine idea to establish measurable standards of achievement in ringing, but measurement means examinations and examiners, so that two questions arise:

1. Is the training of ringers adaptable to a system of measurement?
2. Who should do the measuring or examining?

To the first, the majority of ringers would answer in the affirmative, and therefore the College of Campanology is not embarking on the impossible in developing a training plan. But in any training scheme there must be flexibility, for no two pupils are alike; certainly no two instructors are. Furthermore, training needs vary greatly with particular circumstances, and a very important factor is the age of the pupils, ranging from ten to twenty years old, even younger or older. The quality of flexibility must be forged on the anvil of practice, and the resulting scheme of training will be continually improved upon, and its manual subject to periodic revision. Such a manual must be capable of being used with individual pupils as well as with a training class.

In reply to the second question, examiners must work to the same syllabus as the examinees and be subject to the same disciplines. This implies that the total system, training and examination, must develop as a single whole, which is the approach being made by the College.

To the critics, may it be suggested that to condemn without trial is the illogicality of prejudice. The way to tackle a job is to 'have a go,' discover the 'snags' and remedy them. In one sense the number of attempts to develop a training system for ringers is a multiple of the number of instructors, but how few have committed their teaching to writing. The College, on the other hand, is in the favoured position of having done this, so that its teachings can be put to the test by others.

Consider now the assertion that in some way the College has trespassed on the authority of the Central Council. Such authority springs from the confidence the Council enjoys, not only from the great mass of individual ringers, and from its affiliated guilds and associations, but also from various other bodies outside the Exercise. Yet no guild would tolerate for a moment a directive from the Council to modify its manner of subscription or on any other domestic matter of its activities. Likewise, the Central Council must not, cannot, enforce rules of training, and so to pass judgment on a particular experiment in training would be manifoldly unwise. However, in the course of time, when some body has won its spurs and earned the respect of the Exercise, it might then be incumbent upon the Council to give appropriate recognition.

The experiment initiated by the College of Campanology must be considered by all thinking ringers in the spirit which inspired its founder. Its creation, rough-hewn though it still is, marks a real advance in the approach to the training of ringers; in its vision it is quite without emulation. Last summer, when on holiday, a letter reached me describing the aims and work of the College and inviting my support. The challenge had to be accepted or rejected, it could not be ignored. In welcoming the experiment my choice was the same as others, whose ringing achievements, and loyal services to the Exercise are familiar to all. Their imagination, too, must have been fired by the idea of establishing consistent standards of training, thereby eliminating those

bad influences, and spreading those good influences, which now are scattered abroad indiscriminately.

May I now pose a final question and endeavour to provide an answer. Given that the idea of the College is a desirable one, is there reason to think that it is more desirable now than say a generation or so ago? Assuredly there is, indeed the idea has been born of present-day needs just as the territorial associations were born of the needs of the last century. Perhaps Mr. Frank Haynes, at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner, was acknowledging this need when he said that today 'we have to do something to attract young people and to keep them in ringing, and that has resulted in a certain drop in standards.' Certainly considerable effort has to be given not only to attract but to keep our young belfry recruits, which inevitably must dilute our concentration on instructional standards. Consequently there is a danger of doing these young people, and the whole Exercise, a great disservice if we are over-kind. Something of the same tendency is the soft-peddling of technical qualification in electing new members into our associations—though part of the reason for that is difficulty of assessing standards and preference for the alternative procedure of election on recommendation.

So the aim of the College of Campanology is exceedingly important in the safeguard it will offer to general ringing standards. That the time is ripe for this new development can be seen from the spread of the recruiting movement into the schools themselves, where there is rich potentiality for developing the formal activities of the College.

In conclusion may I express my conviction that the idea embodied in the College will grow into a significant contribution of the present century to the Exercise of ringing; and in this confidence I commend the courageous efforts being made to establish effective standards of ringing training which will ultimately raise the standard of service ringing throughout all the guilds and associations.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

GUILD REPORTS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

THE high cost of printing reports of guilds and associations has prompted an inquiry to be addressed to 'The Ringing World' as to their inclusion in the journal. It is the practice of business concerns to publish their annual reports or abridged reports in the commercial columns of newspapers, and the Editorial Committee can see no reason why such reports should not be published in our journal.

The Editorial Committee have no desire to make a big profit out of such transactions but to cover costs. They therefore suggest the modest charge of 55/- per column or £8 for a complete page.

If advantage is taken of this offer additional pages will be added to 'The Ringing World,' so that the ordinary amount of reading matter would not be diminished.

To give a guide to guild secretaries, approximately 550 words would be contained in a column with a reasonable amount of display. A supply of copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing the report would also be available to guild secretaries, at special terms.

The Editor would be pleased to assist secretaries in abbreviating reports to fit them into the space they are prepared to purchase.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 4 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICOLAS, A PEAL OF 5280 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS Tenor 42 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at Liverpool, Lancashire. Includes names like Lester L. Gray, John E. Spice, Doreen Dutton, etc.

Composed by G. Lindoff. *First peal of Maximus. First peal in the method for all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Association. Rung in memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Tenor 26 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Twelve Bell Peal at Ashton-under-Lyne. Includes names like Peter Laflin, Fred Dunkerley, Basil Jones, etc.

Composed by F. Daniel. Rung in memoriam W. W. Wolstencroft, an old and respected member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Beddington, Surrey. Includes names like Joyce A. Parsons, Kathleen E. Weller, David E. Parsons, etc.

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Christopher David, to Jill and Raymond Parsons, and to mark the engagement of Miss Kathleen Weller to Michael Chilcott.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Worsley, Lancashire. Includes names like Alan Ward, Trevor Taylor, Carol Eustace, etc.

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Derek Ogden. *First peal of Stedman †First peal of Caters. ‡100th peal.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 26 1/2 cwt. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Marsden, Yorkshire. Includes names like Gordon Benfield, Howard Scott, Milton C. Fowler, etc.

Composed and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris. *First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL Tenor 35 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Plymouth, Devon. Includes names like P. Ruth Hosken, V. Mary Matthews, Denis F. Wheeler, etc.

Composed by Edward Francis. *First 10-bell peal. †First peal of Bob Royal 'inside.' ‡First 10-bell peal as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Includes names like Bertie A. Cornell, Brian Bladon, Reginald Rowley, etc.

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Debenham. *First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR Tenor 19 1/2 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Coggeshall, Essex. Includes names like Charles H. Turner, Frank Claydon, Lewis W. Wiffen, etc.

Composed by William Keeble. Conducted by Hilda G. Snowden. *First peal. First peal in the bells since the rebuilding of the church and tower, damaged by enemy action during the war, 1939-45.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 16 1/2 cwt. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Isleworth, Middlesex. Includes names like Dennis A. Hewitt, Mrs. Olive L. Rogers, Barwell B. Dibben, etc.

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers. *First peal of Major. †First peal of Yorkshire.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Bloxham, Oxfordshire. Includes names like John Peglar, Janice Grimsley, Christopher C. Clarke, etc.

Composed by Vicars. Conducted by Edmund E. Pearson. *First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung in a new frame, October, 1956. First peal on the bells since 1908.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Ratby, Leicestershire. Includes names like E. Charles Turner, Richard F. Prime, Vernon Green, etc.

Composed by N. Pitstow. Conducted by William A. Lacey. First peal in the method by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Mrs. F. G. WILTON .. Treble	† FRANCIS G. WILTON .. 5
*DR. C. GUY ROWORTH .. 2	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 6
*MICHAEL B. KEMP .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 7
†RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 4	ERIC SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. 115).
 Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.
 Rung following the wedding of Mr. Alan J. Field to Miss Carole H. Whitaker.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5008 MAJOR

Being 3,072 Double Oxford, 1,936 St. Clement's and 80 Crayford College Bob, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. Ronald Browne, and the birth of Nigel John Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, now of Leicester.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*PETER BEVERLY .. Treble	TREVOR TAYLOR .. 5
*GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 2	† JOHN P. BRYANT .. 6
† GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. 7
† CAROL EUSTACE .. 4	ALLAN SHARPLES .. Tenor

Composed by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*SYLVIA STREATER .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 2	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON (C.C.C. 223).
 Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 5
JOHN THOMAS .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 7
*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Superlative. First in method as conductor and first in method on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

E. DENNIS POOLE .. Treble	E. G. SWIFT .. 5
JOHN D. KAPE .. 2	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 6
ANTHONY E. COX .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
DAVID CORNWALL .. 4	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 60 lb. in F.

*PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5
JAMES W. FORDER .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 6
ERNEST LONG .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN MURFIN .. Treble	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2	PHILIP H. WHITTAKER .. 6
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung on the occasion of the first Sir Arthur P. Heywood dinner to his memory.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5055 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

HORACE E. WERRETT .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
REX M. DIXON .. 2	† DAVID SUTCLIFFE .. 6
K. PATRICIA HUTTON .. 3	† J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*ROBERT E. DAY .. 4	EDWIN G. BUCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.

* First peal of Major. † First of Bob Major 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Edna Kerr and Maurice A. Collings, R.A.F., a member of the local band. Also a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Gerald Butler.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	HENRY J. FIELDEN .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 6
*JOHN NELSON .. 3	*CYRIL LOWE .. 7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Bunty Marshall and a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Fairclough, both members of the local band. Also for the wedding of Miss Edna Wharton, daughter of the towerkeeper of Oxtou, to Mr. Vincent Sparks, which took place at Oxtou the same day.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
*KENNETH COTTERELL .. Treble	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 5	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 6	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
†HELEN M. BRANT .. 2	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 6	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7	*DOUGLAS G. BYNG .. Tenor
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3			
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4			

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
*RODNEY RICHARDSON .. Treble	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5	JOHN H. BAILEES .. 6	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	JOHN H. BAILEES .. 6	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3			
JOHN VERNON .. 4			

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Nun L. Walker, Ringing Master at this church, who has been ill for some time.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. Treble	DONALD E. COBB .. 5	ALAN F. LEE .. 6	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 6	PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor
PATRICIA M. BOURNE .. 3			
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4			

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
DAVID CUBITT .. Treble	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5	*HAROLD CHANT .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JAMES H. KIRBY .. 2	*HAROLD CHANT .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7	DOUGLAS BARKER .. Tenor
JOHN E. KIRBY .. 3			
PETER WOODWARD .. 4			

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the 25th year of ringing at the Cathedral Church by the brothers James and John Kirby. Also in honour of the wedding of John Waddington and Pauline Fuller, daughter of Mr. C. H. Fuller, verger of the Cathedral Church, and Mrs. Fuller.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5048 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ELSIE K. HART .. Treble	JOSEPH MARKS .. 5	KENNETH G. SPAVINS .. 6	W. NORMAN GENNA .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES .. 2	KENNETH G. SPAVINS .. 6	W. NORMAN GENNA .. 7	JOHN W. EUSTON .. Tenor
JOHN B. SANSOM .. 3			
H. GEORGE HART .. 4			

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

Arranged and rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to H. Douglas Harris.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5	RALPH BIRD .. 6	JOHN L. MORRIS .. 7
*GEORGE FRY .. 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 5	RALPH BIRD .. 6	JOHN L. MORRIS .. 7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3			
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4			

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Mr. T. E. Sone's 575th peal and 450th for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents and three 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangement.

ALAN MARSHALL .. Treble	*GWEN HARRISON .. 3
*CLIFFORD BULL .. 2	K. JOHN FAULKNER .. 4

REGINALD J. STRETTON .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Double Court Bob, each called differently.

*MAISIE VANTOM .. Treble	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	†JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Minor in eight methods. † 100th peal for the Association.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's (Ropesight Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, 22).

Tenor 15 cwt.	
KENNETH G. BROWN .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4
LESLIE N. MELTON .. 2	DAVID BRAND .. 5
*HUBERT MITSON .. 3	RONALD STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

HENRY G. KEELEY .. Treble	WALTER H. POOLE .. 4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP .. 2	†HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

In five methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (3) Marple; (4) Newdigate; (5) Old Oxford; (6) Willesden; (7) College Bob IV.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	ROBERT SMITH .. 4
BERNARD GROVES .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
ALAN MCFALL .. 3	WILLIAM A. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) and (7) Ipswich and Cambridge; 76 changes of method.

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in 12 methods by all.

**HEADINGLEY, LEEDS,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
*ROSEMARY HICK Treble | *ERNEST JOHNSON 4
JOHN AUSTIN 2 | *ALFRED JOHNSON 5
†BRYAN TURNBULL 3 | LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung on St. Chad's Day, on the 89th anniversary of the church, by the local company.

**HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 18½ cwt.
HAROLD SPENCER Treble | WILLIAM HUDSON 4
ANN M. HUDDLESTON 2 | BERT SUTTON 5
JOHN A. ROBERTSHAW 3 | JAMES A. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

A compliment to Albert E. Sellers, president of the Beverley and District Society, on his completion of 50 years as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

**MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Mar. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Annable's London Surprise; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 10½ cwt.
TERENCE BARTON Treble | MICHAEL J. ROWE 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3 | RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 13 methods on the bells.

**SIDCUP, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
*SUSAN P. NICHOLSON .. Treble | RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 4
MARY R. ANDREWS 2 | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
MARY FULLER 3 | MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

* First attempt for a peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Cyril E. Palmer on completing, in January, 1957, 21 years as captain of the local band.

**TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being a 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Child-wall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2 | DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

**TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.
*ROBERT SMITH Treble | *ALAN MCFALL 4
†ALEC OSBALDISTON 2 | *BERNARD GROVES 5
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3 | †WILLIAM A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to the Rector, Rev. T. G. Pedlow.

**APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, London, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.
ROY L. SHUTTER Treble | KEITH B. GOOD 4
JOHN W. SINFIELD 2 | WALTER AYRE 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 3 | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung by ex-Scouts to honour the memory of Baden-Powell and the foundation of the Scout Movement.

**HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., March 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
EUNICE A. HILEY Treble | ERNEST R. WARNER 4
GEORGE OLIVER 2 | ROY COLLINS 5
HAZEL L. HANCOCK 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 50th tower in Surrey for a peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. P. A. Gaze, who was inducted on Friday, March 1st.

**LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.
*PEGGY SKINNER Treble | †JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. 4
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3 | JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

**FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT 22, EGERTON STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
ALLAN SHARPLES 1-2 | DEREK TAYLOR 3-4
TREVOR TAYLOR 5-6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

**LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours,
AT 24, MYSORE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.
DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
R. JAMES COOK 3-4 | WILLIAM T. COOK 7-8
Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

**CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4 | JACK BRAY 7-8
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witness: JOHN A. FREEMAN.

First peal of Surprise Major 'in hand' by all, in the county, and for the Guild by a resident band.

**OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
DONALD H. NIBLETT 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 3-4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON 7-8
Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Bird (cond.) 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, I. H. Oram 5, B. Bladon 6. First quarter peal of the bells, dedicated this day by the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. J. T. Hughes).

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): Pamela Law 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6. First in four methods for all. Rung as a compliment to Pamela Law and Ian McGill on their recent engagement. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, S. W. Brown (first in method as cond.) 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, June A. Grieveson 4, H. W. Brown 5, Diana M. Gough 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. G. A. Steele, honorary captain of the band, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gwyneth Brown, a member of the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shallcross (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. Yates 4, D. K. Malloch 5, D. F. Malloch 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Meads (first in method) 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, G. Swift 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Scott 7, A. Bridges 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bindon Springett, a churchwarden for 35 years.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCs.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Crosby (first quarter) 1, G. S. Colshaw 2, G. Creasey 3, A. E. Chilton 4, S. R. Wilson 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6.

BOSTON, LINCs.—On Feb. 11th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, R. Brown 2, F. P. Harwood 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggett 5, W. B. Dawson 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Peitch 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Sidney Jessop, a ringer at this church for 36 years.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Blachford (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Rea 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Miss D. Battersby 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. For the induction of the new Vicar to St. Peter's (the Rev. W. H. Fox-Robinson).

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker (first quarter) 1, J. Tebay 2, C. Fawcett (first 'inside') 3, W. E. Pepper (first 'inside') 4, F. Wilson 5, L. D. Clement 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, W. Chadwick (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Jim Tebay's daughter.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. T. Wilson 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, E. W. Furbank 3, J. H. Sitch 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Pryke 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. M. Parsons 1, G. Simmonds 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. Waite 4, F. Stephens 5, T. Boreham 6, C. A. Wratten 7, J. Tyler 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. Kearn (first away from tenor) 1, A. Shelley (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 4, A. J. Ede 5, A. W. King 6. For Matins on Quinquagesima Sunday.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, N. Haycock 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow) on his leaving to become Vicar of Leominster.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): T. Hutchings 1, C. Evans 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, H. Blick 4, E. Carter 5, J. Thomas 6, T. Davies 7, R. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. David Brown, late churchwarden.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Royal: C. Yates 1, F. Wreford 2, A. Reed 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, S. Skinner 5, B. Pidgeon 6, G. Retter 7, G. Skinner 8, J. Glanville 9, N. Mallett 10. First of Royal for 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Deem.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, H. Hover (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Hall 3, S. Ball 4, F. Walker 5, J. Taylor 6, H. Audsley 7, R. Rayfield 8. Rung for the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides service commemorating the centenary of Lord Baden Powell's birth.

DERBY.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: K. Ballington (12, first of Minor) 1, G. Freebry 2, E. Walklate (13) 3, J. Murfin (14) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, B. Manning 6, F. Murfin cover bell. A farewell to the Rev. S. K. Reynolds, priest-in-charge, and member of the local band, who was leaving to become Vicar of Stonebroom.

FRIEZLAND, YORKs.—On Mar. 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Perrin (cond.) 1, F. White 2, C. Henshaw 3, J. Burgess 4, L. Dawson 5, A. Farrand 6. For Evensong and as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For evening service and a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Morton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTs.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Walker 1, H. Gayton (cond.) 2, Iris Walker 3, H. Robinson 4, C. Payne 5, R. Grice 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 5.

HATFIELD, HERTs.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Shepherd 1, B. Boon 2, M. Pettitt (first in method 'inside') 3, E. Edmondson (cond.) 4, A. F. Cull 5, J. M. Page 6, S. Huckle 7, R. H. Cochrane 8. For Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: H. Blake 1, Miss S. Barker 2, R. G. Lofly 3, G. H. Moore 4, M. J. Day 5, C. H. Moore (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Lucy E. Heawood, 94-year-old mother of the Rector.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, R. Barratt 2, B. J. Ongley 3, J. Warters 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Grainger 1, E. W. Furbank 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, L. S. Woods 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampion 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8. In memoriam Rowland Fenn (Barking), life member of the Essex Association, and also Percy Smith, for 70 years a member of the choir of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, both being interred this day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Osmund's, 360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's and 180 Bob): H. King 1, P. R. J. Lester (first of Doubles) 2, L. N. Melton (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, K. G. Brown 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. Iwings 6. For Evensong.

KERESLEY, WARWICKs.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Hart (first quarter) 1, H. Follwell 2, R. A. Davison (first of Grandsire) 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, H. D. Harrison (first 'inside') 5. Rung in honour of St. David's Day, and a 48th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTs.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire, 120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 900 Plain): Miss R. I. Metcalfe 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, D. J. Goodman 6. First in four methods by a local band. Rung for the wedding of David Young and Josephine Fisher.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Winch 1, Miss P. Smece 2, A. H. Smith 3, T. A. Cross 4, B. G. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris (first of Stedman) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. Marriner 8.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, L. V. Chamberlain 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, D. E. R. Knights 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie Bundy 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, D. A. R. May (first away from tenor) 5, P. Smart 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong on Ash Wednesday.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Scott 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, R. M. Gray 3, J. Palmer 4, M. B. Livesley 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. Scott (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Langton 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth B. Scott.

QUEBEGLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Wixey 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, S. Pugh 3, G. Green 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. Conducting shared by 5, 3 and 2. For Evensong.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Mar. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mabel Prockson 1, R. Keelcy 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. Robinson 4, C. Hughes 5, W. Prockson 6, F. D. Bishop 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, E. V. Williams 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis 11, J. Phillips 12. In memoriam William Shimmans, late member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

SHUTE, DEVON.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sprague 1, F. Gardner 2, Prebendary E. V. Cox (cond.) 3, A. Pring 4, R. Loud 5, C. Farmer 6. First by all except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is captain of the band, on completing his 50th year as a ringer.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 240 Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. A. Martin 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, D. R. Brazier 3, J. F. Olney 4, P. J. Lawton 5, G. F. Olney 6. 'Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late C. Henry Harding. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, P. J. Lawton 2, D. Kitchener (first quarter) 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, A. W. Allen 5, G. M. Wood 6. First in the method on the bells. Rung for St. David's Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stanyon 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, C. Aldridge 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, R. Motton (first 'inside') 5, J. Perrett 6. For the Parish Communion.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 5th, 1,320 Minor (720 College Single and 600 St. Clement's): Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, M. Cubitt 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of College Single by all. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, York and Durham, 24 changes of method): M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of four Spliced by the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 10th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmons 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, Miss P. Howard 3, J. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, C. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, F. J. Cook 3, J. G. Newman 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. R. Jordan 6, D. Broyd 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For evening service.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, Mrs. Clarke (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, T. Jervis 4, E. Briggs 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Lewis (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, A. Gibbs 3, Miss R. M. Webb 4, H. Tayson 5, C. J. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Werrett, a lifelong member of St. Barnabas' Church.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, L. V. Chamberlain 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomclett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, G. Goodman 5, A. Bagworth 6, N. Bagworth 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Helder 1, Joyce Haywood 2, Shelagh Whitehouse 3, G. Huxley 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, N. Hobden 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, R. I. Parsons 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Helder and Miss Shelagh Whitehouse by members of the local band.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, On Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Wakefield 1, B. Pattison 2, Avril Thackray 3, Anne E. Amor 4, S. Foskett 5, G. Amor 6, S. J. Ivin 7, C. E. Jeffries 8, R. Piron 9, D. Thompson 10. First of Caters for 1 and 3. Also on Sexagesima, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. R. Crewe 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Miss A. Amor 3, Miss J. Davis 4, J. R. Taylor 5, P. J. Shipton 6, J. B. Long 7, R. A. Lennard 8, R. G. Corby 9, D. Thompson 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Summerfield on completing 24 years' service as vergier.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. Marsh 1, N. F. Hull 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, C. L. Lovell (first quarter) 4, R. A. Lennard 5, M. L. Podd 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Pattison by a band from Bedford Modern School.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,248 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire Surprise Major: Daphne R. Castell 1, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 2, D. N. Niblett 3, D. P. Jones 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd 6, J. M. Lakin 7, P. Mehew 8. First quarter of six Spliced for all the band.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 24th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Belcher 4, W. Langdon 5, James Phillips 6, W. Cook 7, W. Williams 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. King 1, Frances A. Brown (first "inside") 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, Eunice A. Hiley (first as cond.) 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Chinnery 6. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Bob and Single Oxford): A. Jones 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, R. Thatcher 3, J. Holbrook 4, E. Brown 5, F. Carter 6. Rung by the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. Norman E. Mitchell, M.A., upon his induction to this parish the previous evening.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, K. Cotterell 2, R. Begrie 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, W. Newton 5, R. Burton 6, N. J. Diserens 7, D. Byng (first quarter) 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. G. Osborne 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, A. Barlow 3, E. Hunt 4, W. J. Vann 5, J. Underwood 6, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 7, P. Fisher 8. For Matins, and as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving for Newcastle-under-Lyme.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: K. Williams 1, Samela R. P. Thomas 2, Stella Hughes 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, E. Stitch 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Endersby 1, B. Backhouse 2, R. J. Kitchener 3, D. Munns 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, H. Gurney 6. Rung for the wedding of Ruby M. Jarvis to Douglas E. King, also the wedding of Margaret A. Odell to Harold L. Odell.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles, in 10 methods (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, D. M. Hawley 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (first in 10 methods as cond.) 5, E. M. Bradley 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 720 Bob): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss D. A. Lodge 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, A. Bryant 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. R. Goddard 6. First in three Minor methods by all except conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King on the birth of a daughter; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,272 Doubles, in 11 methods (All Saints', St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, Grandsire and Small Bob): P. J. Shipton 1, J. B. Long 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, M. G. Hooton 4, H. S. Peacock 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Henry Harding, who passed to Higher Service this day. R.I.P.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes (first of Surprise) 2, Miss F. Secker (first of Surprise as cond.) 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. T. Giddins 1, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 2, J. Higgins 3, A. W. Dillow 4, J. Odell 5, R. Eales 6. First quarter by 1 and 5.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Blick 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, R. Houghton 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Henry Harding, interred this day at Blunham.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Bob): W. Sear 1, J. G. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. Cook 4, J. R. Jordan 5, J. N. Sinfield (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. C. Henry Harding.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Webber 1, G. Salter 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, G. Gammon (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, C. H. Baker 8. In memoriam A. W. Hayward.

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Congratulations to Mrs. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, who rang her 300th peal on March 9th. We are informed that she is the only lady who has rung peals in more than 100 methods. Three famous peals she participated in were 125 methods of Minor on tower bells, 106 Minor methods 'in hand' and 50 Spliced Surprise Major methods 'in hand.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Canterbury Cathedral on February 9th was Mr. Roger O. Fry's 200th peal.

Mr. F. E. Collins is the new Master of the Surrey Association. He succeeds Mr. R. Davies, who had to retire in accordance with the three-year rule.

'The Manchester Guardian,' of March 13th, described the late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's machine as one that can play 500 tunes! Who said there was no music of the bells?

Mr. G. Walford, of Wellington, Somerset, informs us in regard to Mr. M. V. White's list of 4-bell towers (page 170) that Nynehead has had a ring of six since 1907. Bathelton's are in good ringing order.

After holding the office of Bristol Rural Branch chairman for less than one month, the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, P.C. W. F. Scudamore, was obliged to resign, as he had been appointed to a post in the South Forest branch.

Eye Church Bell Restoration Fund now stands at £255. Preliminary enquiries are now in hand as to the restoration. Mr. Leonard Last, who recently moved from Essex to Hoxne, Suffolk, is teaching half-a-dozen boys and girls of Eye to ring. His recent lecture at the Grammar School, with a film on bells and handbell ringing, proved so popular that it is to be repeated publicly. He was thanked by Mr. Claude Rush.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Yaxham bells are being rehung in the very near future by Taylor's, of Loughborough. A treble bell is being given by Mr. B. Gogle, of Norwich, to make them into a handy ring of six. The Vicar writes thanking him for his splendid generosity.

Quedgeley, Glos, bells are being rehung in a new frame. The last peal and quarter peal before the much-needed improvement have been rung.

In honour of Mr. Albert E. Sellers, president of the Beverley and District Society, completing 50 years as a member of the Yorkshire Association, a peal was rung at Sutton Cranswick by his friends.

It was fitting that the first peal on the newly restored Coggeshall bells should be a composition by the late William Keeble, who lived very near there. Several of his peals were rung at Coggeshall.

Another ringer to complete his 50 years in the belfry is Mr. H. Sprague, who is captain of Shute tower, Devon. In the quarter peal in honour of the occasion, the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) conducted.

By taking part in a successful peal attempt at Erdington Abbey, Mr. A. P. Cannon equalled the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's total of towers in which he has rung a peal. Not only have these two famous ringers this record in common but they were both born on the same date and they were both fond of chewing raisins!

Mr. A. Crawley, now of Barrow-in-Furness, a reader from our first issue, is now in his 59th year as a ringer. For 30 years Mr. Crawley was a ringer at Wistaston, where he rang 77 peals. Now 78 years of age, his health is not too good and if he cannot ring he stands behind youngsters. May he enjoy 'The Ringing World' and ringing for many years to come.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Record Attendance at Annual Dinner

THE University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual dinner on February 23rd at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, and 49 people, a record number, attended. The dinner was preceded during the afternoon by ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Despite the dense crowd in the belfries, ringing was of a high standard, and ranged from rounds to 'six slipped.'

At the dinner the loyal toast was proposed by the Society's president, Dr. Denis N. Layton, who then called upon his brother, Mr. Peter R. Layton, to propose the health of the Church. Mr. Layton gently chided the Society for the regularity with which it asked him to speak at its annual dinners, and then apologised for his repeated acceptance of the invitations. He pointed out the difficulty of toasting an organisation such as the Church without being guilty of impertinence, and therefore made it clear that he referred to the Church only in its role as the patron of the art of change-ringing.

The Rev. A. Powell Miller, Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, in his reply thanked the Society for its service to St. Olave's in the past year, and congratulated the two married couples in the Society who had won the Dawes Cup for handbell ringing.

The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. J. S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. John Armstrong, Master of the London University Society, replied. Mr. Armstrong reported that the Society had had a most successful year: a peal of Bristol had been rung, a cup had been won for handbell ringing (there had only been one other competing team—but what did that matter?) and, above all, the year had produced three engagements and a wedding. The wedding, between Alan Thirst and Meriel Hawksley, took place in November at St. Olave's, and was followed in the evening by what must have been the best-dressed A.G.M. in the Society's history!

The health of the visitors was ably, though obscurely, proposed by Mr. Geoffrey F. Carter. Mr. Peter R. Sanders, Master of the Oxford University Society, replied, thanking London for its hospitality and for the excellent ringing he had enjoyed during the day.

The evening concluded with the showing of two films, one being a publicity film on the Norfolk Broads, where it is hoped to hold this year's summer tour, and the other a film taken on the 1956 Whitsun tour. This film was short, so it was run backwards as well, just for good measure! Failing light finally stopped play at about 11 o'clock. N. D. R.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Society has held three meetings this term—January 19th, All Saints', Wokingham; February 16th, Shiplake; March 2nd, Englefield.

These meetings have all been well attended, and thanks are expressed to the incumbents concerned and to those ringers who have rung with the Society at these meetings. The ringing at meetings has ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Friday night practices at St. Giles' have been well attended, and ringing there has improved throughout the term. Sunday ringing now regularly includes Stedman Triples. Seven learners have progressed to round ringing.

Two other events have been the Oxford University Society dinner, which was very much enjoyed by five members, and the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting, at which the Master was elected to the general committee of the Guild. The vice-chancellor of the University has consented to become president.

MONDAY EVENING

Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters,
How the music rolls and swells.
Listen to the echoing gladness,
The controlled, melodious madness
Of the changes on the bells.

'Treble going—are you ready?'
Each in turn her story tells;
Soberly in rounds proceeding,
Tenor last and treble leading,
Handstroke, backstroke, on the bells.

Then the changes, dancing, dodging,
Weaving, interweaving spells,
Patterned tumult, soaring, singing,
Till the very tower is swinging,
Rocking, swaying, with the bells.

Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters,
How the music calls, compels.
Loud they speak to all on Sunday,
But for us they sing on one day—
Monday, when we ring the bells.

Yeovil. B. J.

RAILWAYMEN AS RINGERS

The March issue of the British Railways Magazine for the North East Region contains an interesting article on 'Bells and Bellingers in the North Eastern Region.' The article states:

Perhaps the most famous of the 'great' bells in the Region is 'Great Peter,' of York. When first cast in 1845 it was the heaviest bell ever to have been cast in this country. It weighed 10½ tons, was 8ft. 4in. in diameter, and came to York from London by rail—a very 'special' load in those early days. One imagines a wagon had to be specially built to carry such a load. The North Eastern Railway Co. built a bell wagon in 1900 to carry 7 tons, but such wagons are unknown today. 'Great Peter' was recast in 1927 at Loughborough, but on this occasion the traffic was lost to the roads. . . .

It is not surprising that ringers are well represented in the railway service. Half the ringers in York are railwaymen of various grades, and the same applies at other large railway centres. There may be grade distinctions on the railway, but in the belfry a man's worth is measured by his ability as a ringer and all must work together as a team, otherwise the quality of the ringing suffers. The team spirit is as important in the belfry as it is on the railway. It is natural that railwaymen with a common outside interest should wish to meet together occasionally, and so has come into being the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers. The objects of the Guild are to encourage the art of change-ringing as applied to Sunday service ringing, and to bring into closer fellowship all railwaymen ringers, both very worthwhile objects.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Harlow Common

A successful meeting of the N.W. District was held on the light eight of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, on March 2nd

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Wainwright) and was followed by tea in the Church Hall, served by the ladies of the local band. The Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) took the chair at the business meeting, and the whole company observed a minute's silence in memory of two District ringers—Mr. W. Prior, of Stansted, and Mr. J. Nottage, of Matching—who had recently passed away.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. J. Allen

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch took place as is usual at Spalding on the Saturday prior to Ash Wednesday. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., delayed a little by a wedding. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. H. R. Syge) and the address given by the Rev. W. R. H. Nind, a curate at Spalding.

About 60 members and friends had tea at the Greyhound Hotel, and the meeting followed immediately after with Canon M. H. R. Syge as chairman. After the approval of the accounts the election of officers took place, at which the retiring secretary, Mr. J. Allen, said that after ten years in office he felt it time someone else took over. Mr. M. E. Bennett was elected to this office.

A presentation was then made to Mr. Allen of a fountain pen with the branch's thanks and appreciation for all he had done and with the fervent hope that his wife would soon be back in good health. The meeting agreed to elect a chairman to officiate at meetings during the year, and Mr. W. A. Richardson was unanimously elected. All other officers were re-elected. The sum of £13s. was collected for the Belfry Repairs Fund.

Meetings for the year were arranged to take place at Fleet, May 18th, Whaplode, June 22nd, Crowland, September 28th, and Pinchbeck, November 16th.

Mr. J. Ames expressed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful. The meeting then closed and ringing continued till 9 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Llandaff Branch

The Llandaff Branch held its annual meeting at Newton-Nottage on February 23rd. The meeting was well attended, despite the very wet weather which prevailed, some members coming from far away Ebbw Vale, Bedwelty and Swansea.

The Rector of Newton (Rev. W. Roach) conducted the service. Following this, visitors were invited to the nearby church hall for tea. The vote of thanks for this welcome refreshment, prepared and provided by the Newton ladies, was given by Mr. J. Morris.

The business meeting, with the Rev. W. Roach in the chair, followed. Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the Branch. One life member and seven resident members were elected. Coity was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Mr. L. Yeomans, Branch Master, was in charge of the bells, and all visitors were well catered for, from rounds for the beginners to London Minor for the more advanced.

R. E. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE OLDEST RINGING SOCIETIES

Dear Sir,—At the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, reported recently, Mr. A. P. Cannon was duly called to order by the Master for claiming St. Martin's Guild, founded in 1755, to be the third oldest ringing society in existence.

Although the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Ancient Society of College Youths were both formed earlier than St. Martin's Guild, there are three societies which are earlier even than 1637, the year in which the Society of College Youths was founded.

Saffron Walden Society dates from 1623; St. Stephen's, Bristol, from 1620; while the oldest of all ringing societies proper, the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers, was in existence as early as 1612.

As this was not mentioned at the Birmingham dinner, it is perhaps only fair that a correction should be published.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

'PLAIN' BOB

Dear Sir,—On looking through peal and quarter peal reports I find that the method formerly known as 'Plain Bob' is now called simply 'Bob,' which I believe has recently become the correct name. However, when listed with other methods it is still referred to as 'Plain Bob.'

Regardless of whether it is called 'Bob' or 'Plain Bob,' we are still left with a nameless method to join 'Reverse Bob,' 'Double Bob,' 'Single Court' and 'Double Court' (assuming, of course, that the word 'plain' merely indicates that the treble has a plain hunting course). Now, is anyone entitled to give these methods a name? If not, why not? Perhaps someone can sort this little problem out for me as well, provided, here also, that there is a solution.—Yours faithfully,

JIM SPRIGGS.

Eastleigh.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Dear Sir,—May we express, through the medium of your paper, our appreciation of the way in which the Carter Ringing Machine was demonstrated at the Science Museum.

We should like to thank those responsible for the organisation, and especially Mr. Hughes for the time and trouble taken before and during the lecture.

Any ringer who has opportunity to see this ingenious piece of mechanism in action will find it well worth his while.—Yours sincerely,

J. and D. COOPER.

Thatcham, Berks.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Ampton and Timworth, villages near Bury St. Edmunds, have both 4-bell towers. I have rung at Ampton but not at Timworth.

As to 5-bell towers, I can supply a list of those villages in my neighbourhood where there are bells that are not being rung owing to their condition or through lack of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. ROLFE.

Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

HOAR CROSS PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I comment on some of the recent letters concerning peals at Hoar Cross?

Mr. Jones' letter expresses an opinion and also offers information which includes constructive and helpful written advice for the achievement of perfect ringing. Referring to the sacrifice of attention to detail, he ends with an implication which I think is a general one—'Are we to believe that this may have happened when(ever) we see the footnote "Quickest peal on the bells"?'

I think I am correct in saying that I have rung more peals with Mr. Jones than has any other ringer. Thus I have the experience to be able to state that his ringing ability is of a very high general standard, a standard that makes Mr. Warwick's attack as ludicrous as it is lamentable. I say general standard for the following reason. The audible result of any one ringer's efforts towards perfect striking depends upon two things—his ability and the average ability of the rest of the band. Given that these abilities are identical and of a high order, the result must approach perfection. Mr. Warwick remarks that previous fast peals at Hoar Cross were well struck, and also says that although his band are not used to ringing slowly, this did not detract from the quality of the peal. He does not say, however, what this quality was, and I would point out that 'well struck' can still be far removed from perfectly struck. Other sentences say: 'Mr. Jones ringing the tenor in 3½ hours obviously is not ringing the bell—the bell is ringing him,' and 'nursing the ringing is only an excuse,' thus implying aversion to hard work.

I think that apart from the contradiction in terms here, the phrase 'the bell is ringing him' is usually reserved to indicate a bell out of control. I rang the second bell in our peal in March, 1955, and can state categorically:

- (a) Mr. Jones was in complete control of the bell, a control which requires more skill in slow ringing.
- (b) He was not 'freewheeling with no effort.'
- (c) I did not find it at all 'hard work to hold up for 3½ hours.'
- (d) The peal was well struck (but to be honest, did not reach perfection!).

Finally, I would like to offer an observation on two similar statements. One, in Mr. Gilbert's letter: 'No one can dodge on the lead at a faster pace,' and two, in Mr. Warwick's letter: 'Double Oxford calls for hard work when dodging on the front.'

I strongly disagree on this point, for if the ringing is even and all bells are ringing at the correct interval, the change from one place to another is identical at any point in the change-row.

If the tenors are dodging on the front with the little bells at the back, and the tenor seems slow at backstroke although *rhythmically* it is in its correct place, the reason is solely that the little bells have 'closed up' the handstroke change before.

Whenever this effect occurs, it merely marks a lack of attention to detail, detail which is requisite for the attainment of perfect striking.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP MEHEW.

Stotfold, Beds.

MALAYA JOINS IN HOAR CROSS DISPUTE

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band in question I feel I am qualified to point out one or two things regarding Mr. D. P. Jones' peal at Hoar Cross, mentioned a few weeks ago by Mr. Warwick.

Firstly, from one of the other ringers' point of view it certainly did not seem as if Mr. Jones was free-wheeling. If after 3½ hours one is still capable of letting a bell of that weight ring him as some suggest, then he is a much better man than others I would not care to mention.

Secondly, the front, or middle bells for that matter, I am sure did not find it hard work in ringing at the speed mentioned. The peal was thoroughly enjoyed by all; the journey we had before commencing the peal was not to be sneezed at and it gave us the incentive to do our best when we arrived.

After the peal was over I can recall no one in the band commenting on the time taken. Surely if the ringers are satisfied they did a good job there is no need to question the time taken or the striking. Perhaps it would be better if forthcoming peals were advertised so that people could criticise with a first-hand account and not with what 'Joe Soap' told them.—Yours faithfully,

C. MICHAEL ORME.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Burles' efforts to obtain a 250 of Stedman Triples. It really isn't difficult to make up a touch of any number of changes between say 200 and 300 in this method, provided you are not worried whether it is true or false. For 250 only slight variations are required from the calling given in the quarter peal (the first three courses of it) on page 91 of 'The Ringing World' of February 8th. These are:—

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| 1st course: | Omit B at 3. |
| | Substitute S for B at 7. |
| 3rd course: | Put in S at 3. |
| A 252 can be | obtained as follows:— |
| 1st course: | Omit B at 3. |
| | Substitute S for B at 7. |
| 2nd course: | Omit B at 3. |
| | Substitute S for B at 4. |

Talking about bats, I have never seen one in either of the two belfries in Durban, but they come into the house very often at night, and the customary litter of moths' wings on the carpets in the mornings is a source of annoyance to my wife.

It has been a great pleasure recently to welcome as visitors the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Godley, of Yetminster, Dorset, and Mr. F. W. Perrens, of Coventry, who rang with us when their ships were in port. Unfortunately, two attempts for quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles with their respective assistance were unsuccessful.—Yours sincerely,

C. CHAMBERS.

71, Garmouth Avenue, Durban.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter re the first peal at Fornham All Saints, a ringing friend in the village has looked it up for me. The peal was rung on July 2nd, 1927.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. ROLFE.

Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

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LETTERS—Continued

SEVEN FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—There are seven towers in Cornwall with four bells.

St. Buryan, near Land's End, where two of the old three were recast by Warner in 1901; the treble is a 17th century bell. Also a new tenor (21 cwt.) was added to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII.; it was given by Mr. Hawke Dennis, who also gave the central tower of Truro Cathedral. These bells have never been rung and are now derelict. If four smaller ones were added they should be a lovely ring in a grand tower.

St. Clement, near Truro, had its three increased to four in the 19th century, the first three by Warner. The tenor, a 17th century bell, was recast in 1939 and a new frame for six supplied (tenor now 9 cwt.). I had the honour of ringing rounds during the dedication service. There is a band of ringers affiliated to the Diocesan Guild, but unfortunately no move is being made to fill the two empty pits.

St. Michael's, Penkevil, has a ring of four, being 1, 3, 5 and 7 of a ring of eight. There is a massive wooden frame for eight inserted about 1912. These bells used to be rung regularly and I have rung there several times. They can be heard at a great distance. The largest is about 10 cwt.

Gerrans, near St. Mawes, has four bells with a chiming apparatus.

Treneglos, near Camelford, has four, but only one is chimed for service.

St. Gennys, near Bude, has four, which used to be rung, but when an upper storey was added to the tower, about 1913, they were hung in this, dead with a chiming apparatus.

St. Pinnock, near Liskeard, has four bells, which are rung.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

Newquay.

RINGS OF FOUR IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—Following is a list of four-bell rings in Devon. I have very little information about the state of the bells.

Anstey West, 10 cwt, unringable; Brendon, 9 cwt.; Buckland East 8 cwt.: Bondleigh, 9 cwt.; Challacombe, 11 cwt.; East Down, 11 cwt.; Exeter, St. Mary's Steps, 8 cwt.; Holcombe Burnell, 11 cwt., rehung 1954; South Huish, 8 cwt.; Kingston, 10 cwt.; Meeth, 8 cwt.; Monk Okehampton, 8 cwt., ringable; Northleigh, 9 cwt., ringable; Southleigh, 8 cwt., ringable; Stockleigh English, 7 cwt., ringable; Torbryan, 16 cwt.—Yours truly,

W. C. PANTER,

Exeter.

MAYFIELD'S TENOR BELL

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to enter into controversy with Miss Orlibar concerning our tenor bell of the ring of eight at St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Sussex (which has been recently recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.), and to the question of whether the vicar's and churchwardens' names should be added, also whether the bell should have been blessed before ringing again—surely this is a matter for the Vicar to decide. Not being an active member of the band, I fail to see that is any concern of Miss Orlibar.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. KITCHENSIDE,

Captain of St. Dunstan's Church Bellringers, Mayfield, Sussex.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (240 Bob, 240 Old, 360 Canterbury and 420 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1. D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2. Miss G. A. Ashby 3. T. L. Pendred 4. P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Valerie May Quick to John Stead, both of Weston Favell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Badges Ordered

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stowmarket on March 9th, attended by ringers as far distant as Witham, Newmarket, Norwich and Halesworth.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening ranging from Grandsire Triples and Bob Major to various Surprise methods. Ringling also included firing and Queens for a wedding. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. St. Leger Blakeney), who gave the members a warm welcome and expressed the gratitude of the Church to the ringers for the service they gave and reminded the ringers of their special calling. He was proud to have been associated during his ministry with various parish churches which were noted for their bells.

Following tea, Mr. O. G. Barnard was elected chairman for the business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master and Messrs. C. E. Fisher and H. C. Rush (vice-presidents).

A grant of £20 was voted to Stoke-by-Nayland bell fund from the Restoration Account.

It was agreed that the secretary should place an order for 300 badges of the design submitted, to be sold at 3s. each.

Certain recommendations made by the committee concerning the Restoration Fund and the enlargement of the committee were approved by the meeting to go forward to the annual general meeting for ratification. Five new members and one non-resident life member were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the chairman, Mr. Chilvers and Miss Newby for their assistance in making the meeting a success.

J. W. B.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel on February 9th. A large number of members were present for the ringling, which commenced at 2.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, which followed the service and tea, the secretary's report and balance sheet were both accepted, the latter showing the Division to still be in a sound financial position.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Weller; hon. auditor, Miss S. A. Richardson; committee—Mr. R. P. Wood, Mr. E. Treagus, Mr. G. Francis; Central Council delegate, Mr. R. G. Blackman.

It was announced that the next Surprise practice would be held at Arundel on March 23rd. After a short discussion on the newly-amended affiliation fee, the meeting closed.

Further ringling took place at the tower until 8 p.m.

W. L. W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Despite the heavy and continuous rain, the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch held at Stratton St. Margaret on March 9th was a success—over 40 present and three Surprise Major methods rung in addition to other methods. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey), the lesson being read by Dr. C. G. Roworth, a member of the local band.

Tea was arranged by Mr. Moulden in the Church Room and the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting. The Branch secretary gave a report of the Association management committee meeting held at Gloucester, and it was proposed that meetings be held during the quarter ensuing at Blunsdon, Wroughton and Bishopstone. Visitors from outside the Branch attended from Bath, Bedford, Buckland, Faringdon, Humberstone, Petersfield, Reading, Retford and Watford.

W. B. K.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Arrears of Subscriptions

The annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 9th and although the attendance was lower than usual it was a far more satisfactory meeting than last year. After a good hour's ringling the company gathered in the church for the service, conducted by the curate (Rev. P. Bennett), with Mr. Pattern as organist.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, ably conducted by Mr. B. Collison, who is now a vice-president and was acting in place of the president who was away in Switzerland.

In presenting the balance sheet the treasurer pointed out that expenditure had exceeded income by over £4, and this was mainly due to the fact that 25 per cent. of the members were in arrears with their subscriptions and that vice-presidents' subscriptions were also down. He said that the Guild did not want to increase the subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s., but unless members paid up regularly at the beginning of each year this would have to be done. In the report tribute had been paid to the late Rev. N. E. Hope, who founded the Guild, but it was pointed out that no mention had been made of the late Mr. Joe Wren, who was captain of East Grinstead tower for many years.

In the election of officers the following changes were made: Mr. S. Ponting vice-chairman in place of Mr. A. Relfe, who was elected to the committee, with Mr. E. Jenner, in place of Mr. A. Laker. The secretary was instructed to write and thank Mr. Relfe for his services to the Guild. Meetings were arranged at Withyham on April 13th, with Limsfield and Limsfield Chart on May 10th.

The summer outing was fixed for September 14th with a route into Surrey, while the decision to hold another dinner was left in abeyance for three months. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks to all concerned.

SIDCUP, KENT

Mr. C. E. Palmer's 21 Years as Leader

In January, 1936, Mr. Cyril E. Palmer assumed the captaincy of the band at St. John-the-Evangelist, Sidcup, and to celebrate this 21 years' service a peal of Minor in six methods was rung on March 2nd. The treble was rung very well by 13-year-old Susan Nicholson, of Bexley, taking the opportunity to make her first peal attempt.

After the peal the band joined other ringers and friends at a social, arranged by Mr. Palmer in a nearby hall, where an enjoyable and entertaining evening was spent. Visitors included Miss Beverley Thompson and Mr. Peter Brown, from Bexley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

An attractive supper, prepared by Mrs. Palmer and her daughter Sheila, having been despatched, Mr. Palmer spoke of his 21 years' leadership. Many readers are aware of the difficulties besetting the conscientious tower captain in trying to maintain regular service ringling, and Cyril acknowledged the loyalty he had received from the Sidcup band, and particularly from Mr. G. Green, who had assisted him in getting the bells restored. He recalled the great pleasure he had experienced one Sunday morning in 1951 after dedication of the restored ring.

Mr. J. L. Ashford the secretary, expressed the esteem in which Mr. Palmer is held both locally and in the Lewisham District, and on behalf of the band presented him with a gold-plated 'Eversharp' pencil as a tangible token of their appreciation of his work.

The visitors added their congratulations to Mr. Palmer, thanking him also for the invitation to what had proved a most enjoyable evening. Following this, the diversions continued until the company dispersed at about 10.30 p.m.

RINGING AT WAKEFIELD IN THE 18th CENTURY

By David Cubitt

Throughout the century the Wakefield churchwardens' accounts reveal payments for ringing at the Parish Church—since 1888 the Cathedral Church—of All Saints, in commemoration of local or national events and anniversaries. A few instances are:—

1736-7	January 8. Pd ye Ringers by ye request of several neighbours. Dr. Potter being made Archbishop of Canterbury . . . (John Potter, the son of a draper, left Wakefield Grammar School in 1688 for University College, Oxford; he became Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford in 1708, Bishop of Oxford in 1715 and Archbishop of Canterbury.)	0	4	6
1736-7	March 1. Pd for ringing for Queen's birthday . . . (Caroline, wife of George II.)	0	4	6
1739	Nov. 6. Pd for ringing o'th Duke of Leeds birthday (Thomas, 4th Duke of Leeds, was Lord of the Manor of Wakefield, acquired by the first Duke in 1700.)	0	5	0
1754	Nov. 10. Ringers at ye faire (King John granted a fair at Wakefield to last for three days, the eve, day of and day after All Saints.)	0	3	4

Payments for ringing on November 5th and May 29th regularly occur.

In 1740 the six bells were increased to eight, 'A few Days ago two Trebles cast by Mr. Sellar Bel-Founder of York, were rung at Wakefield, which with the Six they had before make as complete Peal of Eight Bells as most in this County.'—'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, May 20th, 1740. This ring was hung in an oak frame made by James Harrison, of Barrow in Lincolnshire, in 1739. In October, 1740, Harrison completed a new set of chimes which played seven tunes, one for each day of the week. Harrison's chimes, for which he was paid £20, replaced others provided in 1703, and lasted until 1795, when George Goodall, a Tadcaster clockmaker, agreed to make 'a complete sett of New Chimes for Wakefield Church for the sum of £55, the old chimes included.' Goodall's chimes played at four, nine and twelve o'clock, day and night, the following tunes: Sunday, psalm tune (Sheldon); Monday, 'Gramachree'; Tuesday, 'Sandie o'er the Lea'; Wednesday, 'See the Conquering Hero Comes'; Thursday, a march; Friday, 'The Miller of Mansfield'; Saturday, 'God Save the King.'

The first report of a peal at Wakefield I have found is in the 'Leeds Mercury' of July 20th, 1742. 'The Society of Ringers call'd the Leeds Youths, having had an invitation from some Gentlemen of Wakefield, to ring their new Peal of eight Bells lately hung by Mr. Harrison of Barrow in Lincolnshire, went over accordingly last Sunday, where they so dextrously performed the Peal of Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 15 minutes, as surpriz'd all that were Judges in that Art.'

JOHN WESLEY'S VISIT

John Wesley, who had been ordained deacon and priest by Dr. Potter when Bishop of Oxford, preached at Wakefield Church on April 12th, 1752, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Benjamin Wilson. He wrote in his diary: 'I came to Wakefield as the bells were ringing in and went directly to Mr. Wilson in the vestry; the behaviour of the congregation surprised me. I saw none light, none careless or unaffected.' Quite a change from an earlier opinion he had of the townsfolk, for on Satur-

day, August 20th, 1748, 'at the request of the little society (i.e., of Methodists) I went to Wakefield. I knew the madness of the people there, but I knew also they were in God's hand.'

So far as I am aware the following report is of the earliest peal by Wakefield ringers: 'Wakefield. Yesterday in the Evening was rang at our Church a compleat peal of Tripples, call'd Union Tripples, consisting of 5040 changes in two Hours and 40 Minutes—being the first Time that ever it was perform'd by the ringers of Wakefield.'—'Leeds Intelligencer,' Tuesday, January 6th, 1756. This was followed by a second peal the following month. 'Wakefield. Feb. 16. Yesterday in the Evening was rung, with great Applause, by the Wakefield Youths, a second Peal of Tripples call'd Wakefield Pleasure, containing 5040 compleat Changes in two Hours and 36 Minutes and a Half, being the first Time it hath been rung in the Northern Parts of England.'—'Leeds Intelligencer,' Tuesday, February 17th, 1756.

The following extracts also come from the 'Leeds Intelligencer':—

Tuesday, March 1st, 1757: 'Tuesday last being Shrove-Tuesday was rung at St. Peter's Church in this Town, by Wakefield Ringers, Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses complete, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and fifty-five Minutes.'

Tuesday, September 29th, 1761: 'Wakefield. Sept. 23. Yesterday was rung at our Church a Peal of Tripples called Vaux-Hall-Tripples consisting of 5040 Changes in two Hours and fifty Minutes.'

Tuesday, December 28th, 1762: 'On Saturday Morning last was rung at Wakefield, a new Peal of Tripples, called Merry Wakefield's Delight consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and fifty-two Minutes; being the seventh Peal of Tripples that has been rung by Wakefield Ringers.' (I have not been able to find the other two.)

Tuesday, May 17th, 1763: 'On Saturday last was rung at Wakefield with universal applause, a new Peal of Tripples, composed by J. Wood of that Place, call'd Wakefield Royal Bob Tripples containing 5040 compleat Changes in two Hours and 49 Minutes. The Person who rung the Treble is 75 years of Age and has followed the Diversion upwards of 60 years.'

Tuesday, May 15th, 1764: 'Wakefield. May 14. Yesterday was rung here a new Peal of Tripples in ten complete Courses, called Wakefield Evening's Delight.'

NEW RINGS AT BARNSELY AND PONTEFRACT

A ring of six at Barnsley had two trebles added in 1773 and the augmented ring was opened on Shrove Tuesday, February 23rd, that year. 'On Tuesday morning the new Peal of eight bells at Barnsley church was opened by the Wakefield ringers, who also in the afternoon rang on them a complete peal of Tripples (called Barnsley Evening Pleasure) consisting of 5040 changes, in two hours and 47 minutes. They are allowed, by all that understand bells, to be a very musical peal, and the performance of the ringers gave satisfaction to every body that heard them.'—'Leeds Mercury,' March 2nd, 1773.

Wakefield ringers also attended the opening of a new ring of eight at Pontefract: 'On Wednesday last a peal of eight new bells was opened at Pontefract by the ringers from Wakefield and York who rung alternately several short peals of Tripples during the day; in the evening the York ringers rung upwards of 3000 changes of Grandsire Tripples with great propriety. Next morning the Leeds ringers rung the half-peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 2520 changes in one hour and twenty-eight minutes.'—'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, February 17th, 1778.

At a vestry meeting of town and parish held in Wakefield Church on November 26th, 1778, it was agreed that a new ring of eight bells be contracted for in exchange for the old eight and on December 17th the churchwardens were authorised to 'contract for a new tuneable peal of eight bells' with Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. These bells (tenor 24 cwt.), for which the founders were paid £124 6s. 9d., were opened on July 7th, 1779.

The 'Leeds Mercury' of Tuesday, July 13th, 1779, reported the opening: 'On Wednesday last was opened at Wakefield, by the ringers of that town, a peal of eight fine new musical bells; after which was rung alternately several short peals during the whole day by the ringers from Sheffield, Bradford, Halifax, Pontefract and the ringers from Leeds, who rung at the first trial a peal of tripples, containing 5040 changes, in three hours and five minutes, and what is something remarkable, the ringers from Leeds first rung a peal of 5040 changes at Wakefield 'on the old bells, July 8, 1742. (N.B.—July 18th, 1742, was the date, not July 8th, which is a misprint.) This report provoked the following lines, which the sent to the other Leeds newspaper, the 'Intelligencer':—

THE LYING RINGERS

When coxcombs by a heap of Lies attempt to take folks by surprise they should before they blab the fiction be certain of no contradiction or that no witnesses are by to tell the world how gross they Lie for when such fools do brag and vapour and publish falsehoods in the paper consid'ring multitudes did hear 'em no wonder all the world should jeer 'em Leeds ringers thus in Wakef'd steeple had almost frighted all the people for all the people in the town were 'fraid they'd throw the steeple down such blunders in the peal were shown And could not well their fears recover untill the jingling fools gave over which when they did and were come down they boasted all about the town that there was not another set could such a peal ring so complete or that could their performance beat when these bob tripples got to Leeds resolv'd the world sho'd know their deeds they like a pack of Lying jews inserted an account i' th' news that they the very same did doo in seventeen hundred forty-two they rang five thousand forty tripples on the old bells in Wakefield steeple but who the devill will regard 'em since it is known to all who heard 'em that after three hours toil or more the changes rung were not eight score— What can these bragadocies say to such home truths as these I say for all they bluster'd and paraded others performed better than they did for the whole peal they bungled rarely and Sheffield ringers beat them fairly therefore I wish they for the future would let their boasting tongues stand neuter for after all their noise and chatter they know nothing of the matter.

The 'Intelligencer' did not publish the verse, but it came nevertheless to the ears of the Leeds ringers, one of whom, under the pseudonym 'A Lover of Truth,' wrote to Mr. Penny, a member of the Wakefield ringers, on August 6th, 1779, enclosing a letter that had been written by a Sheffield ringer on the occasion of the Barnsley opening in 1773. He had written that at Barnsley Wakefield ringers rang a short time, were followed by Sheffield ringers who rang 1,260

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Ringling at Wakefield — cont.

Sheffield Triples, made a mistake and started again, only to be stopped by the sexton who was friendly with the Wakefield ringers 'and wanted them to have the Honour of Jumphing the bells a long time and then call it a whole Peal.' Wakefield then rang for two hours and forty-seven minutes, 'the worst ringing' the writer of the letter had ever heard, and 'then had the vanity to ride home in a Post Chaise and put ribbons on the hats of the two Post Chaise lads.' 'Lover of Truth' asked Penny to get his friend to compose a poem from the particulars in the Sheffield ringer's letter and appended a postscript: 'As I have never yet had the pleasure of seeing any of your friends performance, I shall be more anxious of seeing the above as soon as possible.'

BAN ON DONCASTER RACES

'The Society of Ringers at Wakefield' replied on September 26th: 'Wee received a letter about 6 weeks agoe from Leeds. . . . Wee did not think it worth our while troubling our heads about it.' However, they offered to ring against Leeds at Doncaster, 'Doncaster raises being next week.' The Leeds ringers refused to go to Doncaster—we are not at all disposed for going to horse races—but on Wakefield giving a month's notice, Leeds would ring against them at Pontefract, Bradford or Knaresborough: and a reply was asked for from 'Mr. Poet.'

Wakefield ringers ignored this letter and no verse appeared. 'Lover of Truth,' on November 8th, wrote a long, ill-spelt, vitriolic letter saying, among other things, that Wakefield had all their instruction from Leeds, and although they had eight bells several years before Leeds they could not ring 350 changes. Wakefield ringers were, as we have seen, capable of ringing many times 350 changes, and it would seem from the following extract that Leeds had eight bells in 1742, only two years after the Wakefield bells were increased to eight. 'On Wednesday last (being our latter Fair Day) the Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung thro' at St. Peter's Church, by the Society of Ringers call'd the Leeds Youths; which they performed with the utmost Accuracy and universal Applause in three Hours and eight Minutes, after two Months Practice since the bells were new hung, by that great Artist, Mr. James Harrison of Burrow-in-Lincolnshire.' 'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, July 6th, 1742.

The matter seems to have ended, except that 'On Friday night last, being the ending of the Old Year, was rung at Wakefield, by the Society of Ringers of that place, a peal of Double Grandsire Bob Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in eight Courses, complete in 3 hours and 31 minutes, with the greatest exactness, to the universal satisfaction of all who had the pleasure of hearing them, being the first TRUE peal rung on these new bells.' 'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, January 4th, 1780.

OTLEY BELLS

In 1782 and 1787 the Wakefield ringers attended the opening of new rings. The earlier one was at Otley, where a new eight, cast by Chapman and Co., of Whitechapel, and hung by Samuel Turner, were opened on April 15th. Ringers from Leeds, Wakefield, Knaresborough and Bradford were there; those from Leeds and Wakefield each rang a peal of 5,040 changes, the former in three hours ten minutes, the latter in three hours twenty-six minutes. In October, 1787, a new eight were opened at Halifax. The College Youths rang a peal of Union Treble Bob on the bells—and had the arrogance to call this peal the first in Yorkshire. Ringers from Leeds, Ashton, Bradford, Sowerby and Wakefield were also present and took part.

Mr. Morris, in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' quotes a report of two peals rung on the same day in May, 1788, by Wakefield ringers in their home tower, but does not give his source.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE FRASER WOODHOUSE

The death took place on March 9th at his home in Sedbergh, Yorks, of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, M.A., after a short illness. He was science master at Sedbergh School from 1897 to 1930, and trained the school rifle team which twice won the Ashburton Shield at Bisley.

To ringers he was known as the maker of a ringing machine, but he was a first-class ringer and conductor on hand- and tower bells. Most of his peal ringing was done before he took his appointment at Sedbergh, but he kept his interest to the end.

The funeral was in two parts. First a service at Sedbergh Parish Church, which was attended by school representatives and many local friends. This was followed by cremation at Carleton, Blackpool, and only attended by Mr. C. McCracken, nephew, of Princes Risborough, also Mr. Hague, of Sedbergh, joint executor, and Mr. E. R. Martin (Preston) and Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool), representing the Lancashire Association. Mr. Woodhouse was a bachelor and was 82 last month.

AN APPRECIATION

It is difficult to write of a man with so many talents, for talented he was. He was a noted rock climber in the Lake District and in Skye, a fell walker; a fine musician, he could play several instruments including the organ. If this is not enough, he was a great knitter during World War II and made hundreds of comforts for the troops. Also during this war his 'den' at Highfield was making spare parts for submarines, but he had the help of one man for this.

He gave years of service to Sedbergh Church and trained a band up to Surprise Major standard at one period, then down to learners again but he never gave up.

When he retired from the school he started to make his first ringing machine. He made at least three but it took years, for each one was an improvement till he got perfection. It seems a pity that his workshop will now have to be dispersed and all the clocks and gadgets find new owners. Finally, he was a modest, unassuming man completely unspoiled by success. May he rest in peace. E. R. M.

MR. TOM G. BARTLETT

It is with regret that the passing of Mr. Tom G. Bartlett, of Exeter, is reported, at the age of 77 years, after a short but severe illness.

Tom was one of the 'old faithfuls' in the Exeter District. He started his ringing career at Heavitree around the turn of the century and later transferred his affections to St. Sidwell's when the ten bells were the attraction, then rung by the leading band of the Guild.

On the re-formation of the Cathedral band in 1915, he applied and was accepted as a member and remained up to the time of his death—the last of the active founder members. For most of the 40-odd years' connection he was their hon. treasurer.

Tom was never an outstanding ringer but could manage the 'four standards' with the best, and rang about 40 peals.

Among the offices he held during his ringing career were general treasurer, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, chairman of the Exeter Branch, and was honoured later by being a vice-president of the Guild. He was an example to many in being always regular in attendance and always punctual.

The funeral was held privately on March 4th. His beloved 12 bells at Exeter Cathedral were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral as a token of respect to his memory and in grateful thanks for 42 years' devoted service. F. W.

MR. FRANK B. YATES

With deep regret we record the passing on March 4th of Mr. Frank Bertram Yates at his home, The Clock House, Barn Green, near Birmingham. Until his retirement, in 1928, he was managing director of John Yates and Co., edge tool manufacturers, of Aston. He was 80.

Mr. Yates in his younger days was a noted sportsman and ringer and a valued member and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, with whom he rang the treble in several peals. From 1894 to 1899 he was a famous amateur cyclist and won many prizes in races throughout England and the Isle of Man. He was also an extremely successful tobogganist, and in 1899 won the novices' handicap for the Cresta run at St. Moritz. A member of Birmingham Conservative Club for about 50 years, he was chairman of the management committee for several years. He was also the first president of King's Norton Rugby Football Club.

At the turn of the century he went to live at King's Norton and took great interest in the Parish Church, where from 1924 to 1929 he was churchwarden and Ringing Master, and it was here where he commenced his great interest in bells and bellringing. He was also responsible for raising £2,000 for the restoration of King's Norton Church and the recasting by Taylors of the old eight bells to which later he gave two treble bells, making the present grand ring of ten.

Unfortunately Mr. Yates had a breakdown in health some years ago which prevented him taking part in ringing, though to the end he loved to hear bells well rung, and during the lighter nights Mrs. Yates would motor him to the city to hear the Sunday evening service ringing at Birmingham Cathedral, where in 1948 he gave the two treble bells, making the present ring of 12, also a set of 12 new bellropes. His generosity knew no bounds and many will remember the annual dinners he gave at King's Norton, also the visits to his lovely house, with its many ancient and modern clocks, and the walks round the lovely lawns and gardens to which he would invite his ringers and those from the city towers. Ah, happy days!

The impressive funeral service took place in the King's Norton Parish Church on March 8th, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. A. Ashford) assisted by the Rector of Alvechurch. The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, J. Pinfold, A. Walker and G. E. Fearn, who rang a course of Triples on the handbells over the grave, and on the following day a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters at King's Norton.

So ends the life of one of England's finest gentlemen, whose loss is so deeply mourned. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, to whom he had been wedded for 42 years, and to his family. A. W.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held on March 9th at Broxbourne in the Eastern District, and a good number of members attended. It is worthy of note that two promising young ringers walked from Little Munden—a distance of some eight to ten miles—to this meeting.

Ringling on the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Double Norwich, up to 4.30 when a service was held.

After a business meeting ringling was resumed and was continued up till 8 p.m. Methods rung were Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge and Little Bob.

It is hoped to hold the next District meeting at Little and Much Hadham in May.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR MORRIS

On March 13th, the death occurred of Mr. Arthur Morris, of Shirley, Warwickshire, one of the oldest serving ringers of the District. His connection with St. James's Church dates from the beginning of the century, and in 1902 he joined the band that rang on the old five bells, in the days when the little church, the old Plume of Feathers and a small cluster of cottages marked the centre of Shirley village.

Mr. Morris saw active service in the first World War and was gassed in one of the German attacks of 1918. On his discharge from the Army he resumed his church work, and had been constant in his duties as sidesman, churchwarden and ringer. He was associated with the British Legion and was a prominent official of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and was quietly and efficiently active in all parish events.

As Ringing Master at Shirley belfry he gave generously of his time to teaching, and there was a period when he never seemed to be without a pupil or two. No disappointments seemed to discourage him and no difficulties hindered his unending search for recruits. Many well-known ringers began their instruction under him at Shirley, and many more have benefited by contact with his simple, unassuming and generous nature. Peal ringing was not his aim or chief delight, but he rang a considerable number of peals on six and eight bells, and among them were the first peal on the new six and the first peal on the new eight.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral at Shirley Church on March 16th, the British Legion and the Ancient Order of Foresters being prominently represented. The St. Martin's Guild, of which Mr. Morris had been a member for many years, was represented by Mr. George E. Fearn, secretary, and Mr. Albert Walker, late Master, and the bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

In the passing of Mr. Morris the Guild has lost a much respected member, and the parish of Shirley has lost a patient and devoted servant. His steadfastness, his courage, his meekness and his good will made up a strong personality, one that commanded respect and offered an example to be striven after.

E. C. S.

MR. WILLIAM J. READ

'Bill' Read, of Blackmoor, Hants, passed on early on February 20th after being in bed only one day. He was in his 86th year and had been in failing health for about a year, although this did not prevent him from attending the Alton and Petersfield District meetings in that time. His death took place at the Beauclerk Arms, Winchfield, the home of his son-in-law and daughter.

A native of Privett, he worked as a carpenter for a Greatham building firm for nearly 50 years. He married Miss Agnes Mary Mitchell, of Selborne, at Blackmoor Parish Church on June 1st, 1904, and they lived for many years at Blackmoor. Both he and his wife were ringers at the Parish Church, and Mr. Read's ringing career there was something over 50 years; he was captain of the ringers for 40 years until he lost his left leg in an accident in 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Read went to live at Winchfield about five years ago.

Bill Read had served as a District representative on the executive committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for many years until his retirement from Blackmoor tower. He had ringing at heart always and was a great friend to the young ringer.

He rang about six peals, all of Doubles, which he stood in to give someone their 'first.' One of these peals rung at Blackmoor was a birthday compliment to himself at the age of 75.

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

APPLETON'S RINGING DAY

Ringers go to the annual dinner of the A.S.C.Y., to the Henry Johnson dinner, to functions connected with annual ringing days, but it is remarkable that year after year in a village populated perhaps by less than a thousand souls, ringers from many parts of the country attend and enjoy the Fourth of March at Appleton.

This year, owing to petrol restrictions, visitors from afar were fewer, but many 'hardy annuals' from local villages were present, and the number for tea was nearly up to pre-crisis standards.

The day started off on a very happy note—young Frank White calling his first peal of Grandsire Caters on the famous ten; and it is to Frank that the success of the day, for many years we hope, will depend.

During the afternoon the bells were kept going from rounds to Stedman Caters, and at 4.30 p.m. upwards of 60 sat down to a good tea at the Thatched Tavern.

During the evening we were delighted to hear the handbells, and it is grand to know that yet another White has come forward to take the place of Dick (of happy memory) in the person of Dick's grandson Brian, who incidentally rang his first peal at Appleton in the morning.

Then came the old songs by the White brothers, and it is always a pleasure to see the dignified figure of Mr. Fred Sharpe keeping the company in good order and himself rendering the old ringing song composed by the village schoolmaster of over 100 years ago.

The ladies also did their part of entertaining, solos being rendered by a 'Ringing World' correspondent, and one visitor with just on 40 years' contact with the village even remembered three verses of his annual song.

Perhaps it passed unnoticed, but the darts championship is now in the hands of two ringers bearing a famous ringing name—Walter Judge and Fred Wilkinson; George and Michael Bishop and several other locals having been eliminated.

But the crowning glory of Appleton in the writer's humble opinion is the last hour, which is devoted to grand harmony of well-known and loved hymns, and when the landlord has shouted those famous words, 'Time gents, please,' the whole company join in the Nunc Dimittis and so bring to a close a day of happiness and good fellowship.

This year, at 9 p.m., the health of the Bristol ringers was drunk, a letter from Frank Hansford having been read apologising for the absence of many ringers from Bristol who came last year, for the first time, and so enjoyed themselves that but for the petrol wouid, I'm sure, have started an annual visit.

Long may the Whites and Holifields and the village of Appleton prosper. W. H.

MR. H. DENMAN'S 200 PEALS

Mr. H. Denman, of Retford, rang his 200th peal on February 2nd. Appended is his list.

Doubles 2.

Minor 158, one each in 20 and 23 Treble Bob methods (conducted 49).

Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 8.

Bob Major 12, Little Bob Major 5, Single Oxford Major 1, St. Clement's Major 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 2, Forward 2, Gainsborough and Little Bob Spliced 1, Bob Major and Little Bob Spliced 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1.

Bob Royal 1.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Copp 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, R. V. Baker 3, M. Bennett 4, N. Line 5. In memoriam C. Henry Harding.

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RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Harding, Joan, Hugh and Rex wish to thank the many ringers and friends for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy in their recent sad and sudden bereavement and for the beautiful flowers. 9930

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. J. BOWDEN is now 136, Salisbury Road, St. Judes, Plymouth. 9917

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Worle, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 5 to 8 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9925

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, March 23rd, at Aston-on-Trent. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Trent bus No. 40. All welcome.—V. M. Horton. 9934

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 9898

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. 9877

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, March 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9876

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method Chiltern T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9901

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Canford on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Hampreston in the evening. 9899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, Helmingham (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Framsdon (8) 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 9891

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, at Waldron. Bells 3 p.m. Method for practice: Double Norwich T.B. Major. 9875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise by Tuesday, March 26th, Mr. B. Jones, 11, Mill Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 9908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, March 30th, Houghton (5). Bells available 5.45 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 9939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Bitton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before 26th to T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 9914

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud and Gloucester Branches.—Joint meeting at Stonehouse, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s.) by March 26th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9922

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kemerton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Notify before 26th for tea to Mr. S. Devereux, Charmaine, Kemerton, Tewkesbury. 9933

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head, to those who notify not later than Tuesday, March 26th, Miss N. Dines, 3, Court Hill, Littlebourne, Canterbury. Enclose cash, please. Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9884

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye.—C. T. Hills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9929

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Willerden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9900

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting at Hunslet, Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. Bate, Hon. Sec. 9907

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Lovely tower and bells here. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 9937

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting, Hunslet, Saturday, March 30th. Bells available 4 p.m. Cups of tea only. (Trams 26 and 27 from Lower Briggate or Bus Station).—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9935

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 9913

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. B. L. Smart, 87, Water Lane, Wootton, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 9915

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Barnch.—Meeting, Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, March 30th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9924

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Eastwood (8), on Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec., 64, Westleigh Road, Nottingham. 9932

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Erith, Kent, Saturday, March 30th. (Finchley not available.) St. John's (Old Church) bells (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting, Guild Room, after tea. Further ringing in evening. St. John's, also Christ Church (8). Good attendance, please—all welcome. Frequent trains (Southern Electric) from Charing Cross. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 26th, please, to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith, Kent. No names, no tea! —P. N. Bond, Hon. Secretary. 9880

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. and Exeter Branches.—Meeting at Silverton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea numbers by April 1st to A. G. Selley, 3, Exeter Road, Silverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Secretary. 9890

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge. 9889

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Handsworth Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9919

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 9916

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at St. David's Church, Brecon, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 9918

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparshoft, Winchester. 9921

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new ring of six at Saxthorpe by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Sunday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service for all who wish to ring. 9920

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleveve, Bristol. Tea available also.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Also ringing at Tonbridge, Seal Chart, Leigh, Brasted and Westerham; full details sent with tickets. Nominations for election of Central Council representatives invited by April 8th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 9896

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general business meeting, Newent, on Saturday, April 27th. Full details later. Nominations for Master must be received by March 30th.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 9927

QUARTER PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: K. Crawford (first quarter) 1, Rosaline Farlow (first 'inside') 2, W. S. Crawford 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 5, W. Farlow (first quarter) 6. For morning service as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Hickling), leaving to take up the living of Wetheral, Carlisle.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absalom (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker on the gift of a daughter.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Feb. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Maor: Betty Syrcit 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. J. Hutchings 8. For Evensong.

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