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A FEW ROUNDS FOR BEGINNERS

WELL, anyway, Beryl, you know what men are like when they've made their minds up, though there was a smashing film about Death and Romance in Mexico on at the Ritz. So when Frederick wanted me to go to this meeting I wasn't too keen, but I thought "Anything for a quiet life," only I was a bit scared, you know, because it's not as if I've done anything much, only ring rounds a bit and bump the tenor for them sometimes, and I have hunted the treble to Grandsire (that's some of our technical terms, dear; you wouldn't understand if I explained).

'So Saturday lunchtime Frederick came for me in the car—and where he gets the petrol from I'm sure I don't know; he's very cagey about it—and Mum was a bit stiff with him at the door; and he said as we were driving down the road: "I wish your mother wouldn't stand at the door and shout to you to be sure and get back early—all the neighbours will think she doesn't trust me to look after you." So I said: "Please don't pass remarks about my mother," and he sulked for a bit: but I will say for Frederick, he doesn't bear malice long, and he was quite all right again when we got to where the meeting was.

'It was quite different from our belfry; it had nice broad stone steps, and the ringing chamber was much bigger, and the bells sounded different, too, but I expect that was because there were eight, not six like ours. There were more people there, too, and a man telling everyone what to do: I suppose he was the foreman there, rather nice-looking, but older and fatter than Frederick. Well, I got stuck in a corner, and I couldn't see Frederick anywhere, and then the man said: "Let's have some rounds first," and I thought, "Well, I can do that, anyway"; and when I looked there was only one bell left, and it had a box behind it, so I got on the box and caught hold of the rope, and the man said: "That's the tenor, my dear. Are you sure you can manage her—she sets rather deep?"; and I said: "Oh, yes, I've often rung the tenor at home."

There was a little boy on the treble, and he shouted: "Treble's going, she's gone!", and I pulled, and Beryl, dear, I could have died—I couldn't move the silly thing! I tugged away at it, and the other bells went round without me several times; and then I saw Frederick sitting down with his head in his hands, and I was going to call him to come and help but the man in charge took my rope from me and told me to go and sit down. So I went and sat by Frederick, and all he would say was "There's a bit of difference between 4 cwt. and 24 cwt.", and put his head back in his hands again. So I went into the churchyard and walked about for a bit.

'After ringing, they had tea, and the man who took the rope from me came and sat by me, while Frederick had gone to get me another cup of tea, and he said: "Don't let it worry you, my dear, but mind and ask the weight of a tenor in a strange tower before you ring it"; and he asked me how long I'd been ringing and said I ought to get on well, and patted my hand and started eating Frederick's sandwiches. We were having quite a nice chat, when Frederick came back looking as black as thunder, and he said: "I didn't say anything when you left me out of that peal of Royal, Bert, but swiping my sandwiches and holding my young lady's hand is quite another thing!" And the room got as quiet as quiet; honestly, it reminded me of that poem I learnt for prize day about the Burial of Sir John Moore, and I thought they were going to take their coats off to one another, but a fat man came up and patted them both on the back, and said: "Now, lads, we can't have the two best ringers in the county at odds like this. Think of the Exercise!" So then they shook hands, and Bert asked Frederick to stand in a peal of something next Saturday, and Frederick offered him a sandwich, and they were quite friendly for a bit; in fact, when Frederick found that the back lights had gone on the car, Bert offered to run us both home, and he dropped Frederick first, and Mum was at the door, looking out for me; and what with one thing and another, Beryl, I'm afraid she's getting wrong ideas about ringing altogether.' D. R. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES. A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Willenhall, including Ernest Stitch, Samela R. P. Thomas, and Arthur R. Wright.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE. A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Loughborough, including Robin G. Turner, Francis R. Lowe, and Gordon A. Halls.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Thurs., March 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO. A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Leicester, including E. Charles Turner, Redvers F. Elkington, and Herring B. Bowley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE. A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Loughborough, including Hubbard's Five-part Reversed, Dorothy A. Mosedale, and Pamela J. Pearson.

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE. * First peal. † First on eight bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Murfin.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. On Thurs., April 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Willeden, including Ernest H. Kilby, Claudia A. Critchley, and Dennis Knox.

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the fourth. In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

ERITH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST. A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Peal at Erith, including Herbert E. Audsley, Ralph Bird, and George J. Butcher.

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Peal at Feltham, including Richard G. Ouston, Joseph Wm. Cotton, and John R. Mayne.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE. Rung in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR Middleton's. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Peal at Great Bentley, including Edward W. Roast, Patrick W. Saltmarsh, and Joe E. G. Roast.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST. * 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS. A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Peal at Hughenden, including Monica Barrett, Richard E. Dean, and John D. Kape.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes. AT THE PARISH CHURCH. A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Peal at Newchurch, including Sidney Hough, Jun., Derek Taylor, and Denis Mottershead.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD. * 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.



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STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

Table with names and positions: JOHN E. ROOTES (Tenor), ROY STODDARD (5), JEAN A. DARMON (2), CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (6), MARGARET B. MESLEY (3), KENNETH R. DUNSTAN (7), JOAN M. WILCOCKSON (4), STANLEY E. DARMON (Tenor).

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (adapted). Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb

Table with names and positions: M. JILL FISHER (Tenor), JOHN A. ANDERSON (5), CHRISTOPHER WALLATER (2), PAUL J. RIGBY (6), STELLA HUGHES (3), FREDERICK G. HANDLEY (7), ARTHUR R. WRIGHT (4), GEORGE W. HUGHES (Tenor).

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Major. Rung after Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Stafford.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

Table with names and positions: DOROTHY A. ROBINSON (Tenor), FREDERICK PARSONS (5), JAMES W. HAW (2), FRANK NEWMAN (6), LUCY ALLEN (3), HAROLD S. PEACOCK (7), TREVOR BEVIS (4), JOHN H. BLUFF (Tenor).

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 125th peal for Ely Association. This composition is rung for the first time.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Table with names and positions: BENJAMIN GREATOREX (Tenor), BRIAN R. MANNING (5), PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER (2), GORDON A. HALLS (6), ALBERT E. THOMPSON (3), DEREK P. JONES (7), FRANCIS R. LOWE (4), JACK BAILEY (Tenor).

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Table with names and positions: ALAN A. ELSMORE (Tenor), P. GEORGE GOLDER (5), J. DENNIS HOLDEN (2), ERIC E. SPEAKE (6), ARTHUR PRITCHARD (3), DEREK J. TRANTER (7), FREDK. E. WILSHAW (4), HARRY GRIFFITHS (Tenor).

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Table with names and positions: G. RONALD EDWARDS (Tenor), JOHN A. ACRES (5), JOAN K. BROWN (2), PHYLLIS POOLE (6), BRIAN G. WARWICK (3), ERNEST J. JELLEY (7), BRIAN S. CHAPMAN (4), JOHN M. JELLEY (Tenor).

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

In memoriam Mrs. A. B. Lea (mother of J. W. Cotton), of Overseale, who died April 9th, 1957.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt

Table with names and positions: VIVIEN BARNES (Tenor), RALPH HARRIS (5), JOSEPH D. JOHNSON (2), HARRY PLUMB (6), MRS. J. THOMAS (3), PATRICK HARRIS (7), JOHN THOMAS (4), JOSEPH E. NEWMAN (Tenor).

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—April 10th, 1882.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

Table with names and positions: CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON (Tenor), HUGH NEILL (5), ROBIN N. PITTMAN (2), WILLIAM T. COOK (6), SUSAN JACKSON (3), JOHN ARMSTRONG (7), J. DESMOND PAINTER (4), MICHAEL P. MORETON (Tenor).

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 1/2 cwt. in E.

Table with names and positions: SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD (Tenor), J. MARTIN THORLEY (5), ALEXANDER E. MARSH (2), LEONARD DRAKE (6), GEORGE ROBINSON (3), ROY BETTLEY-COOKE (7), PERCY J. JOHNSON (4), BRIAN J. WITHILL (Tenor).

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to welcome home the tenor ringer after service with the R.A.F.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 1/2 cwt.

Table with names and positions: WILLIAM J. BUTTON (Tenor), ALLAN R. BRIDGES (5), MURIEL R. PIPE (2), LESLIE G. BRETT (6), ERNEST S. BAILEY (3), WALTER RUFFLES (7), JAMES M. BAILEY (4), PETER S. BEDFORD (Tenor).

Composed by G. C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † 100th true peal on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Table with names and positions: Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles. TENOR 13 cwt. 12 lb. C. BLAKE (Tenor), WILFRED G. SAUNDERS (3), C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO (2), FRANK C. J. ARNOLD (4).

H. WILLIAM BARRETT (Tenor). Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Blake, son of the treble ringer.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Table with names and positions: Being seven different extents. ROGER LEIGH (Tenor), JAMES WALSH (4), J. BARRY PICKUP (2), DAVID GILBERT (5), PHILIP DUNDERDALE (3), NORMAN SMITH (Tenor).

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the wedding of Brian H. Wood (a former ringer at this church and at Accrington) to Miss J. M. Taylor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
*JEAN A. QUILL	<i>Treble</i>	†JOHN A. ANDERSON	4
†ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
STELLA HUGHES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Wyre, tower captain of Cradley and a ringer at this church for 50 years.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, as follows: (1) Single Court, Double Court; (2) London Surprise; (3) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	<i>Treble</i>	GORDON A. HALLS	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 120's (ten callings) and one 240 Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*JANET J. BROWN	<i>Treble</i>	D. HENRY METTAM	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
WALTER WESTON	3	*JOHN F. WRIGHT	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect and esteem to Mrs. A. Mitchell, for many years a faithful worshipper at St. Denis' Church.

LAMAS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*IVAN G. SMITHSON	<i>Treble</i>	††HERBERT G. SMITHSON	3
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	†D. E. RUST ANDREWS	4

† WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in two Doubles methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung as an appreciation of the services to this church of Mr. Alfred Savage, who has relinquished his duties as vergier, and as a welcome to his successor, Mr. Albert C. Farrow.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	<i>Treble</i>	*WALTER TOMLINSON	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
W. ROBERT PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*FRANCIS G. WILTON	<i>Treble</i>	†MICHAEL B. KEMP	4
†PETER J. SHIPTON	2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
*MRS. F. G. WILTON	3	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Swindon.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 26 methods: (1) Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, Abbeyville and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Duke of Norfolk. Morning Star, College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood, Braitree and Wragby Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Marple and Willesden Delight; (5) Marple Delight; (6) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 31 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 26 methods. 25th peal as conductor.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Baldock Guild.)

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Kent T.B.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*K. PATRICIA HUTTON	<i>Treble</i>	*DAVID SUTCLIFFE	4
EDWIN G. BUCK	2	†COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	JACK S. DEAR	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'
First as conductor in seven methods.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bradfield, of Sandon.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge; (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

PHILIP MEHEW	<i>Treble</i>	RALPH BIRD	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in nine methods on the bells, and the quickest peal of Minor rung in the county.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
DENNIS LAUD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents Reverse Canterbury, six extents and three 240's Grandsire and eight extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*CLIVE WALKLATE (12)	<i>Treble</i>	†DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	5
EDWIN WALKLATE	3	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal, three months after first lesson. † 50th peal for the Association. The conductor: has now 'circled the tower.'

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods, as follows: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Plain-Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure; (2) Hereward Bob, Single Oxford Bob; (3) Single Court, Double Court; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob; (5) London and Wells Surprise; (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	Treble	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	.. 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	.. 5
GORDON A. HALLS	.. 3	DEREK P. JONES	.. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	Treble	BRIAN BLADON	.. 4
*PETER P. BROWN	.. 2	JOHN L. MORRIS	.. 5
†RALPH BIRD	.. 3	PHILIP MEHEW	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 400th peal. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: Two extents each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOHN E. FIDDY	.. Treble	DERICK W. PARDON	.. 4
WALTER C. MEDLER	.. 2	JOHN R. SMITH	.. 5
RAYMOND W. BALLS	.. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal other than Plain Bob. First peal in four methods as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Arthur F. Roberts, on his appointment as Vicar to the vacant living of Horsham St. Faith.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PAULINE F. SPRACKLING	Treble	ALBERT H. HARMAN	.. 4
GEORGE L. GROVER	.. 2	ALAN J. SMITH	.. 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	.. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

* First peal. First as conductor and first in the method.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARTIN CUBBITT	.. Treble	BRIAN BLADON	.. 4
JANET F. SECKER	.. 2	MICHAEL J. ROWE	.. 5
FRANCES E. SECKER	.. 3	ERNEST J. ROWE	.. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

First peal of Surprise by all except the conductor. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung by resident Sunday service band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire, ten extents of St. Martin's and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

*DENNIS GIBSON	.. Treble	†TREVOR BAILEY	.. 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	.. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	.. 5
C. JACK GIBSON	.. 3	‡COLIN SPENCE	.. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal on a hunting bell. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'
‡ First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS	.. Treble	P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	(15) 4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	(13) 2	JOHN F. MURFIN	(14) 5
PETER J. SKINNER	(16) 3	DEREK P. JONES	.. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	.. 1-2	JACK BRAY	.. 5-6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	.. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	.. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT 11, BOWLEY AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	.. 1-2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	.. 5-6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	.. 3-4	JOHN THOMAS	.. 7-8

JOHN A. ACRES .. 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Witness: MRS. P. A. CORBY.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT 100, HINCKLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5555 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	.. 1-2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	.. 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	.. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	.. 7-8

MICHAEL VERNON .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Ballard (mother of the ringer of 7-8) which occurred on the above day.

UPPER NORWOOD, S.E.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 10, 1957, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT 36, BEULAH HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Reverse Bob and Double Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

R. JAMES COOK	.. 1-2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	.. 3-4
WILLIAM T. COOK	.. 5-6		

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* 100th peal.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, June A. Grieverson 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in method as cond.) 3, J. P. Martin (first in method 'inside') 4, Diana M. Gough 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung to congratulate Stella and Ken Knight on the birth of their first baby (Paula Margaret).

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: G. Grant 1, Miss Eunice Overend 2, G. Massey 3, J. Phippen 4, K. Moon 5, D. Robertson 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, L. Fear 8.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Keys (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Miss P. M. Saxton 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, H. W. Stovold (cond.) 5, W. G. Challen 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Nightingale and Lieut. M. Bridgman, R.N.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: G. Grant (first of Triples) 1, P. Harding 2, F. Slatford 3, J. Phippen 4, E. Hitchins 5, L. Hitchins 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, L. Fear 8.

BRISTOL.—On April 3rd, at St. Werburgh's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. J. Freestone (first quarter) 1, S. G. Riches 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. H. True 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: G. Gilbert 1, H. Oglesby 2, Miss M. R. Jaycocks 3, G. W. Limmer 4, P. R. Aslett 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, W. Henley 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Parslow 1, J. E. Rootes 2, Jean A. Darmon 3, T. J. Clark 4, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, S. E. Darmon 8. For Evensong and rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stobbart, wife of the curate-in-charge of St. Paul's.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (on the middle five): J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson (first 'inside of Doubles') 3, R. Briggs (first of Doubles) 4, J. Ling 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. For Evensong.

COWLEY, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Busby 1, L. Busby 2, W. Fern 3, C. Bennett 4, D. Norris (first of Minor) 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to D. Norris.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Jennings 1, Miss A. Miles 2, R. Elliott 3, Mrs. P. Cracknell 4, G. Jennings 5, S. Arnold 6, E. Roberts 7, B. Cracknell (first as cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong on Passion Sunday.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. C. Wells 1, C. Pooley 2, N. J. A. Pumphrey 3, D. W. Pardon 4, R. W. Balls (cond.) 5, W. H. Holdom 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Thetford.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At Christ Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss F. G. Brown 1, Mrs. M. M. Price 2, W. G. Wilson 3, Miss B. Nolder 4, Miss D. Luke 5, Miss J. Scrutton 6, Squire Croft (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, R. Moore 3, C. Moore 4, J. Aldridge 5, A. Freeman 6, D. Freeman 7, E. Freeman 8. First quarter for 2 and 8. For morning prayer.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Mrs. Pauline Spittle (first quarter) 1, J. Hill 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Marjorie Hunter 4, C. W. Munday 5, R. Spittle 6, D. Spittle (first as cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding in this church this day of Ida Phyllis, daughter of Harry E. Good, senior member of the local ringers, to James Hyslop, of the Isle of Man.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Barber 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. E. Head 3, L. E. Etheridge 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. Last 7, W. I. Flatt (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hedley (first of Stedman) 1, C. McGuinness 2, G. S. Deas 3, W. Robson 4, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 5, P. M. Giles 6, E. N. Harrison 7, N. S. Robson 8.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. C. R. Lovett (first quarter) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, F. J. Crappall 4, J. Bennett 5, C. W. Pipe 6. For Evensong.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: P. Cecil 1, Miss M. Davies 2, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 3, B. Branch 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Brice 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Edmondson 1, D. J. Wilsden 2, D. Wellington 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, S. Huckle (cond.) 6, S. Cull 7. Rung in honour of the Rector of Hatfield on his appointment as a Canon of St. Albans Cathedral; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

HAYES, KENT.—On April 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. J. Keech 1, J. W. Smith 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, D. M. Randall 4, R. J. Brown 5, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the father of the fifth ringer, Mr. Henry Brown, who died on March 31st and whose funeral was this day.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLEX.—At St. John's Church, on April 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: E. C. Turley 1, T. G. Bannister 2, W. H. Coles 3, M. Palmer 4, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, A. R. Twinn 6, F. C. Price 7, C. Ashpool 8. In memoriam E. C. S. Turner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss C. Wilson 1, R. Bigus 2, D. Cornwall (cond.) 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. E. Cox 6, J. D. Kape 7, R. Schofield 8.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,320 Bob Minor: E. Dorothy France (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, D. H. White 3, D. Wright 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On April 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Mole 1, E. J. Smith 2, J. Marriott 3, H. A. Massey 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, G. Gregory 6. First of Bob Minor by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Pauline Sprackling (first on 10) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, H. S. Blackett 3, Pat Smees (first of Royal) 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Smith 6, A. S. Harris (first of Royal) 7, B. Hawkins 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. H. Vincent (first quarter, 17) 1, Angela Grainger (first as cond., 18) 2, Anne Spavins (first of Doubles, 13) 3, P. Chandler (first quarter, 16), 4, P. Newing 5, D. A. Wheeler (first quarter, 18) 6. All except Mr. P. Newing are pupils of the Cedars School, Leighton Buzzard.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 120 Chase, 240 Old, 240 Canterbury, 180 Grand sire, 360 Bob): C. Merritt (first quarter, aged 13) 1, M. Brason 2, J. Kightly (cond.) 3, R. Henman 4, A. Ford 5.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. S. Humphrey 1, Violet Relif 2, Maisie Vantom 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, Olive Boulden 6, W. C. Marshall 7, R. Swift 8. First of Bob Major for 2 and 4. For Confirmation.

MERROW, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Joan E. Probert 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane (first as cond.) 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, D. A. R. May 5, L. Bond (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: N. Ann Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, P. Smart (first away from tenor) 4, G. M. Battersby (first as cond.) 5, D. A. R. May 6. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Nancy Kempell 1, Freda Hankey 2, A. R. C. Clarke 3, A. Streeter (cond.) 4, G. Olliver 5, H. Comer 6. For Evensong; also to commemorate that Mr. W. Cheesman first became a full member of the Nutfield band on February 13th, 1906.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old and 300 Bob): W. Richardson 1, H. E. Curtis 2, Miss P. A. Neesham 3, J. E. King 4, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivor J. Dickin, of Blisworth.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker (aged 14) 8. For Evensong.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, L. Dawson (cond.) 5, A. Farrand 6. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Jonathan Pilling, a ringer at this church.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grand sire, 480 Bob): P. A. Bird 1, Hazel Hancock 2, Jill M. Lane 3, R. Collins 4, D. A. R. May (cond., first 'inside' in two methods) 5, Eileen Exall (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Keyte 1, W. Lewis 2, P. F. Coombes 3, L. G. Pittaway 4, E. J. Townsend 5, B. Hall 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, A. Leach 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 1 and 7.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Jean Procter 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, K. R. Foot 3, Barbara Wilson 4, J. Foot 5, Jocelyn Bland 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, A. R. Ling 2, J. Phillips 3, T. H. Francis (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, F. D. Bishop 7, B. L. Taylor 8, B. F. Baker 9, V. Williams 10. For Evensong.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, D. Sweet 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung before Evensong as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. C. Rolls on their ruby wedding (April 9th). Mr. Rolls has been verger at this church for 25 years, and was a sidesman for a previous 25 years.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: M. Stanyon (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Aldridge (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Miss A. Rodwell 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, S. G. Peck 5, R. Motton (first of Triples) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. Rung for Evensong and to mark the 80th birthday of W. J. Bowden, with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 30th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, M. Cubitt 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Also on April 7th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe (first in method, aged 12) 2, B. Bladon (cond.) 3, M. Cubitt 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss R. Dickinson 1, F. A. Adams 2, H. Paddison 3, A. Swift (first quarter) 4, W. Dickinson 5, J. Ford (first as cond.) 6.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: M. James 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Rees 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Bob): Marian Mills (cond.) 1, Heather Stewart 2, I. Cooper 3, P. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Downs.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 7th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 each of Canterbury and Bob, and 60 Grand sire): E. Rudkin 1, T. L. Pendred 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Chase, 360 Old, 180 Grand sire): E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sharpe, esteemed members of the Parish Church.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob, with tenor covering): Ann Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, M. G. Hooton 3, I. N. Pett 4, A. E. Butcher 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, F. F. Bloxham 8. For Mothering Sunday.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Over 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association at Limerick on March 18th. Officers elected were: District chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; District Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Ellis; District secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Bingham; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Hanly. Doneraile was selected for the 1958 meeting and Cherry Cup competition.

Seven teams competed in the Cherry Cup contest for best striking, the judges being Mrs. McCormack, Messrs. D. Benson and F. E. Dukes. Winners were Mount St. Alphonsus 'A' with 20 faults, the perfect open handstroke lead and the excellent rhythm being a delight to listen to. Second were St. Mary's, Limerick, with 47 faults. Other teams competing were Mount St. Alphonsus 'B,' Doneraile, Ballymodan, Cork and Kilkenny. The Mayoress of Limerick (Mrs. Russell) presented the Cherry Cup to Mr. L. Benson for the winners and the attendance shield to Mount St. Alphonsus, Ballymodan and Drogheda each having received 100 per cent. attendance (a full turn out for each Sunday and Christmas Day throughout the year. Eighteen new members were elected and presented with membership certificates.

Unfortunately, a gloom overcame the proceedings due to an accident on the previous day to the Spiritual Director of the Confraternity (Rev. Father Russell), who succumbed later in the day, but by special wishes the proceedings were continued. At the funeral service and at all services during the week the bells were rung half-muffled by the ringers of Mount St. Alphonsus as a token of respect to a much-loved friend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The meeting of the Northern section at St. David's, Brecon, on April 6th was very successful, with some 50 ringers attending. The Rev. C. E. Jones conducted the service, and the address was given by the Vicar (Rev. D. Wilkinson).

At the business meeting, which followed a very fine tea provided by the ladies of the parish, the Vicar presided.

It was with regret that the company heard that through ill health Mr. Ralph Evans Sparkes, now 69, of Builth Wells, had to give up ringing after 52 years as a ringer and as captain of St. Mary's, Builth Wells. Mr. Sparkes started ringing in 1904 when the bells of St. Mary's were recast and rehung. His father, two brothers and a sister were ringers and he learnt the art of change-ringing from the late Mr. T. J. Dickson, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Mr. Sparkes had rung in nine peals, including the longest peal in Wales rung at St. Peter's, Glasbury. He is a life member of the Hereford Guild, apart from a long association with the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The secretary was instructed to send a letter thanking him for his past services to the Guild.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and ladies who prepared tea was moved by Mr. A. House and seconded by Mr. O. King, and a collection for the restoration fund amounted to £1 10s. 6d. Ringing afterwards took place at St. David's and St. Mary's Churches.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,380 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 660 Bob): P. Newing 1, Angela Grainger 2, Phyllis M. Gray 3, Ann Fundrey 4, J. B. Long 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

A SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. George J. Hearn and Miss Lucy E. Slade took place in the Chapel at Stoke Row, near Henley-on-Thames, on April 6th.

Mr. Hearn is foreman of the tower at Checkendon, and his bride also rings. There were over 50 guests, including all the local ringers. Before and after the ceremony handbells were rung at the Chapel door by E. L. Baughan 1-2, M. L. Baughan 3-4, P. Dyke 5-6.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. John Slade, wore white with a full-length veil, and her two bridesmaids, Miss Julie Brown and Miss Ann Winfield, were in pale blue. The best man was Mr. William Slade, also a brother of the bride.

The happy couple are quite well known in the district, and among the telegrams received was one from an absent local ringer, Mr. Roger Green, now serving in the Navy.

Further handbell ringing then took place, in which the bridegroom participated, and later a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles (reported elsewhere) was rung at Checkendon by the local band to mark the occasion.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's and Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, D. Morris 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, E. J. Jelley 4, J. M. Jelley 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter John Rippin and Miss Maisie Burton.

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In April, 1945, Mr. Cheney, of South Wigston, Leicester, had the pleasure of tolling the bells of Bethlehem. It has come to light that Mr. H. Gorton, of the Lancashire Association, had a similar pleasure in February, 1918, whilst he was stationed near there with the 3rd Battalion Light Armoured Car Brigade. Mr. Gorton has been a ringer for 53 years, and his father before him was a ringer for 66 years. No doubt Mr. Cheney could contact Mr. Gorton, who lives at 152, Deane Road, Bolton, when probably each would be able to pass interesting news.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Helmingham was L. G. Brett's 100th on the bells. He has also completed his century at Framsdén. Congratulations to Ernest L. Bailey for the superb way he rang throughout, being 76 years young. The Leiston rhythm is still maintained.

With a view to stimulating local interest in ringing and with the object of getting recruits for the belfry of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, Mr. Richard Newman writes in the parish magazine an interesting article on bells and ringing. The new Vicar (Rev. R. E. Simpson) takes an interest in his bells and the few survivors of the Sunday service band of recent years.

The first of an experimental series of combined practices was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on April 8th. The local captain (Mr. E. J. Lindley) was in charge, and 20 ringers from six towers attended. Touches were arranged in groups of three—rounds, Grandsire and a more advanced method. These included Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Kent. The bells were kept going steadily and an enjoyable evening was spent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Northampton we have received a quarter peal card of a 'performance' in the following 'methods': Graveside Symphony, Clockwinders' Jingles, Churchyard Bob, Queen's Variations and Wayside Charm, supposed to have been rung on April 7th for evening service at St. Edmund's Church. The so-called methods tell their own story.

Definition.—A campanologist is a camper who sleeps in a bell tent!

The ringer of the fourth in the peal rung at Gressenhall on March 15th (page 212) was Samuel H. Waterfield, and not as published.

Philip Walker, aged 14, is the youngest to ring Rotherham tenor (34½ cwt.) to a quarter peal. This was accomplished on April 14th.

The quarter peal at Finchley is forwarded to remind Mr. 'Bill' Norton that the band are still going strong. 'Best wishes, Bill—from the old 'uns.'

Two Norfolk ringers, Mrs. Joyce Callaby, of Scarning, formerly of Gressenhall, and Mr. Frederick Shingfield, captain of the Rockland, All Saints' band, are recovering from prolonged illnesses. To both we offer our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. Bradfield, of Sandon, Herts, climbs the 44 steps at Baldock for practice every Wednesday night at the age of 81. At the beginning of the century he was ringing at Bury St. Edmunds, and did not do any ringing for a long time after coming to Hertfordshire. A District meeting was held at Sandon five years ago and revived his interest. On June 1st an outing will take him, all being well, back to his old home town.

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KENT ANNUAL MEETING AT SEVENOAKS

MAIDSTONE BELLS TO BE RECAST

SEVENOAKS proved to be a popular meeting place for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday, and upwards of 200 members were present. The last visit of the Association to Sevenoaks was in 1924.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan) and the lesson read by Mr. B. Collison, of Tunbridge Wells. The importance of a controlled life in Christ was stressed by the Rector in his address, and he took as a simile a bell under perfect control being rung. The collection was devoted to the roof repair fund of Sevenoaks Parish Church and amounted to £7 8s. 3d.

Mr. John Willis (vice-president) presided at the luncheon held at Bligh's Hotel. Guests included Miss Parrott, vice-chairman of Sevenoaks Urban Council, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge (the Ven. E. E. Maples Earle) and the Rector of Sevenoaks. At the request of the chairman they all extended their greetings to the Association.

Mr. John Willis was also in the chair for the business meeting, and he was supported by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. general secretary), Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. G. H. Spice.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. E. H. Lewis (who was in Scotland), Mr. Bert Luck and Mr. Mark Lancefield (peal secretary).

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report stated two events characterised 1956—the retirement of Mr. F. M. Mitchell and having their president in person at the Association dinner. The work of Mr. Mitchell as hon. secretary and treasurer for 17 years, and later as treasurer, was recalled, and the presence of Dr. Fisher at the annual dinner, which was only the second time that the presidential duties had been discharged by the Archbishop himself, the other being at the golden jubilee meeting in 1930. Dr. Fisher did so with an eager friendliness and with an obvious love for bells and ringers.

MEMBERSHIP.—In 1956, 1,051 practising members paid their subscriptions, a net loss of four. As 183 new members were elected this represented a real loss of 187, being a broad measure of 'wastage.' New members were elected as follows: Ashford District, 26 adults and 5 juniors; Canterbury 20 and 17. Lewisham 28 and 7, Maidstone 19 and 17, Rochester 17 and 4, Tonbridge 9 and 14. During the year Burmarsh, Little Chart, Cudham and Stoneham were added to the list of affiliated towers, and Great Chart, Ruckinge, Herne, Penge, Hollingbourne and Hunton deleted.

DEATHS.—Since the last report the following members had died: F. Crook (Folkestone), A. C. Philpott (Canterbury), J. Walker (Whitstable, formerly Wickhambreaux), I. Emery and E. Horton (Bromley), G. D. Daynes (Deptford), H. Brasher (Lee), J. R. Homewood (Aylesford), W. Manser (Barming), D. T. Hill and S. Shellock (Chatham), W. Leigh (Edenbridge) and G. Edwards (Penshurst). A former committee member until he left the county, Mr. Stafford H. Green died at Tiverton; another old member, W. Shimmans, recently died at Sidcup. He was one of the distinguished Greenwich band at the turn of the century.

Non-resident members who died in 1956 were Benjamin A. Knights (Chesterfield), C. C. Mayne (Harrow), L. C. Wightman (Framsden), J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans) and J. W. Jones (Newport).

Members stood in silence to their memory. Presenting the report, Dr. Hatcher mentioned that Mr. Waddington had collected for publi-

cation in the printed report details of long touches rung for Sunday services. The qualifying length was 720 changes. They had no longer any membership certificates left and he suggested and the general committee approved that members be invited to submit a new design. They welcomed Mr. B. W. May as hon. treasurer and Mr. Mitchell had been made a vice-president.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Collison, seconded by Mr. Walter Dobbie.

HEALTHY FINANCES

The income and expenditure account showed a balance of £143 18s. 9d. (against £140 3s.); the Belfry Repair Fund £199 against £172 6s. 9d., the only grant during the year being £5 to St. Mary's, Bexley; the Tenterden Bellrope Fund £7 5s. 9d. (£5 19s. 3d.); the Benevolent Fund £189 19s. 8d. (£167 9s. 7d.). Total assets of the Association at purchase price were £1,327 5s. 2d. Mr. Arthur Richards proposed and Mr. R. Sells seconded the adoption of the report.

The hon. auditor (Mr. W. L. Rayner) called attention to the cost of the printed reports in the annual accounts. Last year the reports cost £90 and they received back only £17, he said.

The chairman said each copy of the report cost 3s. 6d. to produce and was sold for 2s.

The report of the peal secretary (Mr. Mark S. Lancefield) stated that 116 peals were recorded during 1956, seven more than the previous year. Thirty members rang their first peal, 14 more than the previous year. There were 39 conductors, six more than in 1955, including two 'first as conductor.'

The peals included the first for the Association in Doubles in 13 methods, Dorchester Surprise Major, Fordcombe Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods. In addition to the peals rung for the Association the following were rung in the county by other Associations: Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, two; Universities Association and East Grinstead and District Guild, one each. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. R. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Macey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After the president and vice-presidents had been re-elected, the chairman moved that Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, be invited to become a vice-president. Dr. Hatcher seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation. Accepting the honour, Mr. Barnett said he felt very proud to be elected to the office.

Other officers re-elected and thanked for their past services were: Hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May; trustees—Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis; hon. auditor, Mr. W. L. Rayner. Mr. Tom Cullingworth was elected peal secretary in place of Mr. Mark Lancefield. In thanking Mr. Lancefield for his services, Dr. Hatcher said: 'A more conscientious peal secretary one could never have.'

Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, W. L. Rayner and J. A. Russell were elected to the general committee.

There were five nominations for four vacancies on the Central Council—Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. Hatcher, T. E. Sone and J. Willis. Mr. Willis withdrew his nomination because of the illness of Mrs. Willis and the difficulty of attending meetings. He promised, however, to complete the work he was doing for the Biographies Committee. The members expressed regret at hearing of Mr. S. Willis' indisposition, and expressed their hopes for a speedy recovery. The other four nominees were then elected.

PEAL BOOKING FEE ADJOURNED

A keen debate followed a motion of the general committee that a peal booking fee of 6d. be payable by each ringer taking part in a peal, the responsibility for collection being with the conductor.

The chairman said the necessity for the motion was largely brought about by the fact that for years the printing of peals in their annual report in the form dating from the early 1700's was a very costly business. A charge of 6d. a ringer for peals would bring in £20 to £25.

Opposition was particularly strong from the Tonbridge District, who had not supported the motion. Mr. Peter Bond said he could see no reason for the fee as they were one of the richest Associations in the county.

The hon. treasurer replied that the balance on the general account did not present a true picture, as he had since the account was drawn up paid £17 to 'The Ringing World' for notices. Without a surplus on the general account they would not be able to help the Benevolent Fund or the Belfry Fund.

A member declared that if the motion was passed there would be no peals rung at Northfleet for the K.B.A.

Mr. Collison asked what would happen if only two who rang in a peal paid the booking fee. Would the other six bells have blank names against them in the annual report?

Mr. Knight commented that sixpence for an afternoon's pleasure was not much; it would not be dear at 1s. with another 6d. for 'The Ringing World.'

Eventually, on the proposition of Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Ladd, the matter was referred to the general committee.

Mr. G. H. Spice, former hon. general secretary, congratulated Dr. Hatcher on having the printed report available for the annual meeting and on its attractiveness.

A NEW CERTIFICATE

Dr. Hatcher, reporting on the decision to have a new membership certificate, invited members to submit designs in time for the November committee meeting.

The chairman said there were three dioceses in the area of the Association, and he suggested that the three cathedrals should be incorporated in the design. When he received his certificate the general secretary dated it 1996 instead of 1896.

MAIDSTONE BELLS

The general secretary reported that the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, were to be recast and a steel frame provided. The Mayor had launched an appeal and £3,500 had been raised. The contract had been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and it was hoped to have the job completed by All Saints' Day. The general committee had voted £20 towards the cost.

AN ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. B. Collison questioned the recommendation of the general committee not to hold an Association dinner in 1957.

Dr. Hatcher replied that it was felt by the general committee to be a bad thing to get into the routine of holding annual dinners. If an annual dinner was wanted it should be arranged by the District in which it was held.

Mr. Collison thought it was rather a dictatorial attitude on the part of the general committee to say that a dinner be not held. He moved that a dinner be held, and this was carried by the meeting.

The principle was afterwards accepted that the dinner should be held annually in the district where the annual meeting was held. The arrangements for the 1957 dinner were left to Miss Colgate, of the Tonbridge District.

The thanks of the gathering to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, with a special vote of thanks to Miss Colgate, concluded the function.

THE BELLS OF CASTON, NORFOLK

TWO hundred years ago, on March 10th, 1757, six bells rang out for the first time from Caston tower. We learn of this from a notice in the 'Norwich Mercury' dated March 5th, 1757, and inserted by Roger Tallbot, the landlord of the Red Lion (see 'R.W.', Nov. 23rd, 1956, p. 747), to the effect that he was providing a dinner for the occasion. There was undoubtedly great excitement in the village that day with visiting ringers in the tower, Mr. Tallbot serving dinner in the Red Lion, and, on the green separating church from public house, the village folk gossiping as they listened to their new bells.

The tower had housed bells prior to 1757, but all that is known is that in 1553 there were three and that from 1706 to 1756 there were five.

For the back five of the new ring Caston was a second home. Prior to 1553 and until 1726 there had been a ring of three at West Harling, but in 1726 Joshua Draper, a parishioner, 'had them new runned' (recast) and added two new ones. It is not known who did this work for there is nothing on the bells and at Caston no churchwardens' accounts exist. The old third had borne the inscription 'Virgo coronata due nos ad regna beata,' an inscription used by 15th century Norwich founders, and thus suggesting that some of the metal now at Caston came from Norwich.

By 1756 West Harling tower had proved itself unable to support the weight of its new ring, and the parishioners obtained a faculty to dismantle the tower and spire and sell four of the five bells. However, all five were purchased by Joseph Mallos, an East Dereham founder, who added a treble and hung them at Caston. By 1907 the second had become cracked and was recast by Warners, and together with the other five, which were also quarter-turned, was rehung by Day, of Eye. Minor repairs, which included through bolting the treble and strengthening the frame, were carried out by Bowell, of Ipswich, in 1932.

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Third.—IN LONGUM AEVUM RESONEMUS LAUDES. JOSHUAE DRAPER QUI DONO DEDIT ANN DOM 1726; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Fourth.—Ditto; 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Fifth.—Ditto; 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Tenor.—Ditto; 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Several attempts have been made to form a change-ringing band. The earliest of these were described by the late Mr. E. J. Banham, father of the present tower captain, in an account written in 1909. Referring to the purchase of a new set of handbells in 1867-68, he wrote that although the old set did not belong to the church 'those who formed the company for one have also manipulated the other. The primary purpose . . . of the handbells was as the ringers were in the habit of ringing the church bells periodically and receiving no remuneration, it was thought if a set of handbells were obtained, and the residences of some

of the influential persons visited they would perhaps contribute something for their services rendered in the church tower. Secondly . . . they might become more efficient before trying their work on the church bells for the public to hear.'

Mr. Banham named those who owned shares in 1867-68 and gave complete details of the way in which the shares changed hands. (During the last war the bells were placed in a sale to help the war effort and were bought eventually by the Church for about £3. They number 15 and are in a poor condition and repairs, including some recasting, would now cost £30.)

There follows a description of the band's achievements:—

'Previous to 1875 they rang 5-bell work with the tenor behind; from 1875 to 1899 they rang a course . . . from that time to the present they have only rung rounds with slight changes, but they are desirous of improving their work and have restarted the old course of 6-bell work.' Describing the band's method of learning as useless, the account concludes: 'It would be a great advantage if we could secure a competent man to give a proper system under which to work. The great drawback is, as frequently happens, as soon as a company gets in working order some of it removes from the parish. This disadvantage would be reduced to a minimum if they were educated, as they would then be able to take their place among the company to where they removed, and by other parishes doing the same we might from time to time benefit.'

Between 1909 and 1945 several unsuccessful attempts were made to form a band, but in 1946 when Mr. C. E. G. Banham returned from the war, he set to work and to date has taught 18 people to handle. Of these, six are still ringers.

Fourteen peals have been recorded on the bells. The first, of Bob Minor, was rung by a visiting band in 1912, and the remainder, all of Minor, have been rung since 1946 in from one to eight methods. Unfortunately, an attempt made on the 200th anniversary of the opening came to grief after 70 minutes' ringing because of a shift. The important thing was that the day had not passed unnoticed.

JOHN S. BARNES.

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL BOARDS

After a Confirmation service at St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey, on April 5th, the Bishop of Chester proceeded to the ringing room and there dedicated two peal boards on which are recorded the two peals which have been rung on these bells. The first was in 1875 and the second 80 years later, and was rung for the enthronement of the Lord Bishop.

After the dedication ceremony, which was attended by the local band and friends from the neighbouring tower of Bowdon, the Bishop said he was very pleased to be able to carry out the dedication since it was exactly two years that day that he became Bishop of Chester at a service of Confirmation in York Minster.

Before leaving the tower the Bishop took part in rounds on the ten bells, and thus added a further tower to the list of those in his diocese in which he has rung.

C. K. L.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Ashford District met at Wye on March 30th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Pearce), who welcomed the congregation to his beautiful old church with its fine ring of eight bells. Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ, a position he has so often and so ably filled, and the lesson was read by Mr. Alan Berry.

About 40 people sat down to a generous tea, provided by the Wye ringers and friends. The Vicar was in the chair at the short business meeting which followed, when two new members were elected. Tribute was paid in the traditional manner to the memory of Mr. Charles Tribe, one-time secretary of the District. On behalf of the meeting, Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked all those who had helped to make the gathering such a happy one.

Courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells. Ringing in the spacious and well-kept tower was under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. John R. Cooper), and ranged from rounds to three Spliced Surprises.

C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District at Edenbridge on April 6th was well attended, including a large number of young recruits. As usual, these were well catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. Colin Tester). What a contrast to the old days when learners were kept in the background!

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Graham), who also presided over the meeting at Church House. The local ringers and their wives provided a very substantial tea.

The standard of ringing was quite good, especially the striking in a course each of Superlative and Bristol. Rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich provided a choice for all.

A. F. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch was held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on March 30th, when some 50 members and friends were present. The eight bells were in good use from early in the afternoon until service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Ernest Taylor), who also gave a very interesting address.

Tea was served in the schools, and when full justice had been done to the excellent meal, the business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the Vicar, who repeated the warm welcome he had extended in church. Reference was made to the death of an old and respected member of the Branch, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who was for many years its chairman, and the meeting stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of one who had done much for the Guild. The following new members were elected: Miss Eileen Fern, Michael Martin, Samuel Bradbury, Bernard Burgoyne and James Blowers.

Details of the arrangements for the annual festival of the Guild at Hartford on May 11th were given and the meeting decided to write to Mr. S. Hough, senior, who was in hospital but progressing favourably. The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers, and the ladies who prepared and served tea.

C. K. L.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NOTE TO OUTING ORGANISERS

Dear Sir,—We are approaching the season of outings. I happen to be tower leader at an 8-bell tower, which being on a main highway and easy of access is fairly frequently chosen by organisers of outings. Some write to me in the first place, but quite a few have written direct to the Rector, ignoring the fact that there are such people as local ringers.

Now we have a noisy tower, the subject of vehement complaints from neighbouring residents if there is any ringing outside the usual practice night and service ringing, and the Rector grants permission to ring outside these times very sparingly indeed. In addition, he is inclined to be a trifle absent-minded and forgetful, and sometimes does not answer very promptly.

Last year, after he had forgotten all about a party who had written to him and asked me at very short notice to meet them, I told him that unless he left the correspondence with visitors to me I would not turn up to open the tower, and he has decided that unless I do or vouch personally for the capabilities of visitors he will not permit strangers to ring.

However, the same thing happened again a few weeks ago. A party of ringers from a town relatively near to us applied direct to the Rector, and he forgot all about them until a few days before they were due. Then he told me when I complained of the short notice that he had asked the organiser to get into touch with me. This that gentleman certainly did. On the day preceding their intended visit I had a letter warning me of the hour of arrival!

My heart melted, of course, and in spite of my resolution I turned up to meet the party, at some little inconvenience to myself and my family, I might add, to say nothing of postponing my mid-day meal until nearly tea time. Very mildly I remonstrated with the party, and the excuse was that they did not know my address, an excuse, of course, that courtesy forced me to accept but with the mental reservation that I am not unknown to ringers south of London at any rate; there are such things as Guild reports and, to upset any real attempt at excuse, one of the party was an old friend of mine.

I mention this matter not in any spirit of resentfulness but merely to point out to intending visitors that it is a little inconsiderate to say the least to do such things, and I will say no more as in the world of ringers it is my fervent desire to live in peace and charity with all.

For the benefit of all who contemplate outings this year, may I conclude by calling to mind one great truth that I heard when on a ringing tour some years ago. The band in whose company I was were all competent ringers capable of ringing well even though conditions were not ideal, and they always chose their towers and their company carefully. We were walking down the approaches to a church when one of our party addressed himself to an aged local inhabitant who was seated at his cottage door, and said: 'What sort of a ring of bells have you got here, gov'nor?' 'Ah,' said the aged local inhabitant, 'that all depends on who rings 'em.'—Yours, etc.

EQUUS.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN WALES

Dear Sir,—There are three 4-bell towers in the Swansea and Brecon Guild's area: Llangyfelach, Llangasty, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn. The bells at these towers are being rung for Sunday service.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. HOARE.

Swansea, 5.11.1956

LET IT BE A WARNING!

Dear Sir,—Even if there are times when there are not enough ringers for all the bells in our deanery, there are always plenty of willing helpers when it comes to doing a job of work about the tower or on the bells themselves.

So it was that when the stay of the third bell got cracked Bill Longood volunteered to fit another if the tower would pay for the wood. That was agreed to, and after ringing on Sunday evening he went up into the bell-loft and took the cracked stay for a pattern. Apart from dropping a spanner on to the tenor during the sermon and waking up the whole congregation, all went well.

Early on Monday Bill went round to the timber yard to get a new stay cut out. That was an easy job, but as the wood was a wee bit green he had it cut two inches too long so as to allow for shrinking. He had noted that the old stay just reached the slider and no more. By 4 o'clock Bill had everything finished—the new stay fitted, the bells oiled and the ringing chamber brushed, dusted and all set for practice.

Promptly at 7.30 p.m. a goodly band of ringers had assembled in the churchyard and within moments the door was unlocked, jackets hung on the pegs and ropes neatly coiled ready for a good 'raise.' The first few rounds went well until suddenly there was a loud thud and the third bell dropped out. Quickly all the bells were lowered and, as it turned out, it was as well that they were.

What Bill had not noticed, and what almost every other ringer would have failed to notice, was that there was no more clearance between the axle boxes and the crossbeam than between the axle and the slider. The stay on the third must just reach the slider and no more, otherwise it will catch the crossbeam. That is what had happened. But to make matters worse the cap of the axle box had not been properly fastened, so that when the beam stopped the stay the bell just bounced out of its bearing. Fortunately no damage was done, though if ringing had continued the fourth bell would not have had clearance of the third and both might have been damaged.

Although we got no practice we all had a useful lesson, which I pass on.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in my 'Ringing World' the notes on the Winchester College bells.

I was a small boy at the College in 1918. I used sometimes to ring at the Cathedral, and on Armistice Day it has always been my impression that after ringing at the Cathedral we also rang at the College Chapel. Is this entirely a boyhood dream?—Yours faithfully,

Godstone Rectory, Surrey. K. G. HOARE.

5,000 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—If my friend Bill Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, will once again read the composition 5,000 Stedman Caters by D. E. Parsons ('R.W.', No. 2400, 29/3/57, page 205), he will find that no claim whatsoever was made that to start a peal in this manner is in any way novel or new. What he will read is that this composition was rung for the first time at Beddington on March 9th, 1957.

With regard to the Middlesex Association meeting at Barnes, Surrey, perhaps Mr. Nevil G. Hollingworth will take some comfort in the fact that Mr. Bagworth's views in this matter are not necessarily those of many of us 'Surreyties.'—Yours faithfully,

Croydon.

FRANK E. DARBY.

FIRST QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I comment on a quarter peal report appearing on the back page (p. 240) of the issue of April 12th?

According to the report 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung on the middle five of a ring of eight, with 1, 2 leading all the time and the tenor covering.

It was apparently the first occasion on which the ringer of 1 had rung for this length of time, but can he be justifiably described as having rung his first quarter when what he actually did was strike 1,260 blows at lead *following the same bell (tenor) each time?* I have always understood that the claim of the ringer of a single or first covering bell is allowed solely because he follows changing bells, and to do this properly some knowledge is required of the method involved.

It also appears that the performance was conducted by a non-performer. Is this allowable? In my ringing training the essential characteristic of any conductor has been that he must ring at the same time as calling.

I realise that in this case (as the conductor was not, I believe, a local man) the arrangement was almost certainly made so that the greatest number of locals could ring in a special performance for a special occasion; but can it really be called a quarter peal?—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Seaford, Sussex.

'BATS IN THE BELFRY'

Dear Sir,—Sheer pressure of work has been the real reason for not replying sooner to Nancy Kempell's front page article, 'Bats in the Belfry.' Well done, Nancy, for your worthy literary effort; a very valuable contribution to 'The Ringing World' in its widest and fullest sense.

I tried to say something similar at a Branch meeting a fortnight ago, but did not make such a good job of it as you. I know quite a lot of ladies who go 'bats' on darts and some even on fishing. 150,000 football 'bats' go to Hampden Park; 75,000 rugby 'bats' go to Twickenham; and 45,000 cricket 'bats'—not those wooden ones—go to Lords. And they don't have to ask we Bats from the Belfry.

I have indulged in most sports and pastimes: football of both codes, cricket, athletics, fishing, rowing, following hounds and beagles, walking (once in the Northern Counties Athletic Association 7-mile championship); but at close on 70 there is nothing to compare with 'batting' in the belfry, and the friendships are simply wonderful.

Your summing up, Nancy, was masterly: 'If we do our pleasure and pastime to the glory of God, etc.' It is, or should be, the be all and end all; with all the pleasures and friendships, old and new, given in.

Just two very particular observations, Nancy. (1) Non-'Batters' do know when the ringing is good—and when it is not so good (a bit of firing). (2) Don't say too much against a bit of peal-grabbing; you may have to eat your words; I know one who did. Peal ringing, after all, is the height of ringing achievement, and, if I mistake not, you will want a few to get you there; but carry on with your literary efforts.

'BAT-ER.'

Cheshire.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Mar. 30th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, Miss M. James 2, Miss C. Hall 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, B. Onions (first as cond.) 5, E. Evans 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 5. A wedding compliment for the organist and choirmaster.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Violet Relf 1, W. H. Prior 2, Elizabeth Marshall (first of Triples) 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. P. Tickner 5, W. W. Ring 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for Evensong.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,'

1875-76

REPARATION OF THE RING OF EIGHT AT BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET

Sermon by Rev. Prebendary Clark, speaking of good ringing: 'It involves strength, skill and discipline, perseverance, patience and enthusiasm; and men who excel in these qualities can make their mark in any direction. . . . In 1868 at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green . . . 15,840 changes in 9 hours 12 minutes . . . St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, Yorkshire, 1872, 16,608 changes in 9 hours 50 minutes . . . serving God just as truly as those who sing His praises in the choir . . . go even further and say that they are as much a part of the Church ministry as the ministers of the Church and those who conduct the services at the desk, the altar and the pulpit. . . . In ancient times the bells were baptised and consecrated—first washing, second touching with salt, third anointed with oil and lastly fumigated with incense; these operations signifying the putting away of evil, the salt showing purity, the oil emblematic of the Holy Ghost and finally, the incense of prayer.'

FIRING BELLS

A note, apparently by the Editor: 'In answer to "F. G. B.," there is no rule nor custom about it: it is a bad custom confined to some localities. There is no music nor science in it, and it should be discouraged as an uproarious use of church bells. It is an annoyance to the neighbours and damaging to the bell-gear. On the opening of a new ring a peal is sometimes finished with a few volleys—quite enough, and more than enough, for true lovers of bell music. By all means stop it.'

BELLS FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

'The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's are now making an urgent appeal to the various Livery Companies of the City of London for assistance in supplying the Cathedral with a ring of bells and a set of chimes. Dr. Stainer, the organist, estimates that a ring of bells cast in England would cost about £3,500, the necessary machinery for hanging and ringing them about £500, a smaller set of bells for chimes, cast in Belgium, £1,000, and two large Bourdon bells £1,800. Towards the amount of £6,800 thus required the Dean and Chapter have contributed £250, the Dean £100 . . . St. Paul's is the only cathedral in England, and nearly the only cathedral on this side of the Alps, which does not possess a ring of bells. Placed as it is in the centre of the Metropolis where . . . it is especially called upon to give expression to the Nation's joys or sorrows, it greatly needs such a ring to assist it in the work. Sir Christopher Wren provided a tower to hold a large ring of bells, but for 200 years that provision has not been utilised. . . .

The Editor then adds a note:—

'We reproduce the above from the "Mail," February 11th, altering *peal* to *ring*: and this we do in the hope of being able to induce a more correct way of speaking of a set of bells, which used to be called a "RING OF BELLS." We might produce many proofs if required. The following may be enough for the present. On a bell at Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, we find: "Richard Keene made this Ring, 1662": at Betton, Gloucestershire: "I was added to this Ring 1693." "A RING OF BELLS" is the sign of many public houses.

'In the last century no bells were recast or augmented without a faculty or licence from the Bishop. We have seen many such documents and therein "Ring of bells" is the invariable term. In Brown Willis' MSS in the Bodleian Library is a list of bells cast by Henry

We are indebted to Supt. Claude Rush, of Eye, for the following extracts from 'Church Bells.' Although this weekly periodical only devoted a part of a page to bells and ringers, much of the material is of interest even today. Contributors included Jasper W. Snowdon and C. A. W. Troyte.

Bagley, of Chacombe, date 1732, wherein it is thus recorded: "The said H. B. will cast any ring or rings of bells, etc. He has already cast one ring of ten bells, five rings of eight, twenty-seven rings of six bells, thirty rings of five, etc., etc."

'We might quote more, but we hope these are enough to help on the disuse of the word *peal*, which should be confined to the work done or music produced by a ring of bells.—Ed.'

'RINGERS AND THE CLERGY

Sir,—I think with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe that the clergy ought to take more interest in their ringers than they generally do, instead of looking on them (as some do) as low, worthless drinking fellows, whose company is rather to be shunned than courted. I must allow that there are some (too many) ringers who are not what they ought to be; but it is the round-ringers or BELL-HAULERS that do so much harm. They only think of ringing when paid for it, or treated with beer, etc. They never attempt to master the art of change-ringing, but jumble and jangle the bells about anyhow, their belfries being generally in a most disgraceful state. To remedy this abuse, the clergy must join the ringers, and learn the interesting and beautiful art of change-ringing. They will soon find great pleasure in studying its intricacies, and it will bind them and their ringers in strong bonds of affection. Great reforms have been made where the clergy or the squire have taken the matter up, but much remains to be done. M. A. S. C. Y.'

THE QUEEN INTERVENING TO STOP RINGING

As in other things, so has the Queen set an example to ringers, never to think of ringing, even on the most joyous occasions, when persons are lying on a bed of sickness within the sound of the bells. The day before the opening of Parliament, her Majesty desired that neither the bells of Westminster Abbey nor St. Margaret's might be rung as usual, on account of the severe illness of Lady Augusta Stanley, the Dean's wife.

'A NEW USE FOR CHURCH BELLS

Sir,—As an example of Church principles, as understood in Southport, permit me to inform your readers that merry peals were rung during Ash Wednesday at Christ Church, the alleged object being to celebrate the signing in London of the contract for a new sewer!—DISGUSTED. Southport, March 6th.'

RINGING IN THE SEWAGE!

From the 'Liverpool Mail,' March 11th. 'Wednesday, the 1st inst., marked the completion of arrangements regarding the acceptance and signing of the sewage contracts. In honour of the event the bells of Christ Church rang merry peals throughout the day. Being Ash Wednesday, this "highly indecorous act" aroused the attention of those who were disposed to pass the day in prayer and fasting, and called forth a letter to a local priest, couched in anything but terms of Christian love and forbearance.'

[The above occurrence was a most disgraceful proceeding; enough to disgust every right-

minded Christian. We consider the parish authorities most blameable, and they will be doing no more than their duty if they exclude from the belfry in future every man who pulled a rope in those peals.—Ed.].

'OUR RINGS OF TWELVE AND THEIR CONDITION, 1876, by Jasper W. Snowdon, Ilkley, near Leeds.'

This is an interesting schedule of 24 rings, giving the church, the town, weight and note of tenor, date of opening, first and last peals rung (date, method and number of changes and the condition of the ring in 1876). I note that tenor weights are between 15 cwt. (Quex Park) and 54 cwt. (York Minster), and notes range from F downwards to B. The greatest number of changes shown is 7,126 (St. Peter's, Norwich), Stedman Cinques; and it looks as if St. Bride's, London, was the earliest—1719—first peal January 19th, 1724, Grandsire Cinques. But in a footnote Mr. Snowdon showed that the first ring of 12 ever completed was the York Minster ring, augmented to 12 in 1681 and recast to ten in 1765—those ten destroyed by fire in 1829. There used to be 12 at Christ Church, Spitalfields, but fire destroyed them in 1836. Then Mr. Snowdon goes on to say that with his friend, Mr. R. Tuke, he proposed to compile a publication full of information of 12-bell towers, with illustrations of all the churches, and he asked readers for information.

A correspondent, signing himself 'TRUTH,' takes Mr. Snowdon to task over the schedule, saying he is 'sorry to believe it is a very incorrect account,' and goes on to give notes of tenors different from Snowdon's account.

As one might expect, Snowdon soon replies, saying that he did not wish to argue, but notes given were not expressions of his own opinion: they were taken from the works of Shipway, Hubbard, etc., and from societies' peal returns. He says: 'I know that there are no more indefinite quarrels than those of musical people,' and he ends: 'As regards the Halifax tenor (25 cwt., D sharp) I had its note given to me by the ringers when I was ringing there lately, and consider that if the bell is nearer D than E, it is preferable to call it D sharp rather than E flat.'

Now comes Jno. Harris with a contribution—argument for Snowdon and for 'TRUTH,' adding that he intends to publish a history of 28 rings of 12, with tenors between 15 cwt. (Quex Park) and 87 cwt. (Bradford Town Hall) and giving their notes in one column and concert pitch notes in another, which show that concert pitch is usually a semitone flatter than the note given in the other column but sometimes a whole note flatter. The Bradford Town Hall ring was shown as 'not pealable' and the tenor note as A (concert pitch, A flat), diameter 6ft. 5½in.

(To be continued)

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OBITUARY

MR. R. NARBOROUGH

The death took place recently at West Bridgford of Mr. Ralph Narborough, who for a number of years rendered conspicuous service to ringing in Nottingham. He was born in 1892.

Mr. Narborough began his ringing career at Wisbech and this was followed by experience gained at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. On arriving at Nottingham he joined the company of St. Mary's and became a member of the Midland Counties Association and of the Society of Sherwood Youths in 1930. On the death of Mr. Albert Coppock in 1938 he was elected Master of the Sherwood Youths, and held this office until forced to retire through ill health in 1948. He was Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Nottingham, from 1938 until the bells were dismantled for safety during the war.

His peals numbered approximately 175, of which he conducted 39. Of these, 37 were on handbells. His last tower-bell peal was of Triples, which he conducted, and was rung to mark the installation of Lord Trent as first Chancellor of Nottingham University. He also rang in the first peals of Erin Triples (at Sutton-on-Trent) and Caters (at St. Mary's, Nottingham).

Mr. Narborough in his younger days served on the Central Council from 1913 to 1923 as representative of the Peterborough and District Association.

MR. FREDERICK E. WILSON

The Leicester Diocesan Guild is the poorer by the death of Mr. Fred Wilson, at the early age of 54, following a cerebral thrombosis.

He retired from the Leicester City Police Force on completing 25 years' service and had since been in civil employment. He was a member of the Leicester Cathedral band for about 25 years, and six or seven years ago he was induced to take charge at Aylestone Church in the city on the installation of a newly-augmented ring of eight. He had virtually to train a band of raw recruits, which he did with infinite patience and much credit. He was a founder member of the National Police Guild and for many years had acted as auditor.

A competent handbell ringer, Mr. Wilson had also organised, trained and brought to outstanding merit a team of tune ringers who were in great demand for social functions and were

auditioned by Carrol Levis. The funeral service was held at the Leicester Crematorium on April 3rd, and many ringers were present. On April 11th a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral in his honour, using the same composition as that for the first peal on the new ring of 12 on the day they were first rung for the Coronation of King George V in 1937, and in which he took part.

He had rung close upon 90 peals, including a police peal of Stedman Cinques. He was a kindly, quiet and unassuming man, and leaves a widow (who also rang with him) and a daughter to mourn their loss. He will be greatly missed by them and by a wide circle of friends, who extend their sympathy to his bereaved family.

H. G. J.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Ernest Turner has left a gap in ringing circles which will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. He was in almost every sense of the word one of the greatest ringers the Exercise has known, and if his achievements are studied he equalled and sometimes surpassed anything we have seen.

In every field of ringing, whether it was composing, conducting, serving his Association, teaching and encouraging less proficient ringers, or as a companion helping to make a social occasion a success, he was a wonderful man. His humour was infectious, and even after months of serious illness, which it was sad to see, it was a pleasure to talk to him. It seemed almost ironical that on Friday, April 5th, when he was taken for the last time to his parish church, it should be such a beautiful day when such a dark cloud hung over so many ringers who knew and loved him as a friend.

Like all really great characters, he was extremely modest, never seeking or expecting praise or publicity for any achievement, however outstanding this might be. Fortunately, when serious illness overtook him, and the weeks turned to months and months to years, his devoted wife Winifred was at his side every moment it was possible. Fortified by this, he was to become, in addition to a most lovable character, one of the bravest. Any sadness we feel at knowing that we may never see his like again will be tempered by remembering with thankfulness the example he set by his life and work.

W. H. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD North Eastern District

The fourth annual meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Chester-le-Street on April 13th, when over 40 members and friends attended. During the afternoon and evening a variety of standard methods and Surprise methods was rung, including a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Appleton), who gave the ringers a very sincere welcome. Tea followed the service, and the vice-president said how pleased they were to see the Canon so much improved in health after his recent illness. Miss D. M. Killingley gave a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the organist. Miss E. Softley thanked the ladies for preparing an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. C. McGuinness was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. C. N. Lea hon. secretary, and Miss E. Softley as Ringing Master. A change was made in the Central Committee and also the District Committee: Mrs. D. Bayles, Miss M. Capey, Miss D. M. Killingley and Miss J. B. Softley now form the District Committee, and Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson the Central Committee. Three new ringing members were elected.

Yorkshire District at Hunslet

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire District took place at Hunslet, Leeds, on March 30th. Ringing commenced at 4.15 p.m. due to the unusually large number of weddings that day. The belfry was crowded until tea time, and the eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. Cups of tea were kindly provided in the nearby school by some young folk.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. P. M. Thorley; hon. secretary, Miss E. A. Wardill; committee—Miss M. Rhodes, Mrs. O. Whitehouse, Miss S. M. Schofield and Mrs. M. H. Schofield. Three new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. Two young honorary members have been provided for the Guild, during the last year, by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thornley, of Leeds. Votes of thanks closed the meeting, and further ringing took place.

E. B.

North-West District

Members of the District paid an early visit to the seaside this year when a joint meeting with the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Southport, on April 6th. Full use was made of this very pleasant ring of eight bells, and some of the ladies also found time to take advantage of the excellent shopping facilities nearby, as well as the sunshine and sea breezes.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Pickering, M.A.) who, in his address, stressed the importance of rhythm in bellringing. After an excellent tea, served in the Church Schools, the ladies held their business meeting, at which one new member was elected. The next meeting of the District was fixed for August 31st, when it was hoped to visit either Chester or Macclesfield. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, local ringers, those who helped to prepare and serve tea, and last but not least, to the secretary of the Wigan Branch, Lancashire Association, Miss M. Ridyard, for all she had done to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The many-coloured fairy lights twinkling in the trees bordering the main shopping street made a very pretty sight as members wended their way homewards after a very pleasant day.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

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Mrs. Winifred Turner wishes to thank the many kind friends who have sympathised with her in her bereavement, and is sure that they will understand that it may be some time before she can reply to them all individually. 104

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Report for 1956 has been published. Contents include peals rung during the Central Council meeting and 53 different compositions. Copies, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained from B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 106

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK.—A valuable guide to every secretary and tower captain. Contents include: Aims, History and Procedure of the Council; Rules and Decisions of the Council; Active Committees of the Council and their work; Law affecting Church Bells; past and present officers and members since 1956; past and present affiliated societies. Price 2s. 6d. from Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Hall View, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual tour, 1957.—Yorkshire and Lancashire, July 28th to August 17th. Further details from A. E. Hartley, Hon. Sec., Shoreditch College, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. New members welcome. 114

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me by Thursday, 25th.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield. 92

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 27th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. General meeting 6, St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 80

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Yeovil, Saturday, May 4th. Train, Waterloo, 9 a.m. Ringing at Yeovil, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch at 1.30. Meeting in School Rooms 2.30. Ringing at Queen Camel 3.30 to 4.30 and at Sherborne Abbey 4.30 to 5.30. Return train from Yeovil 7 p.m. Names for lunch, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil.—A. B. Peck. 46

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting at Heptonstall, Yorks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 1st, to G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs.—F. Pritchard. 132

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Kirkella, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. S. Rank, 24, Fairfield Avenue, Kirkella, Hull. 130

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at the Glebe House Tea Rooms 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 120

DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Afternoon: St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), and R.C., Blackhill (8) (if available). Evening: Consett (8). All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. R. Worsdall, Hatfield College, Durham. 93

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. Meeting at Embleton on Saturday, May 4th. Persons going by private bus meet Bewick Street (opposite Central Station) at 2.15 p.m. Bring own picnic tea. 112

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 88

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Haresfield (6) on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Notify by April 30th.—Hubert Matthews, 2, Green Street, Haresfield, Stonehouse. 102

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 38

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Knighton on Saturday, May 4th. Inform secretary of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 108

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Bushey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and **HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Cranbrook. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 62

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, May 1st, to Mrs. C. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. Note: Service half-an-hour earlier.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 49

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting. All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 30th, please, to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford. All ladies welcome—gentlemen invited. Good attendance, please, to elect secretary.—Olive Barnett, Acting Hon. Sec. 98

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Old Basford, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd, please, to Mr. H. E. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Notts. 111

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Melling 2.30 to 4 p.m., and Hornby after tea on Saturday, May 4th. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hornby. Names to T. Fisher, 19, Main Street, Hornby.—Eccles, Sec. 133

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by May 1st Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton.—M. E. Ridyard. 110

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to G. E. Brumpton, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 91

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, April 27th, to J. H. Musson, 3, Cornish Units, Gorse Lane, Silk Willoughby, near Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 77

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Norwich. Bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles and St. George, Colegate, available 1.30 to 4 p.m., and after business meeting up to 9 p.m. Service, St. Peter Mancroft. 4.15. Address by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea 5. Chantry

Hall. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Bells of St. John de Sepulchre, Ber Street Gates (8), and St. Miles, Coslany (8), will be made available to complete companies on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, or at St. Peter Mancroft on the day of meeting. 28

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Meeting at Garsington, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to A. J. Adams, 166, Cricket Road, Oxford. 58

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, BEDS ASSOCIATION & PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Olney, Bucks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Orders for tea by April 29th, please, to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Street, Olney, Bucks.—Phyllis Gray, G. F. Roome, R. H. Howson, Secs. 68

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranford, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Cranford, near Kettering.—S. R. Collins, Branch Sec. 74

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guiltsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 109

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 30th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 73

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devezes Branch.—Meeting, Chirton (5), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Marden (5) and All Cannings (5) available after tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 99

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 119

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Southwell, Saturday, May 4th. Minster bells 2 p.m. Evensong 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Trebeck Hall for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell. Business meeting following tea. Farnsfield bells available 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.—J. W. Raithby. 84

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. F. J. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom. The special business at the meeting includes the committee's report on a striking competition.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Halesworth, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 2nd, please, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 97

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 4th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 1st, and nominations for Master—both to R. W. R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 83

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by May 1st.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 126

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 6th, 7.30 p.m., practice, St. Mary, Lambeth. Saturday, May 11th, general meeting, Christ Church, Southgate (10), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in Walker Hall. Further ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. 96

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Galleywood (8), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 59

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Branch.—Crusader meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Vale, 8, Grove Cottages, Chigwell Row, Essex. 121

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham with Stoke D'Abnorn on Saturday, May 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Stoke 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Cobham 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should be sent by May 7th, please, to Miss Ann Moore, Chipings, Icklingham Road, Cobham. 129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 105

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Marham (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marham. 125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 116

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet, Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 7th, without fail, to Mr. T. Whiston, Stone Cottage, Abbots Road, Hodnet, Salop. 122

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Annual meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec. 113

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Saturday, May 11th. Postponed from May 4th. Usual arrangements.—Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport, I.W. 127

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available: Parish Church (10), 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m.; Almondbury (8), 2 to 4 p.m. Bus No. 30-33 from near Parish Church. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mrs. W. Littlewood, 26, Kingston Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Very important business includes a motion affecting the annual subscription rate and ancillary matters which will come up for discussion and settlement. A large and representative gathering is specially requested.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 65

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Further details later. A dinner will be held in London on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets, price 15s 6d., available from District secretaries. Please apply now as supply limited. 101

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