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A YOUNG WIVES' TALE

TOM started it. He and I were cycling from college. He was a committee member of a youth club, and as such had to arrange a talk for one Sunday evening. 'Could you give a talk on bellringing?', he asked. 'I could,' I replied, 'if you are really short.' When we arrived at 'digs' we talked about it still further and Tom mentioned it to the landlady. 'You can give a talk to my Young Wives as well,' she said.

'Steady on,' I cautioned, 'wait until you hear what the talk is like. You may not wish to hear me.' However, the landlady must also have had some difficulty in arranging 'entertainment' for the Young Wives, of whom she was in charge, because she next asked me which of three dates was most suitable.

I chose the latest and then set to work. Some reading was first necessary. I have always felt that 'Standard Methods—Diagrams' was not the most suitable basis for a general talk. The library was well stocked, and besides being able to read 'The History and Art of Change-Ringing' I could have studied 'Legends of the Bells,' 'Church Bells of Lancashire' and carillon ringing. First I borrowed as many books as I had library tickets, and then I borrowed more library tickets. The problem of what to say had now changed to what not to say. The books were used since most contained photographs of bells being cast, hung or rung.

With all this material in front of me I sketched out a framework of the talk, and decided I would need handbells, a model bell and gramophone records. The handbells were borrowed quite easily and after some queries I was able to borrow a model bell. The records were more difficult to find. I mentioned the difficulty to the landlady. 'We have some at church,' she replied. Apparently her church was one where the congregation heard bells ringing each Sunday, but the church had neither bells nor tower.

The 'words and music' were now arranged and only the problem of 'musicians' remained to be solved. Not being over proud of my abilities or knowing many ringing friends who would willingly demonstrate to Young Wives, I asked Tom and his friend Geraldine to help. We practised call changes, Plain Hunt on six bells and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. Tom and Geraldine played from 'music,' which may have spoilt the rhythm a little, but I think it was worthwhile since they had little time to practise and the 'music' gave them some confidence. Tom learnt the Cambridge chimes and a few hymn tunes to demonstrate the use of Ellacombe hammers. Lastly, we learnt five short songs which we thought would be easily recognisable. An important point, since the audience feels it has achieved something if it recognises a tune. In our case, as we had such little practice, I felt inclined to agree with this sentiment. After three or four Saturdays' practice we were ready.

Before the talk, my landlady said: 'I've invited some of the Mothers' Union. I hope you don't mind. And I have asked the Vicar to come. We'll use the big hall.' These remarks were no doubt intended to be reassuring but merely increased my nervousness. The Tuesday evening came, and Tom, Geraldine and I went along early to get things ready and check the records. I had already used the gramophone to reduce the number of hitches.

About ten minutes before the talk the audience started coming in and chatting amongst themselves. With five minutes to go they began to take their places. 'It's a bit early,' I thought, and looked up to see whether many more were to come. To my surprise I saw that most of those seated had taken out their knitting. This I found most disconcerting. Would they continue knitting right through my talk or just when they were bored, I wondered. Neither possibility appealed to me. Eight o'clock and time to start. 'Well, ladies,' the landlady said, refusing to recognise the presence of the two gentlemen in the audience. The knitting was put away as I was introduced.

I stood up to start and looked at the 'Young Wives.' It was quite frightening. They all looked at me, looked intelligent and keenly interested. 'As a mere male,' I began, 'it is with some trepidation I begin a talk to a group of Young Wives.' The talk continued and was interrupted by the landlady around nine o'clock when I had only the tunes to play. We had a break for tea and biscuits and questions, and I then chatted to those who were kind enough to still wish to speak to me. The evening was rounded off with the few easily recognisable tunes.

Whether the evening was successful is not for me to say, but I can say not one of them took out their knitting.

P. E. P.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Five course block. Tenor 42 cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	PETER LAFLIN	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	9
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	REGINALD WOODYATT	11
*GERALD C. HEMMING	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Treble Twelve on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	6
GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
JOHN NELSON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
JOHN ROBERTS	4	JOHN E. SPICE	9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* 50th peal together.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*MURIEL R. PIPE	*Treble*	*RONALD G. BUGG	6
*CHARLES E. FISHER	2	CECIL W. PIPE	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	*WALTER RUFFLES	8
†IVAN COOPER	4	*EDWARD E. DAVEY	9
RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	5	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. W. J. Button has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PHYLLIS POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 600th peal on tower bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	†JOHN H. ALLEN	6
*P. GEORGE GOLDER	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
†JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
†PAUL J. RIGBY	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	9
KENNETH W. KNOWLES	5	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM D. CROFTS. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal in the method and on ten bells

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	PETER T. HURCOMBE	5
WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	3	PETER BAKER	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	JOHN TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
First peal of Triples in the method for all except the conductor.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL LOW	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*A. YORK-BRAMBLE	*Treble*	FREDK. W. BURNETT	5
*†ROGER BALDWIN	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
‡ROBIN G. LEALE	4	*JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	†PAMELA J. PEARSON	5
*EDWIN WALKLATE	2	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	BRIAN R. MANNING	7
JOHN F. MURFIN	4	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. C. N. Lavender.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	6
J. HENRY GARDNER	3	JOHN HARRIS	7
CHARLES COLES	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to mark the Queen's birthday, the Feast of St. George, and the birth of a great grandchild to W. H. B. Wilkins.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 IMMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in this method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank G. Bloomfield and Miss Gwen I. Rusby, married at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on Easter Monday.

IMMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
38-14-56-36-14-58-12-58. 2nd place lead-end, 4th place Bob.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

RUTH M. K. HOW	*Treble*	PETER R. SANDERS	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
*DERMOT J. ROAF	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

A compliment to the local captain, Mr. Harry Clark, on his 50 years' membership of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

EDMUND P. CROWDY	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	2	KENNETH LAWSON	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 2).
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	HENRY J. WHEATLEY	5
ARTHUR T. SHOREY	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	6
*RAYMOND W. SELBY	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
†REV. ALBERT WEBB	4	*J. ALFRED SELBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells † First peal of Triples.

Rung in thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR S. READE	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
ANTHONY A. UPTON	2	ARTHUR T. SHOREY	6
ALFRED C. MORRIS	3	CLARENCE R. STEED	7
WILLIAM H. MALE	4	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Moxon, who was inducted on March 9th.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THANET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	TOM CULLINGWORTH	5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
RALPH BIRD	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Michael Stephens and Mollie Thursby, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

In memoriam Wilfred Booth, of Heathfield.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

TERENCE J. MILSOM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD HARBOUR	*Treble*	JOHN E. BEAMS	5
RALPH C. SPITTLE	2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	6
*ARTHUR S. BESANT	3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	7
WILLIAM PARROTT	4	DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Hill and Marjorie Hunter, both members of the local band.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (POCAHONTAS MEMORIAL),
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
RONALD E. CONSTANT	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	RICHARD C. CONSTANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*NORMAN G. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. BAKER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Rutland.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	2	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	7
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, whose wedding took place on Tuesday, April 23rd.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	GWILYM SALMON	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
DAVID HOARE	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MARION S. CAPEY	*Treble*	*KENNETH LAWSON	5
*EDMUND P. CROWDY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
*PETER M. GILES	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Superlative.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

MRS. MARY KENYON	*Treble*	HAROLD OWEN	5
*NORMAN TOMKINS	2	JOSEPH OWEN	6
MAURICE THOMAS	3	*PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ernest Wright, Vicar of St. George's, who leaves for Birkdale, Southport, and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the casting of the bells by Rudhall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*GEORGE V. BUXTON	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	4
*RODERICK W. PIPE	2	*ROBERT F. DOWNING	5
*BRENDA E. FREEMAN	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in five methods.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Childwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
Rung to welcome Penelope Jane Thorley.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 of Morris' and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	*Treble*	DAVID TOLLEY	4
JEAN HUTTON	2	ALBERT E. JONES	5
DESMOND FERGUSON	3	GEORGE COTTERILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.
Rung for the Easter Festival and for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT ALLCOCK	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	4
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	JOHN COUZENS	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID F. WELHAM	*Treble*	WALTER F. DOWNS	4
*HEATHER G. STEWART	2	PERCY W. MILLS	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods, being one extent each of (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham and Stamford; (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (5) York and Durham; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich, with 84 changes of method. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

MRS. G. MANCHIP .. .. *Treble* | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
*KEITH B. GOOD .. .. 2 | WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 3 | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than seven Surprise methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen, in honour of St. George's Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Keith Good.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor [illegible] cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

*DOREEN DUTTON .. .. *Treble* | ROGER GATISS 4
ALFRED DRAPER .. .. 2 | BRIAN ORMESHER 5
ROBERT LARKEY .. .. 3 | RONALD KENRICK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.

* 75th peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE .. .. *Treble* | IRVIN SLACK 4
*OLIVE M. GRAY .. .. 2 | SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 5
MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY .. .. *Treble* | †STANLEY JENNER 4
*ISOBEL INMAN .. .. .. 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3 | PETER N. BOND.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

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

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and to W. L. Tidy, eldest son of the treble ringer.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON .. .. *Treble* | AVRIL THACKRAY 4
ANNE E. AMOR .. .. .. 2 | STEPHEN IVIN 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES.. .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KEITH FLEMING.. .. .. *Treble* | COLIN PAYNE 4
SHEILA DUFFIN .. .. .. 2 | ALAN SMITH 5
IRIS WALKER .. .. .. 3 | ROY WARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SMITH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard Stephens and Mary Fuller and Michael Stephens and Molly Thursby.

Rung by Young Ringers of Bedfordshire.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*F. A. KEITH PRIME .. *Treble* | ‡DENNIS G. MILLER 4
†‡GEOFFREY R. MARCHANT 2 | CECIL T. CLARKE 5
JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 3 | RONALD D. SHORT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 120's each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. *Treble* | ROGER E. HOLLAND 3
DAVID J. WRIGHT .. .. 2 | MICHAEL F. AMOS 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Voller and Mr. Robert Clayden.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and April Day, and seven 120's each of Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

RONALD C. BURNS .. .. *Treble* | TERENCE BARTON.. 4
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. 3 | LESLIE B. DOBBIE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal in nine Doubles methods by all the band.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3—4 | VIVIEN BARNES .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells on 1–2.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1957, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. 1—2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. .. 3—4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal in four methods 'in hand.'

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Rowlinson 1, H. J. Wilde 2, C. F. Bonnett 3, D. Stride (first quarter) 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Butcher 6. First in method for 1 and 6. For Matins.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. W. Day (first 'inside') 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Anthony Hougton and Beryl Cavill, who were married at Asfordby on Wednesday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Priscilla Cairns (first quarter) 1, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 2, J. T. Symonds 3, P. J. Jackson 4, John Hayns 5, A. J. Wellstead 6, H. H. Hayns 7, B. Piper 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss C. B. Clayton (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. S. Gatty 3, D. Ogden 4, N. Bennett (first as cond.) 5, A. Allott 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, P. D. Wells 2, O. Castleman 3, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 4, A. W. Skinner 5, N. O. Abel 6, C. Lynch 7, E. Bass 8. For Evensong.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. James' Church on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, Miss P. Derrick 2, G. Carse 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung half-muffled for Palm Sunday.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, D. W. Davies 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother and to the conductor's daughter, Valerie Ann.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, Mrs. F. Watts 2, F. Watts (first quarter) 3, Miss A. Raynor 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (first as cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Norris (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, P. Nash 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Hayter (first of Triples) 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. For Evensong.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Betts (first of Triples) 1, S. Osborne 2, Miss P. Hollaway 3, Miss P. Hart 4, J. Taylor 5, E. Busby (first as cond.) 6, H. Osborne 7, I. Padley (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Outhwaite 1, J. Pannell 2, N. Martin 3, D. Manger 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Haigh 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, Mrs. D. A. Bayles 3, F. Sheraton 4, J. W. Robson 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, S. C. Walker 8. For Evensong by the local band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Hulme 1, Sheila Percival (first 'inside') 2, Jill Mayes 3, A. Dilley 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Ronald Percival and Hildegarde Kurpjuhn, married at this church the previous day.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. E. Cobb (first of Surprice) 1, Monica Fray 2, R. F. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 5, M. J. Horseman 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On April 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. H. Coles 1, J. B. Sansom 2, G. W. Morris 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Barbara Thrush, a member of the local band, to Mr. Harry Watson.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, F. J. Burlingham (first on eight) 2, C. F. W. Phillippo 3, A. G. Harrison 4, A. Cook 5, H. Moss 6, C. Catchpole 7, T. C. Ford (cond.) 8. Specially rung during the Easter festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mary Prophet (first quarter) 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, G. S. Dean 3, T. Sewell 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, N. H. Hewett 7. For the joy of Easter and a compliment to the tenor ringer on his recent engagement.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Richardson 1, J. Clark-Maxwell 2, F. A. Barker 3, M. Carter 4, B. J. Willis (cond.) 5, A. J. Warren 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Andrew Clark-Maxwell, born April 26th, 1957.

GLOUCESTER.—On April 5th, at St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): L. Barry 1, Miss C. Eustace 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, G. Green 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 changes: Audry Deacon (first quarter) 1, A. N. Robinson 2, N. Matthews 3, E. E. Breed 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Miss N. Tromans 2, H. Shilvock 3, J. H. Cox 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, W. Pickering 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. Rung to commemorate the visit to the borough of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Burley (first quarter, 17) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin (17) 2, Judith Funnell (15) 3, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond., 19) 4, A. C. Goldsmith (18) 5, F. H. Beeney (18) 6. For Evensong by some of the teenage ringers of the combined towers of Hellingly and Hailsham.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, C. J. Young 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (on the back six): R. Maher 1, Eileen Hudson 2, A. Crabtree 3, G. S. Mills 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, C. S. Taylor 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Payton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, M. J. Rowe 3, R. Newman 4, B. J. Willis 5, H. M. Williamson 6, A. W. Butler (cond.) 7, J. C. Rigg 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 28th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 3, J. C. Rigg 4, C. A. Hughes 5, D. R. Randall 6, C. W. Ottley 7, L. Batley 8. Rung as a farewell to Harold Randall, organist and choirmaster of this church.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,380 Bob Doubles: Julie Annison (first quarter) 1, R. Tungate 2, P. Adcock 3, F. C. Goodman (cond.) 4, H. J. Hall 5. Rung half-muffled for beginning of Holy Week.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. Downing (first quarter, aged 9) 1, C. F. Jukes 2, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 3, F. E. Jukes 4, M. Wright 5, Dorothy Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, H. Morgan (aged 74) 8. For evening service.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob: N. Watson 1, Mrs. E. M. Peachey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Miller 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to honour the Queen's birthday.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. H. Winch 1, Patricia Smee (first of Surprise) 2, H. V. Young 3, A. S. Harris (first of Surprise) 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith 8.

LIMERICK, EIRE.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Joyce Foster (first quarter) 1, G. H. Ellis (cond.) 2, C. Foster 3, T. T. Marsden 4, G. W. Galbraith 5, G. Bingham 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam Josiah Morris.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Major: Eileen Fearn (longest length) 1, J. Fernley (cond.) 2, Carol Fernley (first 'inside') 3, Shirley Harris 4, Mrs. J. Fernley 5, D. Knights 6, B. Harris 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTON, GLOS.—On April 14th, 1,280 Spliced Major (640 each of Plain and Little Bob, with 47 changes of method): W. Newman 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, Mrs. S. Marshall (first of Major) 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, C. A. Wratten 6, T. Borcham 7, D. J. Marshall 8. Before Evensong.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: B. Grainger 1, Anne Amor 2, Jennifer Davies 3, J. B. Long 4, P. J. Shipton (cond.) 5. First quarter of Reverse Canterbury on the bells and by all the band. Rung after peal attempt had failed.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 360 Grandsire, 240 Canterbury, 240 Bob, 240 All Saints): Miss J. Cotton 1, N. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. W. Grice 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. For Evensong, and in memoriam Mrs. A. B. Lea, mother of J. W. Cotton and grandmother of Miss J. Cotton and Norman Cotton.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, J. Sutton 2, L. Nice 3, E. Nice 4, G. Hunt 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Easter Day, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Abrahams 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Mrs. J. Harris 3, Miss A. Bacon 4, Miss M. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, F. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Mrs. W. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Hickton 7, R. Newsum 8.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On April 28th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Bob Minor): W. Shute (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wright 2, A. E. Woods 3, J. Powesland 4, W. Whatmore 5, E. Chant 6. For St. George's Day service. Also at St. James' Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Croft (first quarter) 1, A. E. Woods 2, W. Shute (cond.) 3, J. Foot 4, W. Whatmore 5, J. Morgan 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Godfrey, a Sunday service ringer, on her engagement.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Easter Day: 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Scott 1, E. J. Townsend 2, Miss S. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Clifford 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, Miss J. Clark 6, W. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. Izod 8. First quarter for 1, 4, 6, 8. Rung by local service ringers for Evensong and a 63rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Mate 1, A. H. Painter 2, P. Wakefield (first quarter) 3, W. F. Smith 4, B. Wakefield (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For morning service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: R. K. Stretton 1, J. M. Jelley 2, Joan K. Brown 3, B. S. Chapman 4, E. J. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, V. Norman (first quarter) 8. First of Bob Triples by all. For Evensong.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Dickenson 1, F. A. Adams 2, H. Paddison 3, A. Swift 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Ford (cond.) 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): R. C. Burns 1, G. Kenward 2, A. J. Dunk 3, T. Barton 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tucker, of Stockbury.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Burrows 1, J. A. Cobb (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. K. Russ 3, M. D. Ling 4, F. G. Henbest 5, A. K. Street 6, P. T. Hurcombe (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob): W. Spencer 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, G. L. A. Lunn 3, C. H. Baker 4, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 5, F. Scrimshaw 6. In memoriam W. Roberts, a member of the local band, who died on March 22nd.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, Anne Garnett 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, Susan Jacobs 4, G. Goodman 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

PACKWOOD BELLS

Now at the Loughborough foundry for retuning prior to hanging in a new frame are the bells of Packwood, Warwickshire. They are the back five of a light ring of six cast by Bagley in 1686. It is believed that the frame to be replaced is the original; it suffered from rot and nearly 300 years of 'handymen.' In spite of this they were still ringable as a quarter peal was rung there on March 29th.

This was to have been a farewell peal attempt of Minor, but due to an accident the band met short, so hurriedly mustered the services of another local ringer and one from a neighbouring tower, who was known to be having tea in the district. Both are to be congratulated on ringing their first quarter literally at a moment's notice.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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Non-conducted Bob Maximus

The peal of Bob Maximus rung non-conducted at High Wycombe on Easter Monday (see page 274) was to replace one rung with an extra lead in the last course at Reading a few months ago.

As in their non-conducted peals of Major and Royal, the band pledged themselves to absolute silence throughout (not even 'Go,' 'That's all' or 'Stand' being said). The treble and eleventh ringers crossed in 11-12 in the last course at Reading and, though everyone but the miscreants knew what had happened, the band was forced ultimately to ring to the treble, thus inserting a lead in the final course.

Not deterred, and determined to maintain their standard of non-conducted peal ringing, the band tried again at High Wycombe with success.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The April meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Attenborough. Although the attendance was not particularly good, members enjoyed ringing in various Triples and Major methods during the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. T. Warburton) and a sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon R. F. Wilkinson. More ringing followed in the evening. We were most interested to hear that Attenborough has spent no less than £27,000 on repairs to its church during the last 12 years, and that only £90 of that still needs to be raised!

MANCHESTER RINGERS IN STAFFORD AND DERBY

On Easter Monday 33 ringers of average age 21 years 8 months travelled by coach for the Manchester Young Ringers' third annual outing. At Newcastle-under-Lyme (10, 16½ cwt.) Oxford Royal awakened the local inhabitants very early in the morning, and later ringing included a good course of Bristol on the back eight. Breakfast was completed on the way to Stafford (10, 19 cwt.), where Stedman Caters was the most successful ringing.

The highlight of the day was Lichfield Cathedral, where we were privileged to ring for Evensong on the very fine ten (tenor 31½ cwt.). The bells seemed to overawe our ringers and the striking did not do full justice to them, but Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Double Norwich were successfully brought round.

An hour later we were at our second cathedral of the tour at Derby (10, 19 cwt.). Here ten of our lady ringers 'manned' the bells for a few call-changes, and as on other occasions during the day, our amateur photographers armed with flash equipment were able to record the event for posterity.

After a very large dinner we arrived at our last tower, Chesterfield, another excellent ten (25½ cwt.). Here we finished the day's ringing under the crooked spire with Little Bob Royal and Stedman Caters. The homeward drive with the ladies and men surprisingly evenly distributed throughout the coach brought the enjoyable day to its close.

Our thanks are due to all the local ringers who made us welcome, to the clergy at the towers visited for permitting us to ring the bells, and finally to Joan Cardwell and Alan Ward, for once more organising a very successful tour.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank Sinkins, the veteran in his 93rd year, who has been indisposed for a few weeks, is now well enough to take part in service ringing. At Streatham on April 28th, he rang for both services, which included a 630 Grandsire Triples on the second. His many friends at Slough and elsewhere will be glad to know this.

Whittlesey is in Cambridgeshire and not Huntingdonshire, writes J. W. Chapman, of Streatham, who is a former Whittlesey ringer. He asks peal reporters to take a special note.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Brant Broughton (see page 260) was Mr. Walter Tomlinson's first of Minor in the method. He has, of course, many peals of London Surprise Major to his credit.

The extents rung in the seven Minor methods peal at Hinxworth (see page 260) were Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent T.B., and not as printed.

Prior to a special Rogation Day service, broadcast from Macclesfield Parish Church on Sunday May 26th, at 9.30 a.m., the bells will be heard. The broadcast is in the North Home Service only.

When young ringers of Llandaff Cathedral visited Llantrisant during an outing on Easter Monday they were shown by the Vicar the remains of the foundry where several of the bells were cast, which is situated under the tower.

Another Rogation broadcast on May 26th is from Stonehouse Parish Church at 9.30 a.m., when the bells will be heard before the service. The broadcast will be in the London and the West Home Services.

Recorded this week is a peal at St. George's, Bolton (of Canon H. J. Elsee fame). The bells are set high in a brick tower which rocks considerably, but in spite of a difficult 'go,' a good peal was scored. The peal was a farewell to the Rev. Ernest Wright, who after five successful years as vicar leaves for Birkdale, Southport.

From 'Ringing Towers' we learn that Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, of Swindon, has been tower-grabbing in Tasmania. She had some Bob Doubles at St. David's and Holy Trinity Churches, Hobart.

All the Kingswinford ringers are very pleased with the fine performance young David Downing (aged 9) gave when he rang his first quarter for Easter Sunday evening service. Much of the credit for this boy's achievement is due to the patience of Mr. C. F. Jukes.

When the London County Association, Northern District, held their quarterly meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on April 27th, a recommendation was submitted for the appointment of the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, as vice-patron of the Association. Ringing, supervised by the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, ranged up to Superlative Surprise.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston, of Swindon, was feeling far from well when the starting time drew near for the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Easter Monday, in honour of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick G. Leaker's first peal on the bells. A 'phone call brought David Heighton to the belfry and he stood in to score his first peal of Stedman Cinques. The start and end of the peal was recorded by the B.B.C. and will be in the 'Faith in the West' programme today (West Regional).

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 28th Council (60th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957, in the Shirehall, Chelmsford, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1957–1960. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is not seeking re-election. Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
2. Election of Vice-President for 1957–1960. Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
3. Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1957–1960. Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
4. Election of Honorary Librarian. Mr. F. Sharpe retires and is not seeking re-election.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
   The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor and A. Walker. There are seven vacancies.
6. Election of Honorary Auditors. Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
10. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
11. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1956.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.

(a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—
Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Dukes, J. D. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, A. H. Pulling, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
There are two vacancies.
The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Librarian of the Council.
(i) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.
(ii) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the use of the Clement Glenn bequest.

(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and R. S. Anderson.

(c) Literature and Press Committee.
Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

(d) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. H. J. Sanger, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

(e) Bibgraphies Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

(f) Peal Boards Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

(g) 'Beginners' Handbook' Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson.

(h) Methods Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis.

(i) Peal Analysis Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. W. Ayre and H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

(j) Peals Collection Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. C. W. Woolley, W. E. Critchley, A. J. Pitman and C. W. Roberts.

(k) Records Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

(l) Towers and Belfries Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. F. Sharpe, F. E. Collins, J. W. Clarke, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis and W. A. Osborn.

ALTERATION OF RULES

14. (a) To amend Rule 9 (Election of Officers) by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Honorary Secretary' where they occur.
    (b) To amend Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (a) by adding at the end the words 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'
    (c) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' where it occurs.

MOTIONS

15. (a) That this Council, as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations, deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised by or affiliated to the Council.
    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.
    (b) That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the Art of Change-Ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, 'The Ringing World,' should not be wasted by the publication of any further 'College Manuals'; the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.
    Proposed on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. P. N. Bond, seconded by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.
    (c) That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.
    Proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.
    (d) That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in 'The Ringing World' and declares that in its view, 'Bob' is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the 'Plain Bob' which indicates a particular method in that class.
    Proposed on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Butler.
16. To fix the place of the next meeting.
17. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the general meeting of the Trinity term a number of elections took place due to the resignations of the Master, the treasurer and the steeple-keepers. The following members of the Society now hold office: Master, R. A. Hodgson (Brasenose); secretaries, R. N. Pittman (Pembroke) and C. J. B. Taylor (Oriel); treasurer, D. J. Roaf (Christ Church); Steeple-keepers, A. R. Hamilton (New College) and N. J. Maggs (Keble).

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Moretonhampstead

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Moretonhampstead on April 27th, when there was a good attendance of members as well as visitors from the Exeter and South West Branches.

The bells were put to good use throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Coleridge (Rector), who welcomed the members. His brother, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, acted as organist.

After tea at the Alexandra Café, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Apologies for absenec were received from Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay, and Mr. and Miss Goss, of Townstal. It was announced that another meeting would be held at Townstal on May 18th, also a joint meeting with the South West Branch at Torquay, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of his bells and for his great welcome.

LEICESTER GUILD REJECTS INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on April 27th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (12) St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) were rung until service time. The service was held in the Cathedral at 4.15, the address being given by the Provost.

Tea had been arranged in St. John's Schoolroom, and 130 sat down to a meal prepared by the Mothers' Union. Following tea the president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) took the chair for the business meeting. He was supported by Messrs. P. A. Corby and E. C. Turner (vice-presidents), Mr. S. Burton (peal secretary), Mr. A. E. Rowley (treasurer) and Mr. B. G. Warwick (general secretary).

In his opening remarks, the president announced apologies from the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Provost and Canon Blackmore (Rector of Bottesford). He then referred to the sad news that he had only just heard that Mr. Josiah Morris (father of Ernest Morris) had passed away during the afternoon. 'Old Joe,' as he was affectionately called, was known as the 'Rhythm King,' for his ability to maintain a very good beat on handbells. He was an honorary life member of the Guild and was held in very high esteem amongst all members. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect, and the secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to his son, Ernest.

The president then welcomed the visitors to the meeting. They included Mr. and Mrs. Martin, from Derby, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith (and Stephen), from Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs F. J. Williams, from Worksop, and Miss E. Yardley, from Birmingham.

Membership certificates were presented to the following new members: Cyril Brown (Hinckley), Jack Handford and Robert Handford (Mountsorrel), Christine A. Howlett (Whitwick), Sidney Parker and Graham Stonehouse (Queniborough), D. Roger Lewin (Syston), Pamela Groocock (Sapcote) and Clive Hayward (Stoney Stanton).

Presenting his report, the treasurer stated that once again it had been necessary to withdraw from the reserve funds to balance the budget for the year. It would be impossible to do this in the future as the balance in the General Fund now stood at only £32. Either the subscription would have to be raised, or they could not publish a report. During the year they had donated from the Bell Repair Fund £21 to Coleorton, £2 2s. to Barrow-on-Soar, and £21 to Billesdon. Collections during the year amounted to £30 and there was a balance remaining of £163. The Catering Fund, which had been accumulated to meet the cost of entertaining the Central Council, had been depleted to just a small balance, which would meet any small emergency in the future.

38 CONDUCTORS IN 172 PEALS

The hon. peal secretary stated that during the past year 172 peals had been rung, compared with 168 for 1955. Tower-bell peals included 11 of Stedman Triples, 10 of Cambridge Major and 12 of Yorkshire Major. Of the 36 handbell peals, 11 were of Plain Bob Major. Methods rung for the first time were Frolesworth Surprise Major, Glenparva Surprise Major, Hungarton Surprise Major, Ingarsby Surprise Major, John o' Gaunt Surprise Major and Knossington Surprise Major. On handbells, peals of Spliced Plain Major in three, four and five methods were rung for the first time for the Guild, as also was a peal of Spliced Royal in three Plain methods. All these were conducted by the general secretary. Conducting had been shared by 38 people, 13 had rung their first peal, three their first as conductor, 232 their first in the method and 19 their first in the method as conductor. Personal milestones were: Mr. E. Morris, 1,600th peal; Mr. P. J. Staniforth, 500th peal; Mr. B. G. Warwick, 400th peal; Mr. J. A. Acres and Mrs. B. G. Warwick, 300th peal; J. A. Underwood, 150th peal; Mr. C. E. Carr, J. M. Jelley, E. F. Payne, 100th peal; Miss D. Dutton and Mr. R. Wilmore, 50th peal. An outstanding performance was that of Alan Cattell, who rang two tower-bells (3-4) to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, which he also composed and conducted.

The general secretary reported that during the year 604 members paid their annual subscription. There were 128 members who had not paid their 1956 subscription. During the year 55 resident member and 38 non-resident members were elected. Three quarterly meetings had been held, at Syston, Bottesford and Market Harborough. In addition, the annual dinner was held at Shelthorpe, Loughborough, in honour of Mr. P. L. Taylor (president) Outstanding events of the year included the visit of the Central Council at Whitsuntide and the visit in August of Mr. A. P. Cannon's touring party. This tour, organised by the general secretary, rang 13 peals and visited over 60 towers in the diocese during the week. An amazing feature was that there were no refusals for requests for peals and only two refusals for a short ring One of the highlights of the week was the broadcasting by the B.B.C. of the Foundry bells and a talk by Mr. A. P. Cannon. This tour enabled the general secretary to get to know many of the rather more isolated of the Guild's towers. During the year Mr. Thomas Friar, of Earl Shilton, and Mr. H. G. Jenney, of Leicester Cathedral, had been transferred to the list of honorary life members.

The reports were adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. A. Lacey, seconded by Mr. H. B. Bowley.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

There were several propositions concerning amendments to the rules. It was proposed by Mrs. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. E. C. Turner, that junior members under 18 years of age shall pay 1s. 6d. entrance fee and annual subscription. This was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mr. R. F. Elkington, that the rules should be printed in the report, with a view to keeping them up to date. After being delayed until the end, this was carried. Mr. C. W. Hall proposed that the president should be elected to serve for three years. This was seconded by Mrs. B. G. Warwick, and after discussion the motion was lost by a large majority. In order to speed up the publication of the report it was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mr. B. S. Payne, that the auditors should be elected at the annual general meeting instead of at the first quarterly meeting of the year. This was carried.

Mr. B. S. Payne proposed that the quarterly meetings should be held on the second Saturday in February, July and September, and to be held in turn in each of the six districts. This was seconded by Mr. H. L. Wykes. An amendment to substitute 'November' for 'September' was ruled out of order. The original proposal was carried, 42 voting for and 39 against.

In order to give a more representative vote, it was proposed by Mr. E. C. Turner, seconded by Mr. S. Burton, that the delegates to the Central Council meeting should be elected at the annual general meeting and serve for three years from January 1st following their election. After discussion, this was carried.

A proposal by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. B. G. Warwick, to delete the rule which states that there shall be no peal ringing on the days of the General or District meetings at the place of the meeting, was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. P. Fidler seconded, that each peal acknowledged and recorded by the Guild comply with the decisions of the Central Council as printed in the 1956 edition of the Central Council Handbook. This was carried.

SUBSCRIPTION NOT INCREASED

A long and lively discussion ensued when Mr. H. L. Wykes proposed that the annual subscription should be raised to 3s. 6d. This was seconded by Mr. K. A. Roe. Mr. F. K. Measures (chairman of the Hinckley District) said that it was sometimes difficult to get members in the rural areas to pay 2s. 6d., and they certainly would not pay 3s. 6d. In that case, the Guild would be worse off. In the Hinckley District they felt very strongly against an increase. On being put to the vote, the motion was lost by a large majority. Mr. Measures then suggested that the committee explore means of raising money for the Guild so that the report could be printed as usual.

The following officers were elected: Mr. P. L. Taylor, president; Messrs. P. A. Corby and E. C. Turner, vice-presidents; Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary; Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer; Mr. B. G. Warwick, hon. general secretary; and Messrs. W. J. Root and R. Prime, auditors.

The next quarterly meeting would be held on July 13th at Hinckley. The annual dinner would be held in Leicester on November 2nd.

Following the meeting the bells of St. John-the-Divine were available for further ringing.

B. G. W.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild on May 1st were: President, Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, F. B. Cookson (St. John's); secretary, A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn); treasurer, Rev. Prof. C. D. Moule (Clare); librarian, A. J. Howard (Trinity); auditor, P. F. Windley (Jesus).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AT MICKLETON

Dear Sir,—I must point out to Mr. Lonsbrough the circumstances in which a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was recently rung at Mickleton with 1-2 leading continuously and the tenor covering.

Firstly, he assumes erroneously that I am not a local ringer. In fact, although I usually ring in the Oxford district, my home is at Mickleton and I was taught to ring there.

As March 17th was the 69th birthday of the veteran of the local band, it was thought fitting to mark the occasion by ringing a quarter peal before morning service. However, no special arrangements were made, and consequently ten members of the local band arrived—fortunately a regular occurrence at this tower We could have rung Grandsire Triples, but preferred to ring Doubles with two leading bells so that none of the younger ringers need be eliminated. Although this is of course contrary to the Central Council regulations for peals, we find it a particularly useful means of giving our less experienced ringers practice while maintaining a high standard of striking for Sunday service ringing. One ringer immediately volunteered to stand down, and I agreed to conduct without ringing so that everyone else could participate. I understand that this was made legal even for peal ringing by an amendment to Rule 1 (c) of the rules for peal ringing passed at the Central Council meeting of 1955 (see 'The Ringing World' of June 24th, 1955, page 395).

Although I agree that the ringer of the bell leading continuously for 1,260 blows cannot be said to have rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, I feel that he should be given some credit for having struck his bell correctly at lead for this length, and consequently I added the words 'first quarter' to his name. In any case, 'The Ringing World' space wasted to print this is surely negligible compared to that occupied by Mr. Lonsbrough's letter and its inevitable reply.

In conclusion, may I through your columns express my thanks to Mr. F. G. Kinchin, both for introducing me to the art of ringing and for maintaining in Mickleton a band of young ringers of whom the village may justly feel proud.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD H. NIBLETT.

Mickleton, Glos.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I, too, was interested in the notes about Winchester College bells. It is quite possible that Mr. K. G. Hoare did ring them in 1918 as well as dream of doing so.

The ban was not rigid in 1919. During that year I was stationed at Winchester in H.M. Forces, and joined the Cathedral band. On two occasions we rang at the College tower with the late Mr. W. Andrews in charge of the proceedings.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. RHODES.

Coleshill, Birmingham.

MR. W. C. LAMPARD

Dear Sir,—The captain of Winchester Cathedral, Mr. W. C. Lampard, completed 66 years as a ringer there on Easter Sunday. He took his usual part in the ringing as he has done almost without exception twice every Sunday and on practice nights ever since I have known him. (Is 66 years in one tower a record?)

He still takes a turn on the back bells, and has been known to 'bump' the tenor (35¼ cwt.) when he wanted the rest of us on the 'inside.'

Not bad for an old 'un!—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

WHEN WRITING FOR TOWERS

Dear Sir,—As an organiser of many ringers' outings, I do not agree with 'Equus,' who expects organisers to write direct to tower captains in the first instance when applying for permission to ring. We must all recognise that the incumbent is in complete charge of the bells of his church, and outing organisers, who cannot be expected to know of all individual relationships between tower captains and incumbents, must, of course, conform to business etiquette, and write for the permission to ring to the person in charge.

One does not write to a certain bank clerk, whom you might know will deal with your business; when you write to a bank, you write to the manager. It is usually more difficult, too, to find out names and addresses of tower captains of small villages and out-of-the-way places, despite seeking advice from area secretaries, rather than by consulting Crockford, which can usually be found in the public library, and which gives all the names and addresses of the incumbents of the British Isles.

It is, of course, courtesy for the incumbent to inform his tower captain of any request for the bells, and to seek his advice and co-operation, but surely this is a matter of good local relations between the two concerned, and if 'Equus' has a forgetful or casual incumbent, then he will have to jog his memory from time to time to see what is happening.—Yours sincerely,

S. F. EARL.

Northampton. Tower Secretary.

A COMPOSITION BY J. REEVES

Dear Sir,—The composition of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at Loughborough on March 27th, 1957, and published recently in 'The Ringing World' under the name of Mr. Shirley Burton, is by J. Reeves. It was rung to Radnor Surprise Major by the Cambridge University Guild at Ely on December 1st, 1956. Whether the slight variation in the omission of the two blocks of three bobs at Home is necessary to ensure the truth of the composition when rung to Spliced I do not know, but even if this is so the claim to originality can hardly be maintained.—Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Cambridge.

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ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF RINGERS!

Dear Sir,—Unhappily there are still a few towers where conduct is of a very low standard and the ringers are as rough as are sometimes the bells they ring. Although 'beer in the belfry' seems to be a thing of the past, smoking still continues in some. The following is a true account of what the writer experienced recently.

Prior to my contacting the incumbent I called in on a local practice night to ask if it would be in order for a band to ring there later in the week. To the question 'Who is in charge?' came the reply, 'We all are,' and equally in unison, 'Yes, it will be all right. You had better get the key at so-and-so's.' This complete freedom of the tower was the only point in their favour which I could find.

At the finish of the rounds (?) in progress, when I entered, cigarettes were produced and lit up, and to go with this the conversation included the obviously habitual swear words which had been used throughout the day—and all this in the church itself, the ringing being done on the ground floor.

A complaint was made about the 'go' of the third bell. Promptly one man ascended the unlit, narrow staircase to inspect it, and to do so had to climb over the bell pit of the upturned tenor, and this only by the aid of a box of matches! Any remarks, on my part, of this behaviour would not have had the slightest effect.

While I remained, two further periods of rounds were attempted by means of slap-happy brute force. Neither time was I asked to ring, although they know me well enough. The correct or even reasonably safe way of handling a rope was far from evident (there is plenty of unguided rope). You may say, perhaps, that they have never been shown otherwise. They have—and how do I know? I learnt to ring in this tower with some of those present.

Circumstances later obliged me to offer my services to another tower, and I thank God that by this I have been able to give, as my Association rules say, 'true service to the Church,' and enjoy real comradeship in ringing.

Evidence of cobwebs, cigarette-ends and ash in the base of the tower, used also as the vestry, makes one wonder what sort of people clean and use this church. What a contrast to the tower I visited only two days before, where the captain was arranging flowers in a vase on the table of a well-kept belfry.

I sincerely hope that an opportunity will come when matters can be put right without fuss. A quiet word perhaps in the right place might do the trick. Obviously the last thing one wants to do with ringers like this is to turn them out of the tower and *away* from the Church—futile action which has so often been taken in the past and consequently left towers without ringers for years.—Yours, etc.,

WEST OF ENGLAND RINGER.

DERBYSHIRE'S 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The following list of 4-bell towers in Derbyshire might be of some use: Cubley (excellent), Marston-on-Dove (good condition, the ring contains the oldest bell in the county), Elvaston (derelict), Muggington (not too good), Draycott-by-Breaston (wheels stored in belfry, otherwise good condition), Foremark (a good Oldfield four), Ashford-in-the-Water (good condition) and Chelmorton (hung in a 5-bell frame).

There are also many 3-bell towers (about 25), some of which, such as Chellaston, Egginton, Morley and Barrow-on-Trent, are rung regularly by their own bands.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Aberystwyth.

MR. C. J. SEDGLEY RETIRES FROM SUFFOLK GUILD MASTERSHIP

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on April 27th, when the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) were put to good use during the morning and evening. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Maximus. The service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church was conducted by the Rev. M. N. France.

Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) presided at the business meeting in St. Stephen's Hall, which was attended by about 50 members.

The report of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) recorded that 83 peals were rung for the Guild during the year, an increase of 32. These peals were rung in 42 towers and conducting was shared by 28 members, one peal being non-conducted—a new performance for the Guild. It was pleasing to note the continued appearance of several young members among the conductors, and it was to them that they looked to carry on the traditions of the Guild for good ringing. More especially they noted Ken Brown, who heads the list of conductors with 12, John Blythe, Peter Kindred, Donald Mills (who has now called a Surprise peal for each bell in the circle), Rod Pipe (the youngest member of a talented family) and Rosemary Seabrook, who besides calling a peal in seven methods took part in a non-conducted peal. While the accent was on youth, they could not help referring to one of the elder brethren, George Symonds, who during the year rang his 250th peal as conductor. The East Anglian preference for 'Tenor in' ringing persists, and apart from eight peals of Doubles, only two odd-bell peals appear.

The general secretary (Mr. John W. Blythe) in his report stated that membership remained about the same, gains in new members merely compensating losses due to death and other reasons. With deep regret, they recorded the passing of Arthur Ballard (Cavendish), Harry Backler (Haverhill), George Berry (Wickham Market), Rev. F. R. Keightley (Tuddenham), Fred Munnings (Mendham), Charles Whiting (Leiston) and George Wightman (Cretingham). Men such as these were hard to replace and they must make every effort to secure and train recruits who would be worthy successors.

The accounts showed a reasonably healthy state of affairs, but must be watched with caution. The general account showed an increase of £2) over the year, but they were not in a position to make further transfers to the Restoration Fund. Would all District secretaries please pass the plate round during tea at all meetings of the Guild for the Restoration Fund? Grants had been made to Polstead, £19 6s., and St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, £25.

Mr. Leslie G. Brett, of Framsden, was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who had been in office since the formation of the Guild in the early twenties. The chairman paid tribute to Mr. Sedgley's long and devoted service to the Guild, and in recognition of his work it was unanimously agreed that he become a vice-president.

Mr. J. W. Blythe was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Blyth minutes secretary and Mr. J. W. H. Preastner hon. auditor. An enlarged committee of 12 was elected. Mr. Ranald Clouston was appointed technical adviser to the Guild in order to give recognition to the work he already undertakes. Messrs. L. G. Brett, C. W. Pipe, K. G. Brown and J. W. Blythe were elected representatives to the Central Council.

Three new members were elected. The next annual general meeting is to be held at Bury St. Edmunds on the Saturday after Easter next year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all concerned in making the meeting a success.

J. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eight Ringers Complete Half Century of Service

To celebrate eight members of the Eastern District completing 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, Mrs. J. J. Tyler, of Goole, made a beautiful cake for the tea at the spring meeting of the District, held at Beverley on April 27th. The cake was cut by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers), who was one of the eight. Others honoured were Messrs. T. W. Robbins (Escrick), A. B. Cook (Hull), H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell and T. Goodin (Sutton), and G. Horner and F. Atkinson (York). Mrs. Tyler was heartily thanked for making the cake.

About 30 members attended and good use was made of the two very fine rings of ten at the Minster and St. Mary's Churches in the afternoon and evening respectively. The service was held at St. Mary's Church.

At the business meeting Miss Janet Porter, of Sutton, was elected a member of the Association, and an invitation by Mr. H. Walker to hold the next meeting at York on July 6th was unanimously accepted. Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicars and local companies and also to the ladies who had prepared and served tea. The collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 19s. 6d.

Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Durban, gave a demonstration of handbell ringing on April 18th over all English transmitters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES — INSIDE STORY

I learnt the art of 'hand' and 'back,'
  I rang in rounds with bell untied,
I hunted treble through the pack,
  But I shall never ring inside.

I count my places, more or less,
  I watch the ropes till I'm cross-eyed,
But what to do I cannot guess
  When called upon to ring inside.

As bell in hunt I know my job,
  Although my leads are rather wide,
But someone always calls a bob
  And then I have to ring inside.

'Hold up on back' (or is it hand?).
  Dodging is simple—till it's tried.
The rules I seem to understand.
  Till I attempt to ring inside.

To pass the treble I forget,
  My course bell always seems to hide.
Which *was* the bell that last I met?
  Oh, I shall *never* ring inside!

I read the books, and learn the schemes,
  But further progress is denied.
This is the end of all my dreams,
  And I shall never ring inside.

B. J.

It was reported at the annual parochial meeting of Aylsham, Norfolk, that the bells needed rehanging. Aylsham have ten bells with a tenor of 20 cwt.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Presentation to Mr. A. J. Pitman

IN good weather a good attendance spent an enjoyable afternoon at St. John's, Cardiff, on Easter Monday, where the 63rd annual meeting of the Association was held. The bells were kept going for two hours before the service, timed for 4 o'clock. Owing to repairs to the roof at St. John's, due to the ravages of death watch beetle, this was held at St. James' (a daughter church), and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes), who extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

After the service the visitors were kindly entertained to tea, ably presided over by Mrs. Lewis, to whom, on the proposition of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, the thanks of the members were extended.

Before the actual business commenced, Mr. A. J. Pitman was presented with a filing cabinet which had been subscribed for by members of the Association. After the Rev. Ivor Richards and Mr. T. M. Roderick had spoken of Mr. Pitman's great services to the Exercise and his outstanding genius as a composer, Mr. J. Alsop, on behalf of the Association, made the presentation. Mr. Pitman suitably replied.

The meeting learned with regret of the recent death of Mr. J. Darch, of Pontypridd.

The Rev. Ivor Richards presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £5 18s. 7d., but it was explained that if the various officers had claimed all the expenses they were entitled to, it would have been much less. Mr. R. Lucas suggested one or two changes in the set up of the sheet, and said he thought the bell restoration fund should be banked as a separate account. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary reported that 24 peals were rung during the year. He also gave a list of books and papers belonging to the Association, explaining that they were all in his keeping.

CHEPSTOW BELLS

All the officers were re-elected, except that Mr. R. Lucas was elected in place of Mr. Reg Addis as auditor. Mr. T. Yeomans was elected Master for the year. Members were pleased to hear that there is a prospect of Chepstow bells being restored at an early date. It was decided to donate £10 towards the cost.

A discussion arose on the disposal of the books and papers of the late J. W. Jones, which had generously been given to the Association by Mr. J. Alsop. It was finally decided that, as Mr. Jones had for so long been connected with All Saints', Newport, they should be housed in the ringing chamber there.

The secretary reported that he had seen the Dean of Llandaff regarding the replacing of the Association's war memorial tablet in the Cathedral, with the addition of one name for a member killed in World War II. Mr. Roderick, in whose care the tablet now is, said there was not room for the additional name without adding to the tablet.

Next item discussed was the form of service. The secretary said the committee found difficulty in finding a suitable second hymn for the blank page at the end of the book. It was decided that as the annual meeting was always held on Easter Monday an Easter hymn would be suitable, and 135 A. and M. was chosen.

St. Woolos', Newport, was selected as the place of the next annual meeting.

Four new members and one life member were elected. The meeting ended with thanks to the chairman (Canon T. M. Hughes).

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association has risen during the past year from 53 to 77, of whom 13 are juniors—an encouraging feature, states the Association's annual report. This continued progress is also reflected in the increased membership of all towers and the addition of two new towers—St. Stephen's, Carlisle, and St. John's, Cleator Moor.

The report says the highlight of the past year was the ringing festival at Carlisle last September, when ringers from all parts of the country met. In the most successful year since the Association was re-formed after the war, nine peals were rung and eight rung by a visiting band. The peal of Stedman at Keswick was a major achievement on the part of residents taking part.

Over in the east, Appleby, Carlisle and Keswick continue to ring for Sunday service; the bells at Brampton have been rehung and an enthusiastic band of learners continues to make progress Ringing at Great Salkeld continues and it is hoped that this tower will be brought into the Association shortly.

IRTON TOWER UNSAFE

The bells at Irton, Cockermouth and Silloth are unringable. At Irton the tower has been declared unsafe and it is improbable that the bells there will ever be rung again.

Under the leadership of the new vicar, the Association hopes that the bells at All Saints', Cockermouth, will be ringing soon, and a more hopeful report comes from Christ Church, Silloth, where further inquiries are proceeding.

In the western Branch ringing continues at other towers and progress is being made.

The report mentions that a panel of committee members unsuccessfully opposed the application of St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, for a set of Constant Martin bells at a sitting of the Consistory Court at Carlisle, but notes that 'from the remarks made by the Chancellor of the Diocese it was felt we had obtained a moral victory.'

Income exceeded £70, an increase of about £20 on 1955, but the balance was £6 lower largely because of the purchase of about 200 badges costing £17. The appeal for the Bow Bells Fund in March, 1957, had reached £8.

ANNUAL MEETING

This report was presented on Easter Monday at the Association's annual meeting at Cleator Moor, attended by more than 60 ringers from Cumberland, Westmorland and North Lancashire, and visitors from Windsor, Bedford and Rotherham. The president (Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, Appleby) presided. It was preceded by a service in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Batey).

The bells of St. John's were kept ringing during the afternoon and evening, and many methods were practised.

The meeting decided to ask the Bishop of Carlisle, who is the Association's patron, to approve a form of service to be used at ringing meetings.

Officers and committee (with eight new members) were re-elected as follows: President, Canon Chaplin; general secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg (Keswick); treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey (Cleator Moor); ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson (Whitehaven); auditor, Mr. T. Hogarth (Keswick); committee—Messrs. B. Porter (Brampton), J. Ling and J. Butterfield (Carlisle), G. T. Hodgson (Aspatria), C. Heelis (Appleby), J. McTear (Workington), H. Wilson (St. Bees). Miss M. Simpson (St. Bees), and the two Branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsythe (Carlisle) and Mr. G. McKay (St. Bees).

OBITUARY

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS

Mr. Josiah Morris passed peacefully away on Saturday afternoon, April 27th, and by a coincidence his beloved bells at St. Margaret's were ringing at the time in connection with the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. His passing was later conveyed to the meeting and the big company stood in silent tribute to one well known and beloved by all. His 90th birthday would have been on July 1st.

He had a long and distinguished ringing career. Some will remember him as a tutor, and his insistence on correct handling so that one could tackle any bell, big or small, bad going or otherwise, with a minimum of effort. Slovenly ringers were anathema to him. If one should loll against the wall or handle badly he would say: 'Stand up, man, and ring properly.' His favourite expression was: 'There are only two kinds of ringers—graceful and disgraceful—be the former.' Shining examples of his teaching are his two sons—Ernest, who has rung more peals than any other living ringer, and is the well known author, and George Stedman, who is now a leading light in Lyme Regis.

Josiah excelled on the tenors at handbells, and his unerring beat to Triples, Caters or Cinques resulted in his being nicknamed by the late Harold Poole 'The Rhythm King.' If through some error of the front bells he lost his beat he would exclaim: 'I've lost my rhythm,' and when that occurred there was invariably a prospect of the peal being lost.

His peals totalled 396 and included all the standard and better known Surprise methods. His list included several long length peals—11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at South Wigston in 1904, 10,176 and 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 9,120 Spliced Treble Bob and 7,001 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Loughborough. One of his best performances was to turn Melton Mowbray tenor to a perfect peal of Double Norwich, half-muffled for the late Duke of Fife.

There was a large gathering of ringers and other friends at the funeral service in St. Margaret's Church on May 1st. He served this church faithfully as verger for 30 years and was succeeded in the office by his son Ernest 20 years ago—thus father and son have completed a half century. St. Margaret's bells were rung half-muffled for the service and also on the previous Sunday, when references were made to his service to the church. The interment was in Welford Road Cemetery. Among the floral tributes were those of St. Margaret's Guild, the Cathedral and Lyme Regis ringers.

Peals to his memory were rung at Leicester Cathedral and the Bellfoundry Campanile, Loughborough, and also a number of half-muffled quarter peals at Lyme Regis, Kibworth, Great Glen and other towers.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, writes: Josiah Morris has left with us a wonderful memory. It is 24 years ago that I first met him ringing the back pair to Stedman Caters, and my remark afterwards to Harold Poole was that he is the finest back pair ringer I have ever met. I still consider him the champion; he had a wonderful gift.

MR. WILLIAM PRICE

Hereford Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the death on Easter Sunday morning of Mr. William Price, aged 80, of Colwall.

A reliable ringer and a model to all, Mr. Price was always a good striker. He had rung four peals. He was ever ready to help young ringers. The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to his family and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Price and Mr. John Price, who are members of the Colwall tower.

On April 26th he was laid to rest near the tower of Coddington Church, where he loved to ring. The many floral tributes included one from his fellow members of Ledbury and District Guild.

After the service, a quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire) were rung half-muffled by J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, C. W. Nutt (conductor) 3, J. Foster 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. A quarter peal was also rung on April 25th by J. Lane 1, J. Ranford 2, C. Bowers 3, F. Merrick (conductor) 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. Also at Bosbury on April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire) by C. Davies 1, G. Hill 2, J. Foster 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (conductor) 5, J. Lane 6. All with the bells half-muffled.

MR. HARRY LIONEL MARTIN

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Mr. Harry Lionel Martin, the popular District secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge Branch), which took place at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, on May 3rd after an operation for duodenal ulcer.

SURREY RINGERS' EASTER DAY

Easter Sunday was a very busy day for the ringers of St. Giles' Church, Ashtead. The bells were rung for the early celebrations at 7 and 8 a.m. and again for the duplicate morning services at 9.45 and 11 a.m. These duplicate services provide an interesting commentary on the result of the Gallup Poll on religion recently arranged by 'The Daily Chronicle.'

The ordinary Sunday services at both the Ashtead churches are so well attended that on the greater festivals of Christmas and Easter it has been found necessary at the Parish Church to run two morning services to accommodate all those desirous of attending. Even so, at the 11 o'clock service on Easter morning in addition to every seat being occupied there were chairs in the aisles and people occupying the open ringing gallery over the porch, the organ well, vestry, etc.

Evensong presented the first opportunity for any length of ringing, and a quarter peal of Bob Doubles with three cover bells was rung. This enabled the Ashtead ringers to record quarter peals of Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major all within the space of four weeks—a feat never previously attempted. All four quarters were rung for service. J. T. S.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest were held at Liversedge on April 27th. Three teams entered and sufficient members were present to form a mixed company.

The draw and judge's decision were as follows: No. 1 Company, Meltham, 132 faults; 2, Shelley, 138; 3, Friezland, 50; 4, Mixed, 156.

The judge, Mr. E. Betts, of Liversedge, remarked that there was only one outstanding performance, but he had probably judged very keenly because he had not done the job for a number of years.

During the course of the quarterly meeting the members present approved the action taken by the secretary in forwarding to the secretary of the Northern District of the Surrey Association information regarding the running of striking competitions.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the local company and the caterers, for the use of the bells, the excellent arrangements made, and the provision of a grand tea, respectively. A. F.

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DEATHS

MARTIN.—On May 3rd, 1957, Harry Martin, of 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association. 209

FOWLER.—On May 1st, 1957, at 16, Black Butts, Cookham, Gladys Ethel, beloved wife of Mr. T. J. Fowler, after a long and painful illness patiently borne; aged 72. At rest. 192

RETURN THANKS

Ernest and Geo. Stedman Morris and families wish to thank all the many ringers and friends who so kindly sent their condolences in their sad loss in the passing of their father, Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester. 200

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PERSONAL

Mr. E. BRADFIELD, of Buntingford, Herts, wishes to thank the Baldock band of ringers for their kind thoughts in ringing the peal at Hinkworth on April 6th, which was recorded in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th, as a birthday compliment to him on reaching 81 years. He also appreciates the mention in Belfry Gossip of his climbing the 44 steps at Baldock. He was told by the captain, Mr. Buck, and also by the band: 'As long as you can climb those steps you will always be sure of a pull.' That was very nice of them. 'I was a stranger and they took me in. Coming to my first visit to Baldock I thought there was a ring of eight. After the many years I had been out of ringing, I am sure I saw sixteen when I went into changes first time. 221

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MISCELLANEOUS

PACKWOOD CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE. — The tower bells are at present being tuned prior to hanging in a new frame by Taylor of Loughborough. It will be announced in this column when they are again available for ringing. 179

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Michael's, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (13) 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special business: Amendments to rules and election of officers.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 189

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holmfirth on May 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Teas—please notify, not later than May 15th, Rev. A. Dangerfield, Vicarage, Holmfirth, Huddersfield.—James W. Buxton, Temp. Sec. 190

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Heathfield on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to R. W. Bean, Star Inn, Old Heathfield, Sussex. 184

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. *only* for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 144

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Preston Candover (6) on May 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Vicarage. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 232

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Duffield. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Bring own tea. Trent bus No. 2; alight Kennings Garage. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Braintree, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Wiffen, 13, Warren Road, Braintree. 194

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough (8), Saturday, May 25th. Usual ringing arrangements. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 193

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Warborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. Frank Absalom, Warborough.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 218

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Piddington, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 180

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 208

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, June 1st. Committee meeting in Vestry Hall 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Institute. Names for tea not later than May 25th to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mears Ashby, Wilby, Earls Barton, Bozeat and Great Doddington. Wellingborough 1 to 2 p.m. Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Stanwick and Irthlingborough 1 to 3 p.m. Rushden 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. All open in the evening. Raunds 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 214

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—60th anniversary celebrations, June 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Preacher, Bishop of Kensington. Dinner to follow. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, available from me until May 18th. Ringing arrangements later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 167

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