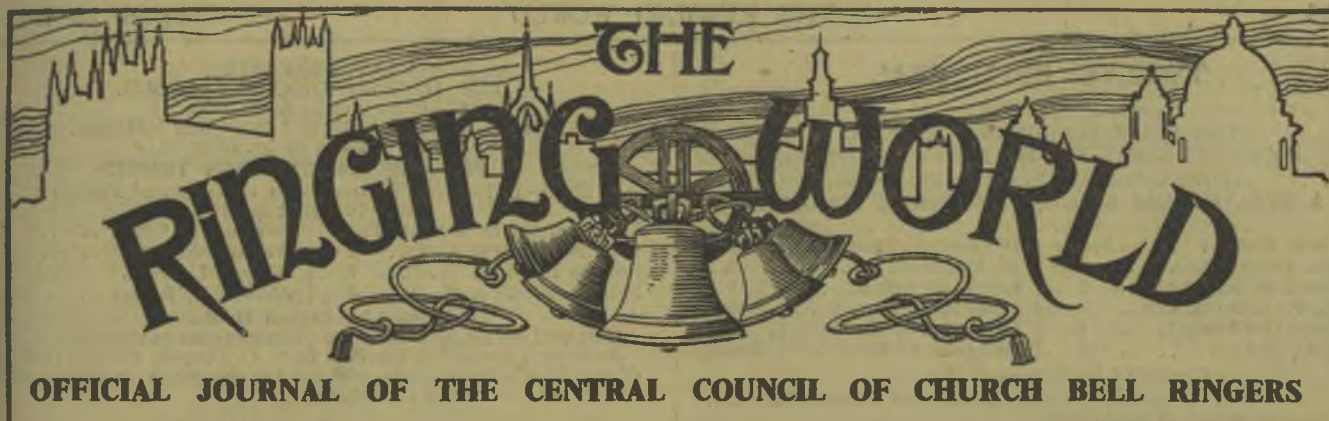




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THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS

THE time of outings draws near and organisers begin to plan the details of their annual visits to cathedrals and churches throughout the land. It is indeed a great joy to be able to ring upon the many rings of bells, and we gain not only pleasure but much experience from these visits. Not only are we fortunate in having such magnificent buildings to visit but we see many lesser-known parts of the country untrodden by the weekend trippers and sightseers. Many a gem can be found in the quiet of the countryside far from the crowded watering places. We are able to look back and relate many happy and interesting stories of our wanderings which in themselves make many an evening's entertainment.

However, we must realise at all times that it is only through the very kind help and co-operation of the clergy and local ringers that this is possible. We must remember that we exercise no right to ring upon any bells but that this is a privilege which is extended to us whenever possible. For this we must be most grateful, and the least that we can do is to make our request politely and to visit in a well-mannered way.

So often one hears of the company who have asked permission to ring at a parish church but, despite requests in our weekly paper, no stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. In such cases as these it is small wonder that sometimes the letter is ignored. Surely it is of much more satisfaction and creates a far better impression for the visitors to over-correspond rather than the reverse. Sometimes when arrangements are not confirmed, one arrives at the tower to find it locked and no person to meet the visitors. A short note a week or so before would have probably avoided this situation and also saved much valuable ringing time. It would have been, in fact, to the mutual benefit of both visitors and local tower captain.

Unless asked to do otherwise, we should always ascertain if it is convenient for us to start ringing either from the incumbent or tower captain, if there is no one at the tower to meet us. One illustration of this comes to mind. Some two or three years ago a party of ringers visited a country tower. The local ringer who had arranged to meet the party arrived at the tower about three minutes before the scheduled time, to be greeted by the sound of the bells

being raised in peal. Needless to say, he was rather annoyed, and accordingly expressed his feelings to the ringers in question. Had he been late arriving at the tower, the incident could no doubt have been overlooked, but he certainly was justified in expressing his disapproval. These visitors did not leave a very impressive record behind. We can only hope that through their mistake they gained discretion which would be of value on future occasions.

Tower-grabbing is also frowned upon by many people. It is safe to say that nearly all ringers who have visited towers other than that of their own parish have indulged at some time or other in grabbing the odd one. However, when one stops to consider, it really is very bad manners and should be discouraged to the greatest extent. It is more of an intrusion than a visit. Surely the least that we can do is to write beforehand to ask if we may be allowed to come.

We must remember also that a visit to another tower on our annual tour is not a time for practice. It is in fact rather more in the style of an exhibition, and we must all give of our best as we always do. More important still, to ring what we are capable of performing in a competent manner. We can leave a good or bad impression behind us, and it is imperative that we leave the former. It is far nicer to hear well-struck Grandsire or call-changes than a badly-rung course of Surprise. Naturally, we like to ring as complicated a method as we are able, but let us not be over ambitious and in so doing spoil our efforts. The time for experimenting with our latest method can quite well be kept for our practice nights!

Let us also remember that we are visiting a holy place, and that the tower is as much the church as the nave. We should behave in a reverent manner at all times, and it is most desirable and pleasing before commencing to ring to join together in a short belfry prayer, asking God to help us in our efforts. We are Church workers and a Christian body, so let us be proud to acknowledge this fact.

Therefore, exercise discretion and judgment in arranging various outings and tours, and in so doing bind together closer the existing bond of fellowship between clergy and ringers. We shall then be assured of a warm welcome wherever we are able to visit, and our tour will be so much more pleasurable and successful from all aspects and so much more worthwhile.

D. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE Treble	† RICHARD F. PRIME 7
*AVRIL THACKRAY 2	† J. FREDERICK MILNER 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 3	† JOHN A. ACRES 9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH 4	* JOHN A. SMITH 10
*DOREEN D. DUTTON 5	† S. ANTHONY JESSON 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

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

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

NELIA M. LEAHY Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	* HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 4	* J. HENRY GILBERT 9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of London Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
BRIAN HARRIS 2	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	NEIL D. LOMAS 8
BASIL JONES 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN J. STANIER Treble	*DEREK PRICE 6
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	ALLEN MORGAN 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	DENIS R. MORRIS 8
SUSAN JACKSON 4	† ARTHUR D. COOK 9
IVOR GOULTER 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN Treble	*GEOFFREY P. GREEN 5
*AUSTIN WIXEY 2	*CLIVE F. WIXEY 6
A. LESLIE BARRY 3	*FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER 7
LEONARD HEWITT 4	† PETER T. HURCOMBE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehung on ball-bearings in a steel frame.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLESSir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX 5
MRS. ANTHONY E. COX 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	WALTER LEE 7
JOHN D. KAPE 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (Vicar), chairman of this Branch for 11 years, who has left this parish to become senior chaplain of Portsmouth Cathedral.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ANN COLLIER Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	H. FRANK PIKE 6
*ANN PRYKE 3	RONALD G. BUGG 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
*ARTHUR WRIGHT 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD .. Treble	*IVOR J. DICKIN 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	FREDERICK C. CASE 6
GEORGE E. GREEN 3	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
*ALAN C. COZENS 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD .. Treble	*KENNETH D. PERKINS 5
TREVOR TAYLOR 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
CAROL EUSTACE 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
† GEOFFREY HOPKINSON 4	NEIL D. LOMAS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

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

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., March 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
ROLAND BENISTON 2	J. FREDK. MILNER 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	JOHN ACRES 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.
ALFRED BALLARD Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*JACK P. KESTERTON 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Cambridge.

A 61st birthday compliment to Ernest J. Jelley.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
PAIRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 3	LLEWELLYN ALLUM 7
RUSSELL G. PARKER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Ernest E. Grimes, late of Debenham.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT 5
*JOHN S. DEAN 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
*JOHN F. HUGHES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

In the Liversedge variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	*GEORGE A. HURD 5
MRS. M. I. PAILING 2	JAMES H. PAILING 6
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 7
*WILLIAM M. MANN 4	ROGER BALDWIN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Major. First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

SYDNEY M. BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR FOXALL 5
*SHEILA WALLACE 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
†MONICA BARRETT 3	DAVID A. CORNWALL 7
JOHN D. KAPE 4	PERCY NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' First as conductor and 25th peal. The ringers of 4 and 6 have now 'circled the tower.'

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
*JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY .. 3	PETER F. BORER 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Surprise. 100th peal on the bells. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of this tower by Frederick M. Mitchell, leader of the band.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED KENT & OXFORD TREBLE

BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Treble	*DAVID YOUNG 5
*NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	*JAMES CUNLIFFE 6
*GILLIAN BRIDGFORD 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*JOHN RIGBY 4	*JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Spliced Major.

Rung in honour of the Rector (Canon W. R. Davies), being made a canon of Manchester Cathedral.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	*MRS. A. SIMPSON 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JAMES W. RAITHEY 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*ALLAN SIMPSON 7
W. NEVILLE BROWN 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 50th peal and together. First of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
*CATHERINE POWELL (14) .. 2	†ARNOLD S. HARRIS 6
ANN M. COX 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
RALPH BIRD 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Double Norwich. The conductor's 350th peal of Major; conducted 176.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 4 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 6720 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

E. WINIFRED KEYS Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT (C.C.C. 11).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

The extent in the method with the tenors together is rung for the first time. Longest length by all except the ringer of the seventh.

A birthday peal for Yvonne Clements, grand-daughter of William Rogers, and for Miss Colgate.

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STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 125).

Tenor 10 cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 4
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
*W. ARNOLD MORLEY 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band.
Birthday compliments to Mr. W. A. Morley and to the treble ringer (14).

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

W. J. COUPERTHWAITE .. Treble	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3
CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES .. 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 4

ANTHONY R. MANN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

A farewell peal to the Rev. Mr. Craig, who is leaving Exning to continue his ministry in Walsham-le-Willows.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GILLIAN M. SWANNELL .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
HENRY C. FOSTER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

* First peal.

Rung with clappers tied, the bells striking on electrically-operated handbells in the belfry.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores (four callings) each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, three 12-scores (Morris's arrangement) and 12 six-scores (ten different callings) Grand-sire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*A. F. R. HARTLEY (17) .. Treble	*G. J. B. STICKLAND (15) .. 4
ANTHONY M. COOMBS (16) .. 2	*BRYNLEY TAYLOR (15) .. 5
JEFFERY W. WALLACE (17) .. 3	*DAVID N. HOARE (18) .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

* First peal. First in four methods by all the band. The peal equals the fastest peal on the bells; average age of the band 16 years.

Rung to wish R. H. Morgan, of Penarth, luck in his forthcoming examinations; also a late birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PAT HOLMES Treble	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 4
JOHN E. COOK, JUN. 2	ROY STEPHENSON 5
DENIS A. FRITH 3	H. REGINALD WOODS .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*RUTH HENDERSON Treble	EDMUND J. MORRIS 4
†JEAN HOWELL 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	*DAVID STEER Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and Single Court, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON .. Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 4
LOUIS WILLDERS 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kentish Delight, Oswald Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

KATHLEEN M. YEO .. Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
WILFRED W. RING 3	JOHN R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. R. Hillis, brother of the ringer of the second and an honorary member of the Association, on the eve of his departure for South America.

WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, being 240 each of Stedman, Reverse Plain Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob and Grandsire, and 1,680 Plain Bob.

Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 4

ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles in 15 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID BRAND .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 4
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN 5
†JOHN L. GIRT 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B.—on the front six.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Treble	†DON C. EXELL 4
R. ROGER SAVORY 2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 5
*MARGARET BEAMISH .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 25th peal with the conductor. † First of Minor on tower bells. The ringer of the second has now rung peals of Minor from 1-8 methods.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty E. Perry 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Henry Willett Haynes, who passed away on February 27th.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Surprise (720 Ipswich, 720 Cambridge): G. Jeanes 1, G. Salmon 2, D. Meller (first in two Surprise methods) 3, J. Walton 4, K. Prime (first of Minor as cond.) 5, V. Roberts (first of Surprise) 6.

BASSALEG, MONS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Woodman 1, B. Kingston 2, G. Stickland 3, D. Llewellyn 4, G. Marchant 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. First of Minor for all except the 5th.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. J. Clayton 1, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Winchester 3, Mrs. M. Hill (first of Stedman Caters) 4, E. G. Talbot 5, M. Williamson 6, L. Bance 7, F. D. Jennings 8, J. Hill 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Confirmation.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Harris 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, K. Wakefield (first of Caters 'inside') 3, P. J. Shipton 4, S. Foskett 5, C. W. Otley 6, R. L. Piron 7, R. A. Lennard 8, D. Randall 9, R. Eason 10. For Evensong.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Minor (630 Kent Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): T. Bowles 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, K. Timbury 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absalom (cond.) 6. In memoriam Miss E. R. Weller, of St. Catherine's, Ontario, late of Berrick Salome.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's and 780 Plain Bob): Violet Relf 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, J. R. Cooper 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Marshall 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, W. C. Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. W. Ring 6. For Matins.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Evenden 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, Christine Boyce 3, Dorothy Gould 4, M. J. Best (cond.) 5, A. Coote 6, C. Conway 7, D. Boyce 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggins 1, R. J. Warrilow (sen.) 2, R. L. Hawksworth 3, R. J. Warrilow (jun., first in method) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, J. B. Webb 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, P. Beresford 8.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Mar. 7th, 1,320 Doubles, in five different methods: W. Fulker 1, F. Absalom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, K. Tidbury (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6.

CHECKENDEN, OXON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, E. L. Baughan 4, G. J. Hearns 5, C. M. Baughan 6. A wedding compliment to Ron K. Russ and Edith Ritchie.

CHENTES, BUCKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Atkins (first of Minor) 1, Mary G. Carnochan 2, D. R. Bartholomew 3, G. Orchard 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mary G. Carnochan and Donald R. Bartholomew on their engagement.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Denise Shallcross (first quarter, aged 14) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, J. S. Dean 3, G. Parting 4, J. F. Hughes 5, D. Clays 6, J. T. Tilston 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ-the-Saviour Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. C. Brown 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. M. M. Price 3, A. Lury (cond.) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, F. Ranson 6, Miss J. Scrutton 7, S. H. Price 8. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 8 cover): J. Warner 1, E. J. Jenner 3, B. E. Jeffrey (first as cond.) 4, G. Fry 5, A. C. Leigh 6, S. Jenner 7, N. V. Greenaway 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Slack 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Ginnie Roff 3, W. G. Parrott 4, L. D. Kingswood 5, Janet M. Besant 6, J. C. Davidge 7, R. E. Burditt (first quarter) 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 420 Grandsire): H. Miles (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, Miss P. E. Hale 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Hicks (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Harris, a local ringer.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 15th, at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Leighton (first of Minor) 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. Cobb 3, R. Price 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, M. Ling 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Storey (first quarter) 1, J. Witney 2, A. Davey 3, C. Goodger 4, G. Henson (first 'inside') 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, P. Wells (first quarter) 7. For morning service.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Mar. 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. Pam Clarke 1, W. R. Read 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, K. Ketteringham 6, B. Buttery 7, T. Greasley 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. D. Clarke 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all and on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mills (first of Minor) 1, R. Larkin (first quarter) 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, D. Armstrong (cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Mills.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Matthews 1, Miss K. J. L. Smith (first 'inside') 2, B. Stepney 3, F. H. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. C. Robinson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Kathleen Smith and her twin brother Ian.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, M. Harrison 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, June M. Clements 2, Jane Langton 3, E. Fosbery 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Confirmation service.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. W. Butler 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, G. A. Parsons 4, C. Otley 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Also a 70th birthday compliment to A. Turner.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Harris (first quarter) 1, A. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, F. Corfield 4, A. Bishop 5, G. W. Morris (cond.) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles in 11 different methods: P. G. K. Davies 1, M. Hawkes 2, W. S. Deason 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, F. Hornby 2, W. Bolton 3, R. Warden 4, S. Jeffery 5, R. Rainford 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for W. S. Bleasdale, a former ringer, who met with a fatal accident on March 3rd, 1958.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. Morris 1, Jean A. Kirkman 2, G. Olliffe 3, P. Kirk 4, T. Bent 5, F. P. Harwood 6, P. Minchin 7, J. Moss 8, C. P. Walker 9, J. Bramley (cond.) 10. To mark the retirement of Ernest Morris as 'official' vergers after 21 years' service.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. G. Selby (aged 15, first as cond.) 1, Sheila Keyte (aged 16, first quarter) 2, J. Harrison 3, W. B. Pomeroy (aged 16, first quarter) 4, A. Tombs (first quarter) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter Ballard, a Littleton ringer.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Simpson 1, A. R. Crump 2, Elizabeth Oakshott 3, Ann Barr 4, P. W. Webb (cond.) 5, W. W. Rich 6, G. A. Hughes 7, R. J. Gay 8. Rung by the Birmingham University Society for Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: E. Willey (first quarter) 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung for E. Willey's 21st birthday.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: S. A. Boar 1, A. G. Bason 2, C. Curson 3, N. Golden (cond.) 4, G. Sayer 5, S. W. Copling 6, C. Bird 7, F. C. Goodman 8, W. Love 9, H. W. Barrett 10, B. Gogle 11, T. N. J. Bailey 12. Arranged to mark Mr. S. A. Boar's 70th birthday. For Evensong.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Angela Mellor 1, H. W. Badger 2, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, J. Dart 4, T. Smith 5, H. E. Parsons 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Jennings (first quarter) 1, P. T. Hurcombe 2, L. Hewitt 3, A. Wixey 4, G. P. Green 5, C. F. Wixey 6, F. E. T. Tranter 7, L. Barry (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, C. F. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, A. Wixey 4, Miss J. Watts 5, C. J. Leighton 6. For evening service.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, G. Smallwood 2, E. Stutch 3, Miss A. Frost 4, J. A. Roden 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloore 8. For Confirmation service.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Munt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Rev. C. Munt 4, G. Olliver 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 7, B. Coward 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Felicity M. A. Rook (first quarter) 1, J. Small 2, M. Winter (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. H. Knowles 5, Geraldine Saunders 6, J. Moore 7, R. Chadwick 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. For Matins.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Mar. 9th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorrinze 2, R. Beard 3, G. Wheeler 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam A. Grove, who passed away February 26th, late captain, St. Mary's. Woolwich.

SANDAL, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Woodbine, 600 Sandal Exercise): Miss J. Wray 1, Miss J. Goodwin 2, C. P. Morris 3, G. Cutt (cond.) 4, E. G. H. Maynard 5, J. Cutt 6. A farewell to the Bishop of Wakefield.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Minor (720 Double and Plain Bob, 540 Plain and Little Bob): L. Duffield 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, E. White 3, J. H. Edwards 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter of Spliced for all.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, M. Edney 3, A. Cantwell 4, D. Leslie (first as cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Tester 1, B. Martin 2, Dr. P. Chalk 3, H. Weedon 4, G. Boomsma 5, R. Sumner 6, L. Fox (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. Story 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, M. Williamson 7, R. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Schofield 1, S. Saec 2, E. Pimlott 3, I. Jenkins 4, D. Mottershead (cond.) 5, N. D. Lomas 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheldon, of this parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Rawlings (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Spencer Smith (first of Doubles) 2, E. Jacobs (first of Doubles) 3, P. Devenish 4, M. Sinden (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6.

THE LADIES' GUILD Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Beckington, Som., on Mar. 8th; in spite of the extremely wintry weather a good number of members managed to attend, and the warmth of the welcome which awaited them certainly compensated for the chilly conditions outdoors.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. T. H. Davies), after which a sumptuous tea was provided by Mrs. Massey and other local ringers, and members were very grateful to the Vicar for allowing them to have this meal at the Priory.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. de Jong, Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams.

Five new members were elected, all from Beckington—Miss A. Fear, Miss M. Griffin, Miss J. Gillard, Miss T. Jones and Mrs. Randle.

It is intended to hold the June meeting in the Yeovil district, and the usual coach will run from the Bath/Bristol area, M. de J.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In wintry weather, the Society held its monthly meeting at Penistone, Sheffield, on March 8th, but a warm welcome was given by the Vicar and the local company. The afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea. Ten towers were represented at the business meeting, at which Mr. Noel F. Moxon (president) presided. Sandal, Wakefield, was selected for the meeting on April 12th. The president in his vote of thanks had a special word for Mr. Arthur Champion and the local company, and also the ladies responsible for tea. Good use was made of the lovely bells in the evening.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society was held at Tamworth on the 8th. It was a coincidence that the arctic weather conditions that day were exactly similar to those which prevailed when the Society last met at Tamworth in March, 1952. The adverse weather, however, did not affect the attendance, and it must have been very gratifying to Messrs. G. and G. H. Peers to see that 77 sat down to enjoy the very nice tea which they and their band of helpers had provided.

A feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present—a third of the total attendance would be under 30. The pleasing ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar of Tamworth (Rev. A. Jones) conducted the service and gave the address. The interior of the church is particularly fine and compares favourably with any parish church in the country.

Owing to a musical festival being held in the Assembly Rooms adjoining the church, ringing had to terminate by 7.30 p.m., but by that time most of the ringers were anxious to be on their way home because of the weather. It was a most enjoyable meeting, and Messrs. G. and G. H. Peers and the Tamworth ringers are deserving of thanks and appreciation for their arrangements.

The next meeting of the Society will be at All Saints', West Bromwich, on May 10th.

F. C. A. B.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking (first quarter) 3, J. Warner 4, B. Crook 5, B. Rice 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For morning service.

JOINT MEETING AT HEADCORN

A joint meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association and the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn, on March 8th.

In spite of threatening snow showers it was a well-attended meeting, and the bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, the ringing including Hereward Bob Triples, the method for the day suggested by the Maidstone District.

A most enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, and included a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, and this was followed by the Maidstone District's short business meeting.

During the ladies' meeting, Mrs. Mitchell, on behalf of the Branch, congratulated Mrs. Cheal on her recent marriage. Hythe was suggested for the next meeting on May 24th. Miss Colgate reminded members of the annual meeting at Canterbury on July 5th. As this concluded the business, ringing was resumed.

S. M. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Although the previous week's snowfall was still evident, a very successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Sharnbrook on March 2nd. About 40 ringers were present from all parts of the county, together with a few members of the Peterborough Guild.

The bells were raised in peal and kept going in a variety of methods until 4.30, when the Rector of Sharnbrook conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address. Tea was then taken in the Church Hall.

Several methods up to London Surprise were rung during the evening and a successful day's ringing was brought to a close at nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

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For the first time, boys from Rotherham Grammar School rang for their founders' day service at the Parish Church on March 13th. Quite well-struck touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and a course of Bob Minor were rung on the front six. The ringing concluded with rounds and call-changes on the back six, the 34½ cwt. tenor being ably rung by David French (aged 15). The other ringers taking part were Ian Tilling, Peter Hayselden, Donald Fraser and John Carson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

Correction.—The ringer of the treble in the peal at Tollesbury (see page 168) was Robert W. Leavett, and not as printed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Ann's-on-Sea on March 15th is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Major to be rung in the Fylde.

Miss M. Mills conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Kirby-le-Soken on March 8th (see page 184), and not Mr. U. W. Wildney as published. The peal was a birthday compliment to her.

A notable achievement comes from Middle Littleton, Worcs, where, in the absence of a tenor ringer, M. G. Selby (aged 15) called his first quarter (Grandsire Doubles). Three other members of the band also scored their first quarter.

'The election of a new member of the Guild (Oxford Diocesan) is something more than just paying 2s. 6d.', writes Mr. David Smith in the Witney and Woodstock Branch News Letter. 'Those people who propose that certain new members be elected are really taking upon themselves the responsibility of saying that certain ringers can handle a bell properly, will try and progress in the Art, and will become regular service ringers.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. V. Sheppard, of Cape Town, has lost no time in getting back to ringing since arriving in England. He arrived in London late on Friday night, and the following afternoon was ringing for a wedding at Bexley and that evening at St. Alfege's, Greenwich. Sunday's service ringing was at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and Eltham. On the journey home he spent ten hours at St. Helena, which enabled him to ring at three 'towers' and to see his first Warner bell.

Buckfastleigh Youth Club had a talk on bells and bell-ringing given by Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, who is the general treasurer of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, with the assistance of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides, kindly loaned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A short demonstration of hand-bell ringing followed.

Miss Catherine Powell (aged 14), of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, rang well to score her first peal on eight bells at Ranmore on March 15th. She has only been practising Double Norwich for a month and is presumed to be the youngest lady to score a peal in this method in Surrey. She has learnt her change-ringing at Leatherhead, under the tuition of Messrs. G. Marriner, H. V. Young and A. H. Smith.

The recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Milton-next-Gravesend was the 100th peal on the bells and commemorated Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 50 years' membership of the tower. In the 100 peals, Mr. Mitchell rang in 67 (40 on six bells) and conducted 35. Now in his 80th year, it is regretted that ill health prevents him from ringing at present. For nearly 40 years he held offices in the K.C.A., and was Master of the College Youths in 1932.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

79th Anniversary Dinner

'SNOW was falling, snow on snow,' when the Cambridge University Guild held their 79th anniversary dinner on March 8th. The writer recalls that four years ago it was decided to change the date of the dinner from February to March, 'as the weather would then be better.' Since then we have had mild Februaries and wintry Marches . . .

It is rapidly becoming a tradition that the Guild should lose a peal of Grandsire Caters at Saffron Walden on the morning of the dinner, and the custom was again honoured this year, although it was nearly three hours before a mistake was made in the calling. An innovation was the form of transport from Cambridge to Saffron Walden. This journey has often been accomplished in the famous taxi, 'Ichabod,' but the glory is now finally departed, and Roger Morris, the unofficial chauffeur to the Guild, has acquired a hearse, which after suitable conversion carries a peal band in comparative comfort. A valuable feature of this vehicle is that there is ample room inside it to ring handbells; we trust it will not be long before the footnote, 'Believed to be the first peal rung in a hearse,' appears in this journal.

After lunch, the four Cambridge towers were open at various times, and the bells were all put to good use, the ringing during the afternoon ranging from rounds to Cambridge Maximus. We were also privileged to have the use of Trumpington bells, which have recently been restored and augmented, and have been turned from an unremarkable six into a very handy eight.

The dinner was 'partaken of' in the Hall of Selwyn College, and we were all extremely grateful to those who had made the necessary arrangements for it to be held there; it was not just that the food and the service were excellent, but however well a restaurant caters for you, it cannot provide the atmosphere of a college hall, which is so completely appropriate to such a function. It is very much hoped that similar arrangements can be made in future years. We were also very pleased that our president (Rev. A. C. Blyth) was able to preside over the dinner once again, as last year he was unfortunately not well enough to do so.

After the president had welcomed the gathering to Selwyn College, the Vicar of Great St. Andrew's (Canon Woodard) proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' Not unnaturally, some of his speech was devoted to the subject of the St. Andrew's Bell Restoration Fund, which is making steady progress. It is still, however, literally true that the Guild, which has made itself largely responsible for raising the money for the restoration of the bells on which it rings, 'owes a great deal' to St. Andrew's; and if any of you who read this would care to make a donation, sending it to Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Selwyn College, Cambridge, it would be very gratefully received. Incidentally, it now seems certain that whatever is eventually decided about the future of Great St. Andrew's, it will not be demolished.

Replying to the toast, the Master (Brian Cookson) outlined the year's activities and achievements. These were sufficiently varied, ranging from peals of Spliced Surprise and of Stedman Cinques to the arrival in the world of some nine or ten future members of the Guild. What did emerge from this report was the satisfactory fact (try saying that quickly) that the standard of Sunday ringing and the level of enthusiasm among the resident members have most definitely been maintained, if not improved on.

Major J. H. R. Freeborn, in an amusing speech, proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' These included the Masters of the Oxford, London and Bristol University Societies, two mem-

bers of the Cambridge Youths, Canon Woodard, and 'a host of others, too numerous to mention'—but none the less welcome because of that. This toast was replied to by Robin Pittman, the Master of the Oxford University Society. He was obviously suitably impressed by finding himself within the precincts of The Only University, but your correspondent regrets that his (Robin Pittman's) words remain for ever lost, as far as this journal is concerned. 'Full many a flower is born to blush unseen. . . . We feel sure it was an excellent speech.

After dinner, Dr. Johnson (not the famous lexicographer, but the one who Does Things to Atoms in the Cavendish Laboratory) entertained us in his rooms to an extremely pleasant evening. The handbells rang out merrily (though not always accurately) and the ale flowed freely. All too soon the time came to depart, and members and guests left, replete and happy, in a flurry of snow and in conditions under foot all too reminiscent of a line of Tennyson's: 'I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glide. . . . At least one former Master of the Guild was seen to 'measure his length' on the ice in King's Parade. So ended a day that the writer feels sure will long remain in the memory of all who were present. W. T. C.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

With deep regret we report the death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Thursday, March 20th. She was the widow of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and was 59 years of age.

Mrs. Poole had left her home to attend a practice at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, and was crossing the main road near her home when she was knocked down by a motor shooting brake. She was found to be dead on reaching hospital.

The foremost lady ringer in the country, she had rung about 677 peals and was held in affection and esteem by a very wide circle of friends.

The sincere sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to her only child, Jill, and Peter Staniforth, her son-in-law.

The funeral service was at Leicester Cathedral on Tuesday.

A memoir and appreciation of her work for ringing appears on page 209.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The following additional information in connection with the Dublin meeting is given:—

Saturday, May 24th.—A tour of Guinness's Brewery has been arranged to take place during the morning, and visitors have been invited to a buffet luncheon.

Sunday, May 25th.—A coach has been reserved for a tour of Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, with ringing at Arklow and Bray.

Further details of these events later.

Carillon festival at Cobh.—As already announced, Wednesday, May 28th, is a special day, to which members and friends are invited, but visitors may like to know that the festival is also taking place during Whitsuntide. The Irish Association will be represented on the special night.

Accommodation.—Mrs. Hamilton, 3, Wyndham Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow, with whom a number of ringers are staying, has several vacancies. Weekly terms: Full board, £6; or bed and breakfast and tea only, £4 18s.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Children and Bells

The many young people to be found in teams of bellringers is one of the chief reasons for including a feature entitled 'Ring Them Merrily—Ding Dong Bells' in the Children's Hour programme from Manchester on Easter Day, April 6th (Home Service, 5 p.m.). The programme will be broadcast by all Regions, although it originates in the North. Some special points of interest will be explained, and among the recordings of bells, all in the North, to be heard in the programme will be the oldest dated bell in the country, at Cloughton, near Lancaster, which bears the date 1296. The other of the two bells in this tiny church is much more recent.

Churches and towers to be mentioned include Kirkby Malzeard Church, Ripon, where in 1591 a bell was cast inside the building; Bedale, Yorks, the tower of which was once used for refuge and defence; Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, with interviews with the team of young bellringers; Holy Trinity, Ripon, with a team of children ringing handbells; All Saints', Pavement, Yorks, a very old partly-Saxon church, where a lantern used to be hung in the tower to guide mediæval travellers through the forest; St. Mary's, Beverley, Yorks, where Lewis Carroll's original March Hare is carved over the sacristy; Cottingham, York; Carmel Priory, Lincs, and Patrington in East Yorkshire.

Record Length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major To Be Attempted

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the rules of the Central Council, I wish to give notice of an attempt for 27,328 Double Norwich Court Bob Major to be rung at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Monday, April 7th, starting at 7.30 a.m.

The composition will be as follows:—

23456	1	3	4	6
35426	—	3		
52436	—	3		
63254	—	3	—	
45362	—	3	—	
63542	—	3	—	
23645		3	—	
36542		3	S	—
65342		3	—	
24563	—	3	—	
34265		3	—	

Five times repeated, Single at 6 in the last course gives 24356. Then:—

24356	1	3	4	6
64253		3	—	
35462	—	3	—	
64532	—	3	—	
24635		3	—	
46532		3	S	—
65432		3	—	
23564	—	3	—	
43265		3	—	

Five times repeated omitting all bobs at 3 and adding a single at 6 in the last course.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE,
68, Rockfield Road,
Fairfield, Buxton.

NEWS FROM CANADA

Mr. A. J. M. Collins, writing from Vancouver, B.C., informs us that an oak plaque or tablet is being erected in the tower of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, to commemorate the work of Alfred C. Limpus, who died in 1952. It was solely through him and against immense difficulties that these bells were ever rung for change-ringing. The tablet is being made in Gloucestershire.

The other four experienced ringers in this tower besides Mr. Collins are:—

Edwin Lee: Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, 1920-1930; Arksey, Yorks, 1930-39; Newark, Notts, 1945-52.

Mike Causley: Buxted, Sussex, 1945-51 and 1955. (He has also rung at Durban, South Africa, and handbells in Hong Kong.)

David Mason: Llanbadarn-Fawr, Aberystwyth, Wales, 1932-39.

Mrs. Helen Lee.

Mrs. Jean Causley, who rang at Uckfield, 1946-51, is not at present able to ring as she gave birth to a son, David, on January 4th.

The bells at the Benedictine Monastery, Mission City, Westminster Abbey, were first rung together on October 13th last by members of what has since become the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers. They were asked to go and ring the bells on the day of the blessing of the seminary. This preceded the visit by the Victoria band by two weeks.

The monks are receiving regular tuition (there are 16 learners) by members of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers, who visit the tower either individually or collectively every two weeks. At the present time five of the band can plain hunt. Mr. Collins is Ringing Master of both towers.

Vancouver is holding the first of what will be an annual arts festival this year, and the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers are taking part by ringing at suitable times and holding 'open house' to visitors. Special ringing took place for the brief visit of the Queen Mother to Vancouver and will again take place when Princess Margaret visits the city on approximately July 20th.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Although the weather was not very kind, 70 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on March 9th. Towers represented were Llanelly, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Burry Port, Tenby, St. David's, Llanstephen and Pembroke.

The bells were available at 2.30 p.m. and the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Davies) officiated at the service, the Ringing Master (Mr. Gwyn Thomas) acted as organist and the Master (Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen) read the lesson.

A very welcome tea in the Church Hall followed. The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting, declared the meeting open by extending a very hearty welcome to the visitors to Pembroke. This was followed, as is usual, by a grand touch on handbells given by members. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 17s. 6d. The meeting accepted the invitation of the Vicar of Llanelly to hold the Guild annual meeting at Llanelly on June 14th.

The Vicar was made a vice-president and one life ringing member was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar, to the ladies who gave and waited at tea, and to all those who helped to make the meeting such a success.

C. H. H.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Adopts a Badge

FOLLOWING a most interesting service, conducted by the Vicar and Curate, 80 members and friends did justice to a fine tea at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Reigate on March 15th.

At the opening of the meeting the company stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. J. B. Hessey.

The committee's report disclosed the loss of Horley due to tower weakness, but welcomed Addington, which had recently been increased from four to six and now had a method-ringing band. Putney had also returned to the ranks with a young band which was making good progress.

Membership had been further reduced by 20 to 355, primarily due to lapsing members under Rule 12. Losses by death during the year were Messrs. J. Crawford (Epsom), R. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Cressey (Streatham, Emmanuel), J. Holland (Oxted) and C. Nicholls (Streatham, St. Leonard's).

From records published in 'The Ringing World,' 132 quarter peals had been rung during the year. Nearly all of these were by resident bands for Sunday services. Twenty-four peals had been rung, in which 87 ringers took part. Of these, 47 were resident members.

The treasurer reported an increase in the balance in hand at the end of the year, but pointed out this was due chiefly to the variation in the rate of the District's contributions to the general fund.

All the general officers were re-elected except the assistant secretary, Mr. P. Davis, who had resigned and was succeeded by Mr. F. E. Roberts. All the officers were sincerely thanked for their services during the past year.

Following a proposal by the younger members, the meeting decided to adopt a badge which will be on sale in the near future. It was also decided to prepare a 'form of service' to be used at meetings.

Mr. Cracknell mentioned that Messrs. F. and G. Hoad had been members for 64 years. Frank was at the meeting but George, who has been seriously ill and is now fairly well on the way to recovery, could not face the cold winds.

Ten new members were elected.

Epsom was selected for next year's annual general meeting on March 21st, 1959.

After votes of thanks to all who had helped to make an enjoyable afternoon and evening, the ringers made their way to the belfries of Reigate and Redhill for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

On March 8th the Guild visited nine towers in the Winchester area. It was not the best weather for cycling, and all extremes of weather conditions were encountered from bright sunshine to howling blizzard. Nevertheless, some 60 miles were covered by the end of the day, and apart from minor mishaps a most enjoyable time was had. Methods rung during the day included London, Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley Surprise, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grand-sire. On the four bells at Kingsworthy, courses of Plain Bob, Grand-sire, Stedman and Kent Minimus were rung.

The journey home was broken in the time-honoured way, and Southampton was eventually reached at about 11 p.m.

J. L. Q.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

On the evening of March 8th the Eastern District held their monthly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Standon. This tower has a heavy ring of six, the tenor weighing 17 cwt.

About 25 members attended this meeting from eight local towers. This rather low figure was probably due to the heavy falls of snow.

The ringing consisted of Plain Bob Minor, Grand-sire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles, as the object of these evening meetings is to help local 6-bell tower ringers to improve their striking and knowledge of standard methods.

Everyone was catered for, and it was considered a very useful meeting.

St. Albans District

Sandridge was chosen for the meeting of St. Albans District on March 15th. Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were ringing to a variety of methods and continued to do so until 4.30, when a service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. P. G. Handford).

Tea was taken at a nearby café, after which a business meeting was held in the belfry, with Mr. T. J. Southam in the chair. It was decided not to hold a meeting next month as the annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead was on April 12th. A meeting in May at Essenden was being arranged.

During the afternoon and evening some 20 ringers were present, and most towers in the District were represented.

M. A. C.

Northern District

Traces of Tuesday's snow still lingered around Offley on March 1st, where the District meeting was held. Members of the local band (many of whom are young learners and have not previously tried half-pull change-ringing) were there to welcome us, and joined in the ringing until the service, conducted by the Rev. H. Senar. He told us some of the fascinating history of the ancient church.

Tea was enjoyed, then the business meeting was held in the church with the Vicar in the chair. The secretary gave a report of a recent committee meeting, and there was a prolonged discussion about differential subscriptions.

Ringing began again, the special method, London Surprise Minor, proving very popular.

J. S.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S 500 PEALS

Mr. T. J. Lock rang his 500th peal at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, on February 20th. This was also his 99th different Surprise Major method rung to a peal on a working bell. His first peal was rung on December 20th, 1927.

The peals have been rung in 194 towers for 30 ringing Associations or Guilds, and comprise the following:—

Minor 6 (conducted 1): Triples 22 (2); Major 386 (43); Caters 12; Royal 45 (2); Cinques 20; Maximus 9.

Included in this total are 26 peals (conducted 1) 'in hand' and two non-conducted peals. The list of methods includes Duffield and Single Norwich Court Bob Major and Surprise Major with the initial letters ranging the alphabet. Spliced peals include those in Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise. Methods named after 11 counties and after 15 cities or cathedral towns are also listed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE PICTURE

Dear Sir,—I thoroughly enjoyed reading your leading article, and the sound suggestion it contained about 'Fallen by the Wayside,' but I should like to point out that there may be 'another side to the picture.'

There have been occasions just recently, to my own personal knowledge, where a modern peal band, having found that they are one short at the last possible moment, decided to call on 'old so-and-so' to fill the gap—he won't mind!

Is it going to be easy to recruit the 'old hands' back to the tower if they have the feeling that they are only wanted as stop-gaps? I say No! sir.

If they are really wanted back, something more than diplomacy and 'kind' words will be required, to make those who have 'fallen by the wayside' feel that they are really welcomed back to the fold. This is just another angle to the problem of how to entice the 'old stagers' to 'have another go.'

Surely, sir, now is the time for the various officials of the Guilds and Associations to get really cracking.—Yours sincerely,

PERCY GREEN.

Chelmsford.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—For some time I have wondered why the fees payable by non-resident members of ringing associations should be so variable. In my own Guild anyone joining us for a peal has to pay 10s. On top of an expensive journey this is rather steep, so we often have a 'whip round' to help the unfortunate victim. Such a high fee often results in a peal being rung for some other association whose fee is more reasonable.

What a non-resident member gets for his money is the privilege of ringing a peal (or peals) for a particular Association, with, occasionally, the presentation of a certificate of membership. As this appears to be applicable to any ringing association, surely it would be reasonable to suggest that these fees be standardised.

The Central Council cannot, of course, insist on its member associations demanding a standard subscription, but could it not recommend uniformity, seeing that the benefits seem to be the same? Perhaps some C.C. representative could take up this matter.

I don't propose to make any suggestion as to the fee, but I feel, with the continued rise in the cost of administration of ringers' societies, that the 5s. many of them still levy is letting non-resident members off lightly, especially when one compares it with what the resident members have to pay annually in some cases!

Would readers please give their views?—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—I believe that the C.C. rules state that peals and quarter peals must be rung on half-strokes. But when the peal or quarter is rung half-muffled, how much better it would sound to have it rung on full strokes: the listener then hears one change and a pleasing echo of that same change. I am not suggesting that peals should be rung like this so as to take twice the normal time, but what is the objection to ringing quarter peals like this? The C.C. should, in my opinion, allow half-muffled quarter peals to be rung either on full- or half-strokes, at the band's discretion.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM FISHER.

Chalfont St. Giles.

BELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Mr. Desmond Painter is correct to observe that 'musical changes' are a matter of personal taste, but some psychologist in our midst ought to tell us why most ringers we question prefer 84 at the end of a row to 82, say: is it merely what we have been taught to believe? My own preference by the way (maybe unusual) would be 85, 84, 81, 83, 86, 82 and 87 in that order. In answer to Mrs. H. Price, if I am involved in a roll-up, I always try to accentuate (by slightly easing the spacing) the 'combination' changes, and encourage the rest of the band to do so. It is very vexing if one of the bells involved mars it by not practising this technique; yet it is a matter of opinion really, and it makes a slight break in the rhythm, accommodated by the hand-stroke gap. It can be overdone on a light, fast ring. I suppose it is the difference between workmanlike ringing and 'that bit extra' which, just as in orchestral conducting, can make or mar the performance for some.

About lowering in peal, I always try to keep the backstroke double-clapping of the treble clear of the tenor or last audible bell. This encourages the essential 'packing' of the bells necessary as a good lower progresses, and avoids the unseemly snatching of the big bells down to the chime caused by too suddenly bringing down the treble. When most of the bells are chiming the treble can then in one movement be brought low enough to strike only on the chiming side for the finish.

I do not know how the Devon call-change ringers keep their bells clapping correctly all the way down, as with some bells it seems practically impossible, and I have yet to discover the method of striking a bell properly which speaks early after the back stroke in a lower-in-peal once the sally has ceased to bob, especially as bells with this fault tend to double-clapper too long anyway.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale.

FORDCOME SURPRISE MAJOR?

Dear Sir,—Appearing in the 'R.W.' dated February 21st is an article dealing with Gainsborough Surprise, by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, together with a variation of the method in notation form. Upon looking into this, there appears to be something missing. I believe this to be 5.8 at the third cross-section. If this is so both methods would read the same up to the 7.8 half section, when we get 12.36.12.7, or in full, x38x14x58x16x14x58, 12.36.12.7.

Should my guess prove to be right, then this method has been rung and named Fordcome. Is this correct?—Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

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DISCIPLINE IN LONG LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pulling, in his letter ('R.W.' March 7th) implies that discipline has declined a lot in the last 50 years, and that half a century ago 'only the ringing mattered.'

The ringing must always be the first consideration, but there are various beliefs as to how ringing can best be served, and the young people of today would not respond to the strict discipline of a bygone age. What we have to do, I feel, is to keep our methods of teaching our art in line with the trends of modern education, and I heartily agree with the remarks of Mr. D. P. Jones in the 'R.W.' of March 14th.

An attempt for a record length in a secular tower is an entirely different thing from normal service ringing, and I should have thought that those who have enough energy and enthusiasm to tackle the colossal task of ringing 40,000 changes were entitled to use any reasonable means of relieving the tedium and steadying the nerves.

Whether the extent of Major will eventually be rung by one set of men or not remains to be seen, but one does not have to be a great psychologist to realise that the strain on the human system, and particularly the nerves, is infinitely greater when there are 20,000 changes achieved and still another 20,000 to go than in any past effort, laudable as some of them undoubtedly were, and especially the record length of Bristol at Over, Cheshire.

Let us, therefore, be quite fair in our criticisms and thank God that this nation still produces men with enough of the indomitable spirit of our forefathers to tackle a task that seems almost impossible. We shall all acclaim them when they do succeed, as they surely will, one day.—Yours sincerely,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mention of St. Clement Danes' in 'The Ringing World,' dated March 7th, has prompted me to inquire of the above movement. I attended the first meeting at Edmonton in 1949, but later that year I went overseas. Since my return to this country in 1952 I have been unable to find conclusive evidence of its existence.

As so many members of the Royal Air Force made contribution to the restoration of St. Clement Danes', present day ringers who are serving in the R.A.F. have the ideal headquarters, in their own church, from which a reborn Association of Ringers could be governed—perhaps called the St. Clement Danes' Guild of R.A.F. Ringers.

When a ringer joins the service, from his own choice or otherwise, the tendency is for him to lose touch with his own tower, and perhaps ringing altogether. If a movement such as the above was recognised by the Central Council, and membership to all other Guilds, Associations, etc., be given in the honorary status, more service ringers would strive to visit the local church to the station at which they are serving, and do more ringing. The outcome would be that the tower would gain another ringer, the ringer would gain tower experience and the long-term gain would be a more competent ringer.

I am very interested in hearing from anyone who may have views on the subject.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. SANKEY.

Pay Accounts,
R.A.F. (A), Ellesbourne,
Mountford, Warks.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Easson (first of Minor) 1. B. Harris (first 'inside') 2. B. Pattison 3. K. Wakefield 4. C. W. Ottley 5. D. Randall 6.

LETTERS—Continued

FIRST IN SHIPWAY'S

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Moreton's anti-missile missile, Mr. Roberts' letter in 'R.W.' February 28th, is a Flopnik. Saturn T.B. Doubles is not a method, for by definition, all methods and principles must be true within the plain course. Therefore, as we ring peals of different methods, the 5,040 Saturn T.B. Doubles was not a peal.

Unfortunately, Saturn T.B. has confused two entirely different issues. Firstly, that methods must be true in the plain course. Just as call-change ringing differs from method ringing, so does the ringing of a succession of rows such as Saturn Doubles. Secondly, the composition of round blocks of 240 or 360 Doubles or 1,440 or 2,160 Minor. On this issue I am in absolute agreement with Messrs. Moreton and Leale, and no doubt something will be done to remove the restrictions.

We should, however, get some of our historical facts correct. Surely Chipping Campden T.B. Triples was rung in August, 1957. This is 144 years after it was first published, by Shipway, as Cumberland T.B. Triples. He also gave the Caters.

Mr. Shepherd, in the 'R.W.', January 17th, mentioned Surfleet T.B. Caters, 'constructed' by Rev. H. Law James in 1913. This also was published by Shipway, in 1813, as College T.B. Caters.

Barsham T.B., which is obviously false in the plain course on five bells, was also published, as London T.B. Triples.

We see then that the idea of Treble Bob on odd numbers, in which the treble makes one place going out and in, was introduced by Shipway in 1813, although there is no evidence that such methods were rung until the peal of Surfleet T.B. Caters.

As these methods are of interest and are probably quite musical, I give them here for seven and nine bells. As there is no evidence that Cumberland and College were rung under these names, it is probably best to use the names Chipping Campden and Surfleet. In Chipping Campden and London the treble dodges in 1-2, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 and makes 3rds. In Surfleet and Imperial, the treble dodges in 1-2, 3-4, 6-7 and 8-9 and makes 5ths.

Chipping Campden Treble Bob:—

3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 7, 3, 1, 3; 7; 127a.
3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3;
9; 127a.

Surfleet T.B.:—

5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 7, 5, 1, 5; 7; 127a.
5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5;
9; 129a.

London T.B.:—

3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 127, 3, 1, 3, 127, 3, 1, 3;
127; 1mx.
3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 129, 3, 1, 3, 129, 3, 1, 3, 129,
3, 1, 3; 129; 1mx.

Imperial T.B.:—

5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 127, 5, 1, 5, 127, 5, 1, 5;
127; 1mx.
5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 129, 5, 1, 5, 129, 5, 1, 5, 129,
5, 1, 5; 129; 1mx.

London and Imperial both have a slow work, like Kent T.B. A peal of London T.B. Caters or Cinques should prove interesting and musical.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

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Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Gale will find he is wrong in his letter which says that the 13 peals from 1902 to 1913 were rung at Little Munden and not Great Munden. Both towers were very active at that period, and I don't think I have got mixed up between them. The first peal at Great Munden (p. 428, Vol. XXI, 'Bell News') was rung on December 6th, 1902. Mr. Gale's memory is also at fault about there not being a band of ringers at Great Munden at that time. The footnote to the second peal there on February 2nd, 1907, says: 'This is the first peal rung by a Great Munden Society.' The Rev. A. G. Langdon rang the second. The 11th of the 13 peals I mentioned in my article, on December 30th, 1911 (Minor in seven methods), was claimed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung ('R.W.' Vol. II, p. 26). Three ringers were from Great Munden and three from Little Munden.

As a matter of fact, on looking at the 13 peals, I see Mr. Gale did not ring in any of them. The first peal at Little Munden was rung in 1897, and no less than 41 were rung before the first world war. It will be some of these which Mr. Gale has in mind, of course, but I fear his memory must have played him false as regards to peals at Great Munden. I'm sorry to have to correct him.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I found the following extract in a service record book in Cawthorne Church:—
'Letter from Edward Conybeare, Barrington Vicarage, Cambridge, in "The Church Times," April 2nd, 1875.

"Mr. Rocket, Sussex Street, Cambridge, steeple warden to University Church, fixed up a chiming apparatus for our bells at a cost of 30s., and has worked well without repair for two years. Chiming done by one hand in any changes, tunes and cadences that can be got into their notes".

Can any reader give information about this apparatus?—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Swindon Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on March 8th, and the eight bells were put to good use in various methods ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge Major. The customary service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey) and tea had been arranged by the local ringers.

Before commencing the business meeting the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) called on the Vicar to make a presentation on behalf of the members to Mr. W. B. Kynaston, who had completed 25 years as secretary of the Branch. The gifts consisted of a brief case and a fountain pen and pencil set, and tributes were paid to Mr. Kynaston for his loyal service over a quarter of a century.

In thanking the subscribers, Mr. Kynaston said the presentation came as a complete surprise, and he would have to revise his opinions on the keeping of secrets by the opposite sex as his wife had kept him quite in the dark, although apparently aware of the proposed presentation.

As the annual meeting of the Association would take place in April, no Branch meeting was arranged for that month, and it was proposed to visit Brinkworth and Bishopstone in May and June respectively.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark and North Notts Districts

Despite the appalling weather conditions, approximately 45 ringers attended this, the second joint meeting of the two Districts, held at the Church of St. Nicholas, Tuxford, on March 8th.

Mr. H. T. Rooke took the chair for the business meeting, when three new members—B. Wild, N. Wild and R. Wild, of East Bridgford, and four non-resident life members, C. P. Pitchford, S. T. Rodgers, J. Marshall and D. Briggs, of Brant Broughton—were unanimously elected.

Winthorpe was confirmed for the place of the May meeting, and East Bridgford was chosen for July. In place of the normal bell repair fund, a collection was made on behalf of the Tuxford Church tower restoration fund: this realised £1 1s. 7d.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for the tea, Mr. Brett for all the local arrangements, and the North Notts District for inviting the Newark District to this joint meeting.

Mr. H. T. Rooke suitably replied, and ringing then continued up to 8.30 p.m. W. L. E.

Nottingham District

The Church of St. Patrick, Nuthall, where a yew tree many hundreds of years old spreads its shapely arms in a garden of flowers and evergreens, was the meeting place for February for the Nottingham District, and from 2.30 onwards some 40 ringers enjoyed themselves ringing various touches from rounds to London and Cambridge Surprise. A well-attended service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. R. Barker), and tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local company of Girl Guides. The usual business meeting was held, and Mr. J. E. Hobbs gave a report on the progress of the local band which was a great credit to both tutors and learners.

The next meeting will be at the old village church of Clifton. S. A.

NORWICH DIOCESAN Western Branch

A record attendance of 70 members and friends representing 28 towers was present at the annual meeting of the Western Branch held at St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, on February 22nd. Among those present were the president, the general secretary, the Association Ringing Master, the Branch chairman, Ringing Master and secretary.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and various methods were rung to suit all tastes and capabilities. An excellent tea was arranged and served by relatives and friends of the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Aitkin) and the lessons were read by the president, who was at one period a curate of St. Margaret's.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected and five new members were enrolled. Prayers were said for Mr. W. Rose, a member of the local band, who is in hospital, and also for Mrs. Ebberson (wife of the Branch Ringing Master) who has been ill. Hopes were expressed for their speedy recovery.

The president, in his remarks, congratulated the Western Branch on their great efforts during the past year, and thanked the officers for their work.

The secretary expressed his thanks to all who had co-operated with the various ringing meetings, and said how pleased he was that so many young people were taking such a great interest in learning the art and attending the meetings.

It was suggested that the next annual meeting in February, 1959, should be held at Swaffham, and that the next quarterly meeting should be at Saham Toney on May 31st. It was also agreed that an interim meeting should be held at Sculthorpe on April 12th.

OBITUARY

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

For the fifth time within the past three years I have had the mournful task of paying tribute to the passing of a Leicester Cathedral ringer. It was a severe shock to learn of the death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, which occurred under tragic circumstances about 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th, when she was knocked down by a motor shooting brake on the main road almost immediately after leaving her home. She was found to be dead on reaching hospital. It should have been the usual practice night at the Cathedral but this had been cancelled as the bells were not available. Mrs. Poole had decided to go to the practice at St. John-the-Divine Church to aid a young band make progress.

Mrs. Poole was a talented, keen and enthusiastic ringer and had shown great courage in carrying on after the tragic death of her late husband, Harold Poole. She was in the forefront of peal ringers and was last year easily the leading lady peal ringer. She was also regular in attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice, and always willing to give help at meetings and in other directions. She had always given ringers a cordial welcome at home.

She was held in high regard and affection in the Leicester Diocese and amongst a much wider circle of ringers and friends.

The sympathy of all will be extended to her daughter, Jill Stanforth, and her husband, Peter, who, for the second time have been called upon to face stark tragedy. H. G. J.

AN APPRECIATION

Words fail to express the emotional shock one received at the tragic news of the accidental death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, for it was only a few short hours before when we stood in a peal together. Not only Leicester will be overwhelmed by the sudden end to a very fine career, but the whole Exercise will be stunned, for Mrs. Poole was, without doubt, the 'leading lady.' It was only recently she remarked to me after a peal that she thought—and quite rightly, I believe—that she and I were the lady and gentleman with most peals to our credit.

It does not seem nearly 36 years ago since Mrs. Poole (then Miss Phyllis Hare) made her first visit to Leicester to score her first peal of Cambridge Major. This was at Kibworth in 1922 and was the first of 'Surprise' on these bells. It was conducted by Harold J. Poole, who later became her husband, and I had the pleasure and honour to ring the tenor in that peal; and now, alas, I was in her last. Phyllis made many visits from her native Woodston, Peterborough, and we rang scores of peals in all the standard and many Surprise methods. I always admired her, not only for the graceful and skilful way she handled her bell, but for her great ability to ring any method perfectly. But most of all I respect her memory because she never refused to join in a simple peal of Plain Bob Minor or Grandsire Triples if it was to help some struggling local band. But apart from all her peal ringing activities she was of a fine disposition and a lively and pleasant companion. She will be greatly missed in Leicester and throughout the Exercise. Mere words fail to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jill and Peter Stanforth in their tragic loss.

ERNEST MORRIS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Cotterill 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Baraclough 5, F. Pickering 6, J. N. Hadley 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. For Evenson, with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Lord Dartmouth, patron of the living.

MISS MARGARET RHODES AN APPRECIATION

The Ladies' Guild have lost a valued member through the death of Margaret Rhodes, who was for many years vice-president of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild, and gave up the post only recently.

Despite many responsibilities she was the type who form the dependable core of organisations, and the trouble and expense taken to attend Ladies' Guild meetings, even if only for a short visit, was a compliment in itself. Her presence turned any mediocre or disappointing meeting into an enjoyable event, and she possessed a delightful sense of humour which always came as a surprise because it was delivered so seriously.

Ringers paid their respects to her before and after the funeral service in Leeds Parish Church before cremation at Lawnswood, Leeds.

Members of the Guild sent floral tributes from Rotherham, Sheffield and Leeds. It is with a sad heart we say goodbye. E. D. K.

MR. JOHN WOOD

Mr. John Wood, captain of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, died on March 5th in hospital after several weeks' illness.

'Cappy,' as he was known, was born at Wall-sall, Staffs, at the turn of the century, and emigrated to South Africa at the age of eight. He joined St. Mary's band in the early 1920's, being taught by James Priest (Wanstead), Lewis Green (Exeter) and later by Fred May (Bristol).

His first quarter peal in 1925 was also the first ringing since the 1904 peal. For the following 25 years' work, Cape Town owes a great debt to him for keeping the bells in working order and the nucleus of a band together.

His work had its fruition in South Africa's Coronation peal, and the revival of the past five years.

After a major operation in 1954 he stubbornly refused to give up ringing, and hastened his own end in serving St. Mary's.

A floral tribute was sent from the band, and in muffled ringing they paid their last respects.

The funeral was held on March 7th, and in the evening of that day a touch of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in his memory. His ringing colleagues sent a floral tribute.—A. V. S.

MR. FREDERICK VICKERS

The death took place on March 13th in Tindal Hospital, Aylesbury, after an operation, of Mr. Frederick Vickers, of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. He would have been 85 on March 18th, the day of his funeral.

The Rev. Wyndham Edgar (rural dean) conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large congregation, and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Miss Evelyn Steel (president) represented the Beds Association, Mr. W. Insley and Mr. C. Vincent St. Barnabas', Linslade, and Mr. H. B. Whitney and Mr. J. H. Conquest All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

Fred Vickers, as he was affectionately called, had a long association with St. Barnabas', Linslade. His grandfather worshipped at the church when it was first opened in 1849, and his father was parish clerk and sexton from 1886 to 1936. Fred succeeded his father as verger and sexton and held office for 18 years. His forthright character and devotion to duty won him many friends.

He commenced bellringing in 1886, became foreman at St. Barnabas' in 1895, and joined the Bedfordshire Association in 1902. He rang quite a few peals for them including five at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and did much hard work in teaching learners. Fred will be remembered with affection for his part in getting the rough-going five at Tilsworth augmented to six, placed in an iron frame, and made into a good circle.

On the evening of the funeral the bells of St. Barnabas' were rung half-muffled to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and rounds by ringers from Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Buckingham, Woburn and Aston Abbots.

H. B. W.

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QUARTER PEALS

OUNDE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Gardner 1, T. A. Stretton 2, P. Stretton 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, A. C. Willis 5, A. B. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 6, D. Vessey 7, K. Selby 8. First of Minor by a Sunday service band. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. A. J. T. and Mrs. Littlewood, and a farewell on their departure to Nassington. Also on Mar. 9th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Vessey 1, T. A. Stretton 2, B. Gardner 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, A. C. Willis 5, A. B. Clarke (cond.) 6, P. Stretton 7, R. Copson 8. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Little Aston, Seighford, St. Columb, Cliffs Pleasure, Southrepps, Canterbury, Kennington, Norfolk, April Day, Old and 60 Plain Bob): Miss P. F. Curtis 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Osborne 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 2nd. 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Violet 1, E. Relf 1, Mary Meynell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. V. H. Relf 5, W. H. Prior 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, E. Sanger 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 9th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred R. Millen 1, Violet 1, Relf 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. Relf (first in method 'inside') 5, P. H. Barnes 6, A. E. Gorham 7, F. J. Burchett 8. For Matins by the local band.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Feb. 11th. 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Miss J. Roper 1, G. Dale 2, F. Bennett 3, D. Banks 4, D. Cubitt 5, D. Lockwood 6, P. Woodward 7, J. Kirby 8, W. Moreton (cond.) 9, D. Barker 10. First of Caters for 2. A farewell to David Banks, who is leaving for service in Germany. Also on Feb. 22nd. 1,320 Grand-sire Cinques: D. Banks 1, Miss J. Roper 2, W. Moreton (cond.) 3, P. Woodward 4, H. Chant 5, F. Bennett 6, D. Cubitt 7, I. Slack 8, G. Townsend 9, J. H. Kirby 10, J. E. Kirby 11, H. Naylor 12. First of Cinques for 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 12. For the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Provost of Wakefield. Also on Feb. 25th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. White (first quarter) 1, D. Cubitt 2, Miss J. Roper 3, P. Woodward 4, W. Moreton (cond.) 5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The first meeting of the Western District in 1958 was held on March 15th at Keighley and was favoured by a considerable improvement in the weather. It was, however, still very cold, and for this reason it was fortunate that the 50 or so members who attended were not all present at the same time, as accommodation in the small ringing room was somewhat limited.

Ringing took place from 3 until 4.30 p.m., when a pleasant short service was conducted by the curate of Keighley (Rev. Mr. Riley). The Vicar had been away on business during the afternoon, but did manage to return in time to address a few words of welcome to the visitors at tea time.

In the absence of the vice-president, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Association's general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris). Thanks were expressed to the church authorities and local company for the excellent arrangements.

A short period of silence was observed to respect the memory of four members of the District who had recently passed away: Miss Margaret S. Rhodes, of Leeds; Mr. Walter Smith, of Mirfield; Mr. John Hall, of Keighley, and Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford.

Six new members were elected: Miss J. R. Hutchings and Messrs. R. Stephenson, S. K. Williamson, J. Kerby, J. Burgess and C. Millthorpe.

Arrangements are being made to hold the next meeting at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on June 21st, following a kind invitation from the local company.

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DEATH

POOLE. Phyllis, wife of the late Harold J., suddenly by accident on March 20th, 1958. 'In love and gratitude we will remember them'—Peter, Jill and Rosemary. 2068

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Diserens is now 9, Rycroft Close, Woodley, near Reading. 2042

After March 31st, 1958, the address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness will be 9, Linden Way, Boston, Lincs. 2047

On and after April 2nd the address of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood will be Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Derbyshire. All communications should be sent to this address. 2050

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—(April) Meeting at March (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 2004

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, at Irthlingborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Amor, Hon. Sec. 2021

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest underground station, Tottenham Court Road). Ringing 3.45 p.m. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 4.15 sharp. Service 5 p.m., then business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 2024

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Railwaymen's Institute 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing.—S. Fokett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 2017

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Willersey, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. 2040

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 2072

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 6 p.m. There will be no practice ringing before the meeting.—J. Chilcott. 2051

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business in vestry (for members) 4.15. Tea in Town Hall 4.45. Short service 6 p.m. Names, please, to K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec., 8, London Road, Woburn. 2052

HUCKNALL PARISH CHURCH.—Dedication of new ring of eight, Saturday, April 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 2nd, to H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. All welcome. 2069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2070

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Minehead on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service at 12 noon. Lunch at the Dorrien Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. Reservation tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Business meeting follows, in restaurant. Ringing: Minehead, 11 to 11.45 a.m., and after meeting: Old Cleeve, 10.30 to 11.30; 4 to 7.30 p.m.: Carhampton, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Timberscombe, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Porlock, 4.30 to 7 p.m.; Selworthy, 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Dunster, 10 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Exford, 7 to 8 p.m.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 2061

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on Easter Monday at 2.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements as follows: Estow (6), 9 to 9.45 a.m.; Kempston, 9.45 to 10.30; Goldington, 10 to 11.55; St. Peter's, Bedford, 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.; Felmersham, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's, Bedford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2013

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brampton on Easter Monday. Bells (6) 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. A.G.M. to follow. The bells of Carlisle Cathedral (8) will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 3rd, to Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 2013

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidbury on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by April 2nd to Mr. K. Clarke, Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford. 2013

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties, will those requiring tea please notify as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, April 1st, the Rev. J. W. E. Brown, The Vicarage, Crich, near Matlock.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2023

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Downham Market, 10 to 10.45 a.m.; Magdalen, 11 to 11.30; Tilney, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Terrington St. Clement, 12.40 to 1.30 p.m.; Terrington St. John, 1.45 to 2.15; Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Wisbech St. Mary, 10 to 11 a.m.; Tydd St. Giles, 11-15 a.m. to 12 noon; Tydd St. Mary, 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.; Leverington, 1.30 to 2.30; Walsoken 3 to 3.45; Walsoken, Wisbech St. Peter, Elm, 6 to 9 p.m. 2058

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Easter Monday, April 7th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee, 11 a.m., at Wrens Restaurant. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Ashford School for Girls. Tickets, before Tuesday, April 1st, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 1996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, St. Woolos', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 1996

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham (10), 2.30 p.m., on Easter Monday, April 7th. Special method, Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea by Thursday, 3rd, please, to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 2041

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 and tea arranged at 5 p.m. at Andrew's Restaurant, 7, London Road, for all who notify me before Thursday, April 3rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Kempsey (6), 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgberrow, Evesham. 2033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Crowcombe, April 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by 7th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 2075

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Names, please, to Mr. C. Moore, 27, Chapel Road, Epping. 2060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Chippenham, Saturday, April 12th. Business meeting 2 p.m., Co-op Hall, Foghamshire. Tea 5. St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Divine service 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. (No names, no tea.) Bells available: St. Andrew's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and after service: St. Paul's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corsham, Lacock, Marshfield, Kingston St. Michael; also 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service, Malmesbury, Colerne.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 2053

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business affects reserve and benevolent funds. Apsley (6) and Northchurch (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Redbourn (6), by arrangement with Mr. J. Hobbs; Berkhamsted (8), 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. Hemel Hempstead and Apsley bells in evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Speldhurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 8th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2063

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Lea, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names must be sent not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss Pat Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, near Gainsborough, Lincs.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2046

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Heathfield, Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Vicarage, but bring your own food. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2065

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 to 3.15; Cathedral (12), 3 to 4.10; St. John's (10), 7.30 to 8.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, to undersigned, at 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). We can accommodate all who notify.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2071

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Sculthorpe on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe, Fakenham. 2071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2064

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 2059

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Kirkheaton, Saturday, April 19th. For teas please notify by April 12th Mrs. Senior, 1, Knowle Road, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Sec. 2016

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1.15 to 2.15; Ifley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalen, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, April 26th. Towers available: Ulverston St. Mary (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2.45 p.m.; Dalton-in-Furness St. Mary (10), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3 p.m., and after meeting if required; Barrow-in-Furness St. James (8), 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in St. James' School 3.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. P. Stannard, Vicar of St. James'. Tea, St. James' Parish Hall, Hartington Street, 4.30 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per person. Names, together with remittance, by Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting to follow at approximately 5.30 p.m. 2045

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner in the Picture Room at the Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, October 11th. Further details later.—F. V. C. 2045

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

After a number of meetings at which the attendance had been very disappointing, it was most encouraging to see well over 40 members and friends at the meeting of the S. and W. District, held at Uxbridge on March 15th. The eight bells were put to good use afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from rounds to London Surprise, in spite of the difficulties caused by the smallness of the tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Dunning), who also presided over the business meeting which followed an excellent tea in the Church Hall. At this meeting it was suggested that meetings were nearly always more successful when a service and a tea were arranged, and the District secretary said he would endeavour to arrange this for future meetings.

During the day, it was recalled that Uxbridge bells were once the subject of a curious complaint. The tower is immediately opposite a dance hall, and one Sunday evening, while the bells were being rung for service, a request was received from the dance hall for the bells to stop, as the dance band couldn't hear itself practising!

The thanks of all who were present are due to the Vicar of Uxbridge, to Mr. H. W. Impey, and to all who worked to make the meeting the successful occasion it was. W. T. C.

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