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RINGING AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

ATTENTION over a wide field will no doubt be re-awakened by the reader's letter in last week's issue on this matter. In this connection the following information, taken from the writer's records, may be of interest.

On October 29th, 1948, Mr. Eric A. Dench put a notice in "The Ringing World" as to a proposed R.A.F. Society of Ringers. In March, 1949, he issued a circular to those responding, with suggestions for the formation of the society, the idea of which sprang from the R.A.F. Cranwell Society of Change Ringers, which had a membership of nine ringers, stationed at Cranwell at the time. In May he invited the writer to put forward further suggestions and to attend an inaugural meeting at Edmonton on June 4th, 1949.

At this meeting the Society was launched under the title of "R.A.F. Guild of Ringers." The writer declined the honour of its mastership, in favour of Mr. Dench, whose enterprise and leadership had earned him the position. Acting officers of the Society up to to that time were A/C Rogers, of Rotherham (Hon. Secretary), and A/C Manton, of Leicester (Hon. Treasurer), though whether these appointments were confirmed one's records do not show, but a committee was elected, and annual subscriptions of the order of 7s. 6d. were paid for membership. It was arranged to call a meeting of the committee in the near future to organise the Guild.

Shortly afterwards Pilot Officer Dench was posted to the Far East, and some time later, was tragically killed on active service.

Disappointingly, one never heard anything further of the Guild. However, in May, 1951, A/C Chapman, of R.A.F., Cardington, endeavoured to arrange a peal attempt by R.A.F. personnel, but apparently his difficulties were too great at the time.

In April, 1956, the Royal Air Forces Association (of which, as a life member, one has had the privilege of helping in its charitable work) suggested the writer should get into touch with Air Vice-Marshal Sir Cecil Bouchier, director of the appeal for the rehabilitation of St. Clement Danes' and its bells, as the Church of the Royal Air Force. As a participant in the only two peals that have been rung by serving officers of the Forces, one then ventured to put forward suggestions as to the ringing at this church of the R.A.F.

In a gracious letter of acknowledgment, Canon A. S. Giles, the Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force, spoke 'with great interest' of being 'extremely grateful for the kind suggestions,' which included:—

(a) The ringing of touches at the dedication ceremony by R.A.F. personnel, past and present, who had contributed to the rehabilitation fund.

(b) Attempt for the first peal by present and past members of the Royal Air Forces.

(c) A revival of the 'R.A.F. Guild of Ringers,' centred in the R.A.F. church.

(d) An annual 'Remembrance Peal' on Battle of Britain Day, rung at St. Clement Danes' by present and/or past members of the Royal Air Forces.

Canon Giles intimated that he had received other similar suggestions, and that they would all be passed to a belfry master, whom they were going to appoint, and who, he was sure, would be getting in touch. As last week's correspondent recalls, it is now reported that Mr. E. A. Barnett, the well-known Secretary to the Central Council, 'is in charge of this tower,' so doubtless more of this most interesting matter will be heard before the dedication.

A. Y.-B.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

William Hibbert	*Treble*	Raymond G. Burton	7
Mrs. Pat Lewington	2	William Birmingham	8
James Phillips	3	Benjamin F. Baker	9
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Michael V. Chilcott	10
Frederick R. Scott	5	John H. Crampion	11
Frank E. Darby	6	John Chilcott	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
Ernest Morris	2	Shirley Burton	8
Ernest Rawson	3	Alan E. Jacques	9
Alfred Ballard	4	J. Frederick Milner	10
Michael D. Staniforth	5	William J. Root	11
Harold G. Jenney	6	E. Charles Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Phyllis Poole, greatly beloved member of the Cathedral Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	Brian Harris	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Neil D. Lomas	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	8
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

John F. Butler	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clive M. Smith	3	Paul J. Rigby	7
John A. Anderson	4	Stephen J. Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

R. John Munnings	*Treble*	Gilbert R. Goodship	5
Charles J. Sedgley	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	James Bennett	7
Harry D. Lister	4	Ernest V. Blake	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First in the method for the Suffolk Guild since 1924.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., March 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	G. Ronald Edwards	5
Phyllis Poole	2	Ernest Morris	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
*Richard J. Clifton	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
The composition (C.C.C. 223) contains Queens, Whittingtons, Tittums, all the 7468's and 7568's, and the 6th its extent home.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Ian H. Oram	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Robin G. Leale	6
Ralph Bird	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
John L. Morris	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Joyce Halliday	*Treble*	*J. Colin Ashworth	5
Trevor Taylor	2	*Peter Scholfield	6
*John H. Fielden	3	Derek Taylor	7
*Derek Butterworth	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal in the method.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	‡John Ledsham	5
Wilfred W. Ring	2	Crawford T. Hillis	6
*Violet I. E. Relf	3	Geoffrey Pearson	7
†Kathleen M. Yeo	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Pearson.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ First of Major. First as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Isobel Inman	*Treble*	Arthur S. Richards	5
John L. Morris	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Brian Bladon	3	Philip Mehew	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts (C.C.C. 19).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation the following Tuesday.

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CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HULME	*Treble*	JILL MAYES	5
†SHEILA PERCIVAL	2	B. ERIC FROST	6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
PERCY W. TOMPKINS	4	GEOFFREY W. MAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Triples. First 'inside' and first on eight bells.

Rung as birthday compliments to Miss Jill Mayes and Lewis H. Bywaters.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FRANK REED	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to mark the 70th birthday of Mr. T. J. Fowler (Uncle John), also in recognition of his long service as choirman and ringer at this church, and to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	†E. KEITH JORDAN	6
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* 50th peal for the Guild. † 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. C. Wincott, who is leaving this parish to become Vicar of Peartree, Southampton.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	PETER BORDER	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Bristol.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM JOHN STOKES	*Treble*	JAMES A. METCALFE	5
JAMES FIELDING	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
STANLEY ANDERTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
*F. ANTHONY ELSON	4	DAVID YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	PERCY W. GRICE	6
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

In memoriam Phyllis Poole, and as a last tribute from members of the Midland Counties Guild to an esteemed colleague and a gallant lady.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	JOHN JORDAN	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

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

In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jean Elizabeth Barker, daughter of the treble ringer, and Mr. Frederick Michael Larkin.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST	*Treble*	COLIN E. VERDON	5
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	ALAN A. PRICE	6
AUDREY D. ELDRIDGE	3	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	7
GEORGE FRY	4	J. MICHAEL SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal on eight bells and first of Grandsire.

A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne J. Pankhurst.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	ISOBEL INMAN	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
DAVID J. KIRBY	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Major as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. A. E. COX	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	5
ANTHONY E. COX	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
DAVID A. CORNWALL ..	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* 200th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method as conductor. First in the method by the Guild.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY..	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN ..	5
*JACK S. DEAR	2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	*EDWIN G. BUCK	7
*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE..	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	H WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A wedding compliment to Michael John Soanes and Jean Vivian Kegler.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY ..	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BRIAN HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C KENNETH LEWIS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	PETER S. BORER	5
ERNEST J. LADD..	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DAVID GEBBETT	*Treble*	†GEORGE A. HURD	4
WILLIAM M. MANN	2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD..	3	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor. First peal for the Society and rung by a resident band.

DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LOUIS H. EARL..	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CHATER	4
PERCY AMOS	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
†GLADYS A. ASHBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First attempt for a peal: commenced ringing 41 years ago. † First touch of Minor. First known peal of Minor on the bells, which were last rehung, except for the tenor, 111 years ago.
Rung in honour of the bicentenary of the birth of Joseph D. Carlyle (1758-1804) and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley (December, 1707), both noted hymn-writers.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD ..	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
TERENCE RANDALL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Annie Gwendoline Salt, who passed away March 20th, 1958, wife of the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, who has been Rector of Gamston for 22 years.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*BARBARA MANSHIP	*Treble*	GEORGE A. HURD	4
JAMES A. LORD..	2	*FRANK CHAMBERS	5
JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

DAVID C. WEST	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. NEESHAM ..	3
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS ..	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	4
MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
* First peal 'inside.'

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PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one six-score of Stedman, eight six-scores each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, five six-scores of Reverse St. Bartholomew, one twelve-score (Morris's arrangement) and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY ..	*Treble*	ANTHONY M. COOMBS ..	4
BRYNLEY TAYLOR	2	JEFFERY W. WALLACE ..	5
GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	3	DAVID N. HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

First peal in six different methods by all the band.

Rung to wish Edmund J. R. Hartley, of Penarth, luck in his forthcoming examinations.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ..	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Mr. A. P. Knights has now rung peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

WOLVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	4
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
FRANK W. LEWIS	3	A PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
*RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to Vernon B. Bedford.

WINLATON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN ..	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	4
ERNEST J. LADD..	2	STANLEY JENNER..	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	3	BERNARD W. PANKHURST ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. B. Pankhurst, Mrs. G. Whitehead and Miss J. Whitehead.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*RONALD O. NEEDHAM ..	*Treble*	CHARLES CATTELL	4
RITA M. STRATFORD ..	2	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
MRS. J. B. BENNETT ..	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. S. R. G. Davies, who was inducted Vicar of Cosby the previous day.

DOWNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's, one of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID J. KIRBY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
†BRENDA M. FOSTER ..	2	PETER P. BROWN	5
SUSAN P. NICHOLSON ..	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
RALPH BIRD	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
ROBIN G. LEALE..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD

The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1741. This is the first time the bells have been rung for over 45 years, previously regarded as unringable.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	4
A. C. MERVYN DAY	2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Tarrant, of Rendcomb.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 17, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Remigius', St. Osmund, Winchendon Place and St. Martin's, and 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Nicholas'. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT NO. 13, COOMBEND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and ten each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

EDWIN BROWN	1—2	DAVID HOARE	3—4
		*BRENDA CARTER	5—6

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, R. D. Brown (cond.) 2, Margaret E. Perry (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome Mark Nicholson, born on February 15th, son of Ann (former secretary of the band) and Bob Jones. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. D. C. Fisher as Rector.

BACUP, LANCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Parkinson (first quarter) 1, R. Parkinson (first quarter) 2, S. Lowe 3, H. Parkinson 4, G. Coppin 5, J. Heaps (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Ald. A. Rhodes, to commemorate a lifetime of service to the church.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Varney (first in method) 1, J. Bray (first 'inside') 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, L. Scoot 4, A. Leggett 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Silcox 1, Vivien E. Cott 2, Margaret Greedy 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, T. T. Jones (cond.) 5, C. J. B. Taylor 6. For evening service.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Sheila Bradder (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, Jane E. Langton 3, B. E. Matthews 4, R. A. Brown 5, G. R. Crisp 6. First in two method 3, 4 and 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Claude Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. Greenaugh 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Reading.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, G. Packham 4, R. V. Johnson 5, J. Jeffrey 6, L. L. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Gasson, ringer at this church for 56 years, who died on Mar. 19th, aged 75 years, interred this day. Three of his sons rang in the quarter with friends from Cuckfield, Burgess Hill and Twinqham.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, R. G. Pearce 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard (first 'inside') 5, H. Trewin 6, J. Sangwin (cond.) 7, W. Bond 8. For Evensong.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Burford (first of Triples) 1, R. Allport 2, C. Skidmore 3, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. F. Jukes 5, A. Mallin 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Bagnel (first quarter) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. North 1, A. W. Bond 2, Miss R. How 3, M. O. Slaney 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. W. Burnett 6, E. K. Jordan 7, F. Page 8, H. W. Woolven 9, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Thomas' (City) Church, on Mar 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Bird 1, Mrs. R. J. Bowden 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, F. C. Mogford 4, F. E. Hansford 5, R. J. Bowden 6, T. P. Edwards 7, F. D. Mack (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the re-consecration of the rebuilt St. Paul's, Bedminster, this day.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints' and April Day, 360 Bob, 420 Grandsire): B. Watts 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First in four methods for all. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to T. Fagg.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Welsh (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, B. A. Thompson 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Martin 5, J. Armstrong 6, P. P. Brown 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. For Matins.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bishop 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. C. Jackson 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Miles 1, Margaret Jennings 2, M. Jennings 3, G. Jennings 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, P. Whitford 6, R. Elliott 7, W. Slaughter 8. For Evensong.

EALING, MDLX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Mar. 26th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. Bettridge 1, H. J. Eldred 2, D. Fowles 3, A. M. Stacey 4, D. Theedom 5, F. Ranson 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: F. Ranson 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, R. J. Cook 4, S. Croft 5, D. Theedom 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — At SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Binfield 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss V. Gooderidge 3, A. Berry (first of Triples) 4, W. Bidnell 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, R. Birch 7, A. Jackson (first of Triples) 8. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's visit to Folkestone the following day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hindle 1, Miss S. Barker 2, R. Lofty 3, C. Moore 4, P. Adcock (cond.) 5, H. Blake 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, A. Beckwith 3, J. Everitt 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. For St. Mary's Day.

KERESLEY, WARKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. I. Bowcutt 1, H. Folwell 2, W. Ensor 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Barnett, a former churchwarden and a great friend and supporter of the local ringers.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. George (first quarter) 1, D. Downing (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, C. F. Jukes 3, F. E. Jukes 4, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 5, H. Morgan 6, D. Griffiths 7, M. Wright 8. For Mothering Sunday.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: Miss C. Wheeler 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A compliment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler on the birth of her first great grandchild (Martin John Wheeler), also to his grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler) and Auntie Christine.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West 1, J. Butler 2, W. Rouse 3, Miss H. Sharp 4, L. Sharp 5, D. E. West 6, U. W. Wildney 7, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith (15) 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley (15) 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. First quarter by the local band. For evening service.

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LEICESTER.—On Mar. 25th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wardle 1, J. Moss 2, W. Tanser 3, V. Pratt 4, R. Morris 5, G. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, C. Desbrow 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who died in an accident on her way to St. John's practice on March 20th.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Canterbury, London, Chase, Plain Bob, Union, St. Simon's, Old, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): A. Henman 1, L. Battisson 2, J. Kightley 3, R. Henman (cond.) 4, A. Ford 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Davies.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Day 1, D. Manton 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Stimson 4, H. Aley 5, F. Hubbard 6, F. Shepheard 7, R. Hill 8, H. Clayton (cond.) 9, J. W. Day 10. First of Caters for 1, 6, 8 and 10. Rung as a mark of respect for Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of Leicester, a great friend and a great ringer, who was accidentally killed a few days before.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 300 Grandsire, 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure): P. A. Bird 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart 6. First in eight methods for all the band. For Evensong.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five extents Plain Bob, three different extents, a 240 and 60 of Grandsire): Miss B. Foster 1, G. S. Mills 2, B. J. Wild 3, A. Smith (jun.) 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles in seven methods: C. Marchant 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, F. A. K. Prime 4, D. G. Miller (cond.) 5, B. Dickenson (first quarter) 6. First in seven methods for all except 4.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. d'A. Blackwell 1, J. Swanne (first of Minor) 2, B. Claridge 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. Forder 5, D. C. Exell (cond.) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Mar. 16th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Mrs. M. I. Pailing 1, F. N. Pailing (first quarter) 2, G. E. Padgett 3, J. G. Underwood 4, F. A. Salter 5, G. D. Clift 6, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 7, H. Dale 8. For evening service.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Porter (first of Major) 1, H. Rodmell 2, L. Rodmell 3, R. Ducker 4, N. Ling 5, L. Daggitt 6, F. Osgerby 7, C. Barker (cond.) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to L. Rodmell.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. G. Jones 1, J. W. Eustace 2, C. W. J. East 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Minns 1, Miss M. J. Aldin 2, A. H. Roberts 3, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 4, P. M. Adcock 5, T. N. J. Bailey 6. First of Minor for 3. Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, L. J. Minns 3, E. A. Head 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, P. D. T. Cattermole 6, R. Plummer 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. First of Major for 3 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. L. G. Dennis, the retiring Rector.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Coward 1, G. S. Sandwell 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, F. C. May 4, W. J. Ellis 5, M. F. Hatch 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8. First in method for 2 and 6. For Evensong and a welcome to Lesley Anne Tomlin.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, J. N. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens 5, B. C. Stirland 6, R. F. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wright 1, J. Tagg 2, F. Hill 3, D. Bass (first quarter) 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. Hopson 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 16th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Canterbury, 780 Plain Bob): R. Rogers (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Curtis 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,295 Little Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, Miss M. Mills 2, I. Tilling 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss' E. A. Wardill 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, F. Fisher 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung on the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hook 1, A. B. Allcorn 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, G. King 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. First in method by all. Rung by local band for Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Brandrick (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for Mothers' Union enrolment service on Lady Day.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples (from Hubbard's five-part): A. Dickerson 1, B. H. B. Mutimer 2, C. Thompson 3, A. H. Roberts 4, J. Aldis 5, D. Poyntz 6, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 7, C. Alden 8. First on eight for 4, 7 and 8. A birthday compliment to Cecil Alden, of Starston.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Challen 1, Miss D. Gough 2, Miss J. Pike 3, R. Challen 4, O. Giles 5, F. Howe 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, J. Arnold 8. For Confirmation service.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hindle 1, J. Aldis 2, N. Fenn 3, P. M. Adcock 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung on the Feast of St. Winwalloe of Brittany.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, H. Miller (first 'inside') 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. Rung for the children's Mothering Sunday service. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, Ann Aldridge (first of Kent 'inside') 2, Pam Miller (first of Kent) 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Mary Piper 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Wainwright (first of Major) 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Taylor (first as cond.) 2, A. E. Bissar 3, W. Chalwell 4, R. G. Pearce 5, H. Stacey 6, R. Hill 7, H. Heard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sangwin, mother of local ringers Jack, Charles and Fred, interred this day at Pyworthy.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Thorley 1, James Thorley 2, T. Leask 3, F. A. Staveley 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, L. M. Woodhead 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, E. Thorley 8. A wedding compliment to Margaret Wilson and Clifford Leask, married same day.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. d'A. Blackwall 1, J. Swanne 2, M. E. L. Beamish 3, D. Forder 4, D. C. Exell (cond.) 5, P. Wooster (first quarter) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, T. P. Edwards 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bruten, of Ebbw Vale, Mon., on the birth of a son. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Arkle (first quarter) 1, R. O. Fry 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, D. E. Cobb 6, A. L. Lee (first on eight as cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. A compliment to the Vicar of Twerton (the Rev. J. Higgins) and Mrs. Higgins on the birth of a daughter.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Fooks (first quater) 1, A. M. Cunningham 2, R. G. W. Robertson (first quarter) 3, C. G. Cherrett (first 'inside') 4, C. T. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Bull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Mar. 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss C. M. Allsebrook 1, M. J. Mossendew 2, H. Naylor 3, K. Ingram 4, R. W. Morrant (cond.) 5, P. Simmon 6, T. Robinson (first quarter) 7, G. Davis (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Leggett 1, G. Balls (first 'inside') 2, B. Gibbons 3, F. Clarke 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, J. C. Macbeth 6. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on his appointment as Rural Dean of Southampton. Mr. Felstead has been Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, since 1946, and during his incumbency the congregation has raised nearly £12,000 for the fabric fund of the church. Mrs. Felstead is presiding member of the Mothers' Union for Southampton 'A' deanery, the largest M.U. group in the Winchester diocese.

Mr. Arthur Bason made a welcome return to peal ringing on March 29th, when he took part in a peal of Cambridge at Loddon.

The band who rang in the 70th birthday peal to 'Uncle John' Fowler at Cookham are grateful to him for his hospitality after the event.

Two boys of Rotherham Grammar School selected as their prizes 'Towers and Bells of Britain.'

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers, with Mr. T. Edwards, from Bristol, rang a quarter peal on March 16th to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bruten, of Ebbw Vale. Mrs. Bruten (Audrey Stephens) had been a great help to Twerton when living in Bath.

The five bells at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, are unsafe to ring. The P.C.C. hope to put them in order and add a sixth bell. To complete the work over £1,000 has to be raised. Since early February over £600 has been received, mainly by donations, but £11 came from salvage paper sales.

Mr. J. M. Page, of Hatfield, will shortly be moving to Carlisle to take up a senior appointment with the Cumberland County Council. He is an active member of the Herts County Association and the Society of Roving Ringers.

We regret to hear that Mr. Norman Mallett, of Exeter, is receiving medical treatment in hospital, after which he has been ordered a complete rest. This will prevent him from ringing for the greater part of the year.

A well-known Cheshire ringer, J. E. B., once made a statement in Devon that if ever a Yorkshire band rang a peal of Glasgow Surprise Major he would buy them 'pints all round.' Perhaps he might now forward the 'necessary.' Glasgow Surprise Major is regarded by some to be the most difficult method ever devised.

Apropos the recent peal of Cambridge at Acle, this was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells, for the first peal on the bells on April 12th, 1934, was of Cambridge.

The will of Mr. William Armley Wooler, of Great Hazeley, Oxon, a retired colliery surveyor, who was a ringer in the north of England some 30 years ago, has been proved at £12,598 gross (£12,526 net). He left £3,000 each to the Church of England Children's Society and the Ordination Candidates Exhibition Fund, and £2,000 to the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

When St. Paul's, Bedminster, was first consecrated, 'a triumphant peal of thanksgiving' was rung at St. Thomas', Bristol, on October 24th, 1831. One hundred years later, in 1931, a quarter peal celebrated the centenary, and now in 1958 another quarter peal at St. Thomas' marks the reconsecration of the rebuilt church of St. Paul, Bedminster. The new church has only one bell, which was cast by Mears and Stainbank recently (12 cwt. in F).

In connection with the end-of-term service of Chesterfield Grammar School and the Girls' High School, held at Chesterfield Parish Church on March 28th, the ten bells were rung, with one exception, by scholars from those two schools, the exception being an adult lady, Mrs. Elsie Silcock, who resides near the church and made up the band. The scholars are all regular service ringers at neighbouring churches, viz.: Clay Cross, Bolsover, Old Brampton and Chesterfield Parish Church.

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ENGLAND HAS 42,319 RINGERS

CHURCH'S ESTIMATE FOR PROVINCES OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

SOME time ago the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England kindly agreed to include in their forms of inquiry about parochial statistics for the year 1956 a section relating to the number of ringers in a manpower census which they were undertaking of parishes in the provinces of Canterbury and York.

So far it has not been possible to total returns for more than 14 dioceses. This is largely due to the slowness with which the returns have been received and also to a high incidence of sickness among the small staff in the Statistical Unit.

'The average percentage of returns from both provinces of Canterbury and York,' writes Mr. R. F. Neuss, assistant secretary to the Central Board of Finance, 'is now almost 84, and we are now engaged on the work of tabulating the results. The questions relating to bell-ringers are, of course, only a small part of the comprehensive statistical inquiry undertaken for 1956, and it would not be practicable or economical to produce the statistics of bell-ringers separated from the 15,000 returns received.

'So far as I can judge, we shall not complete the scrutiny and tabulation of the results until the late summer. However, I have pleasure in sending you the results for the 14 dioceses we have completed. The table summarises all the figures which we have obtained from the parochial returns from the 14 dioceses, and estimated figures have been included for the churches for which no return was received.'

THE 14 DIOCESES

Salisbury Diocese: Males 1,707 (paid 128), females 351 (23); total 2,058.

Durham Diocese: Males 432 (paid 59), females 118 (8); total 550.

Blackburn Diocese: Males 568 (paid 101), females 100 (13); total 668.

Chester Diocese: Males 775 (paid 356), females 201 (63); total 976.

Sodor and Man Diocese: Males 22 (paid 14), females 1; total 23.

Wakefield Diocese: Males 493 (paid 130), females 97 (6); total 590.

Winchester Diocese: Males 771 (paid 114), females 269 (paid 18); total 1,040.

Birmingham Diocese: Males 358 (paid 50), females 94 (11); total 452.

Bristol Diocese: Males 454 (paid 42), females 130 (4); total 584.

Coventry Diocese: Males 646 (paid 48), females 131 (5); total 777.

Leicester Diocese: Males 1,031 (paid 78), females 267 (7); total 1,298.

Portsmouth Diocese: Males 280 (paid 41), females 139 (12); total 419.

Guildford Diocese: Males 513 (paid 62), females 268 (17); total 781.

Ely Diocese: Males 938 (paid 82), females 168 (9); total 1,106.

The estimated totals for 43 dioceses in the Church of England, based on the figures for 14 dioceses, would be 42,319 ringers (33,595 males, 8,724 females).

Comparative figures are: 1939, 42,765; 1938, 44,980; 1937, 45,088; 1936, 45,255; 1931, 45,872; 1921, 49,084; 1916, 40,942; 1911, 49,372; 1906, 46,471; 1901, 38,545; 1896, 35,452.

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes: 'How far the total includes people who chime one solitary bell, for instance, one does not know; but possibly any of those who are included may serve to balance omissions caused by failure to render returns.

'I am sure ringers will be grateful to the Board of Finance for providing this comprehensive information.'

BELL YEAR AT OAKLEY, SUFFOLK

The year 1958 is Bell Year in the villages of Brome and Oakley, near Eye, and the united parish hopes to raise between £1,150 and £1,200 to put the six bells in Oakley Church in order.

The work proposed is to hang the bells in a steel frame to replace the present wooden one; all bells to be quarter turned, mounted on ball-bearings and retuned; the fourth bell, which is cracked, to be recast.

Three of the bells—the second, third and tenor—were cast by I. Goldsmith, of Redgrave, in 1711. The fifth is very old, dating from about 1400. The inscription is badly mutilated.

An order for the work has been placed with John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Donations sent to the Rector (Rev. H. D. Tyson), The Rectory, Oakley, Diss, will be gratefully acknowledged.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Ringers entering the University of Nottingham have always been few and far between since the foundations of a University College in the 1910's, and consequently it has become a tradition that intending University undergraduates should shun Nottingham. With the recent decline of ringing in Nottingham following the death of Clement Glenn, one would have suspected that even fewer ringers would grace Highfields, but fortunately exactly the opposite has happened. Over the past two sessions no fewer than 13 ringers have entered the University—no doubt poor misguided people who think that too much ringing makes one fail examinations! Eager to relieve Nottingham of the disgrace of being amongst the four 'ringerless' Universities, preparations were made, and the present Society emerged at the end of Christmas term.

On January 29th the inaugural meeting was held in order to ratify the constitution and to elect the officers. Mr. Paul Taylor, of bell-founding fame, was elected president, and amongst the vice-presidents was Mr. Fred Salter. Other officers were: Chairman, John Underwood; secretary, Roger Baldwin; treasurer, George A. Hurd; committee—David A. Gebbett, Jill Lepper, and 'Fresher' representative, Rosemary Clarke. The Union Executive Committee has granted the Society financial aid, but we have been told that the full grant will not be available unless we 'break sufficient bells'!

Activities this term have been quite successful, and membership has reached 20, 13 of whom can handle a bell, and the rest are learning. The first quarter and also the first peal (in seven Minor methods) have been scored, and it is hoped to ring our 8-bell peal before the end of the year. It has only been possible to hold four practice nights this term, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Fred Salter and to the Vicar of St. Peter's for granting the use of St. Peter's bells for these practices.

Finally, would any graduate or past member of the University who is interested in joining the Society please write to: The Secretary, Bell-Ringing Society, Students' Union, University of Nottingham. R. B.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The following information supplements that previously published in 'The Ringing World.'

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

By kind invitation, a tour of Messrs. Guinness's Brewery, St. James's Street, Dublin, has been arranged. Those intending to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity must arrive at the Brewery not later than 11 a.m. Tours commence at 10 a.m. for those arriving early in the day. Visitors arriving by air are advised to go direct to the Brewery. The managing director has kindly invited the visitors to lunch at the Brewery and requires numbers for same. Lunch will be at 12.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, *by not later than April 19th.*

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

A 39-seater coach has been provisionally reserved for a tour of Glendalough (Garden of Ireland). Depart Headquarters at 1.30 p.m.; due back at about 8.30 p.m. Ringing at Arklow and Bray. Tea at Arklow. Inclusive charge about 12s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. Dukes as above, *sending money with reservation.*

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

Rail excursions to Cork and Limerick. See 'The Ringing World,' February 14th, for charges. Numbers limited, and preference will be given in order of application. Notify Mr. Dukes as above.

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

Members and friends are invited to a reception by the Bord Failte Eireann after the Council Meeting. Notify Mr. Dukes as above.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Choadle on March 22nd, when in spite of a very cold day over 40 members and friends were present. The ring of eight bells was made good use of until service in church, conducted by the assistant curate, who gave the Branch a warm welcome to the church and parish. Tea was served in the near-by schools, where some difficulty was caused by more turning up than had sent names.

At the business meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. J. Pryor (vice-chairman) in the absence of the chairman who was indisposed, reference was made to the impending departure for South Wales of Mr. Pryor. Just tribute was paid to his unbounded enthusiasm and hard work at Marple, which has borne such amazing results. He is leaving behind a tower so manned with young men and women that few 6-bell towers could compete with it both for numbers and variety of ringing. It is to be hoped that in his new home he will be able to render similar assistance to the local band.

The following were elected members of the Guild: Barry, Stuart and Martin Jones, of Wilmslow, and Barry Hendry, non-resident. It was decided to write to Mrs. M. G. Beeston, widow of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, conveying the good wishes of the Branch for her speedy recovery to health. C. H. L.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from Vol. LIII., page 837)

WHEN I got too big for my work as costing clerk in a leather factory I was sent out 'on the road,' and for a time did all the local calls and later was sent further afield. On one occasion I visited Bristol, which meant an overnight stay there. The late John A. Burford fixed up a peal of Stedman Caters for me at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's—that tall tower which (to me) seems top-heavy with the grand surmounting ornamental parapet. I rang the ninth to a quick peal conducted by the veteran Alf. E. Reeves, this being his 50th peal of Stedman Caters. The late Rev. Mr. Whitford rang, also the late Charles E. Jennings, that well-known Dorset enthusiast from Wyke Regis. Mr. Burford entertained me until midnight-train-time, and gave me several compositions of his of Cambridge Royal, of which I called two or three in later years.

'JAZZ ON CHURCH BELLS'

I had previously joined the Bristol and Gloucester Association when, after the 1918 Armistice, I was sent to Cheltenham to assist in the demobilisation of the Area Administrative R.A.S.C., of which I was a staff-sergeant. While there I rang regularly at the Parish Church with that fine ringer, the late William T. Pates, who called (the then) record long peals of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. I remember on one occasion on practice night trying to ring London Surprise on the top eight of the twelve—not a true octave, and they didn't know much about the method, and I knew less! Mr. Pates told me on the following Sunday that the churchwarden wanted to know what we were doing on Thursday. He got away with it by saying, 'You know the modern craze for jazz and syncopated music—we were trying to do this on the church bells'! On Sunday Mr. Pates would never ring anything but Stedman or Grandsire, which they could ring perfectly, and he delighted in calling the former with a lot of singles, and the latter with Holt's bob singles.

On one occasion I cycled against a terrific high wind to Tewkesbury, where I had the pleasure of ringing the tenor to a perfect peal of Grandsire Caters called by John Austin, the well-known Gloucester conductor. Mr. Austin was one of the 'old brigade,' a pioneer of the early days of Surprise ringing at Burton-on-Trent. When he went to Gloucester he joined the enthusiastic band at St. Michael's, which included the brothers E. Bankes and H. Law James. Mr. Austin conducted many Surprise and other peals in this district and was the first man ever to call a bob in Cambridge Maximus! In the Tewkesbury peal that well-known figure from Wales took part—John W. Jones. There were but ten bells at Tewkesbury at that time, and the ninth was rung by the veteran ex-Police Sergeant Williams, who—before starting—turned to me and said, 'Send them along, my lad.' I did, and it was one of my best peals.

On another occasion I cycled to Painswick and rang the eighth to 6,335 Grandsire Cinques in about 4¼ hours. I did not know they were going for above 5,000, but was told afterwards it was the half the 13,001 they were going for. After my demobilisation Mr. Wright (the conductor) wanted me to go for this length, but I had not settled down to civilian life, and had illness at home, so declined. Later still they went for the record length but lost it after attempts of five hours and nine hours, the tenor men giving up. Mr. James George declared he could ring it, so they fixed up (without me) and rang the peal in just under 12 hours. Unfortunately, on the publishing of the figures, it was found to be false.

TOOK HANDBELLS 'OVER THE TOP'

In this long false peal that eccentric Hinckley District ringer took part—E. Harry Stonely, a grand ringer who could ring and conduct any method up to London Surprise. Shortly after this time I met Harry in Hinckley—he was dressed in Boy Scout shorts, a khaki tunic, and a little boy's blue cap on his head! During the war he was a sergeant in the Royal Engineers, and had a small ring of handbells, which he took with him everywhere he went. He served overseas, and many times went 'over the top' in the front lines, but whatever happened, whether advance or rear action, Harry never left his bells behind whatever else had to be discarded. After his return home I had the pleasure of taking part in a peal of Stedman Caters on these handbells.

In my journeyings I went several times to London, and once wrote to the late Tom Coles asking if any practice on, I would like to stay late and join in. He replied there was a peal on at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, specially for William Pye to get one at this church, and I was welcome to be in it. As the usual preliminary trying out before the peal began, I noticed no one tried the tenor, so I asked Tom if anyone was ringing it and he said, 'No, not particular.' I tried it, set it back and hand—it was just right length, so I thought I'd have a nice easy job ringing it behind Stedman Triples.

A TENOR EXPERIENCE

William Pye was very late coming and as soon as he entered the belfry asked, 'Who is ringing the tenor?' Tom said, 'Ernest.' So he made no comment and took the seventh. I was wearing a stiff starched collar with hickey-bow, and never even took my waistcoat off or rolled up my sleeves!

Off we started and all went well for about a quarter of an hour, when down went W. Pye's bell—and mine followed! I got it back all right in a couple of blows. Then all plain sailing for a while when down went the seventh and my bell did likewise!! I thought if this happened many times I should not be able to manage it. I noticed one of the ringers' watches hung on the wall every now and then swing like a pendulum! I had a rare job and at the last quarter (it was Davies' transposition) Tom Coles, on the treble, said, 'Are you all right, Ernest?' I was so far gone that I could only nod, but, determined to do or die, I counted every time the seventh went slow and quick, saying to myself, 'One more—one less.' I stuck to it and finished like a wet rag—my stiff collar was like a dishcloth.

It was a standing joke for years after. Tom Coles' brother, Albert, whom I call the 'land agent'—you tell them why, Bert!) told me the tower was on a nodding acquaintance with the shops opposite! The bells originally were in a good, square tower, but on the church being enlarged this present tower of brick and stone with a two-faced clock hanging over the pavement, was not really big enough to carry the bells. The seventh and tenor could not swing clear of their frames, so they built up the bearings on blocks over and above the frame. Consequently when they swung right over they were right above it. Bert told me that every time a train went by on the underground railway beneath the church, it 'took it along with it'! In the great blitz this church was utterly destroyed, and the bells are no more.

'SQUIRE' JACKSON

One of my early peals outside my native 'woolly-back' county of Leicester was at Belton, Rutland, where the enthusiastic 'Squire' John J. Jackson was then living. He invited me for a week-end at the Hall, and on the Saturday afternoon attempted a Minor peal. We rang Double Court and Single Court, but failed in St. Clement's. So, after tea, we started again where we failed and rang seven methods, finishing with the Court methods. I had the pleasure to call this peal, which was the first by Henry Churchill. Soon after came the Great War (1914) and Harry went overseas, but unfortunately came back minus his right arm. This did not mean the end of his ringing career, and his next peal I called he rang perfectly on the second with his left arm only. I also called an ex-Servicemen's peal here, as I did at Enderby later on.

JIMMY GEORGE TELLS HIS STORY

Another well-known one-armed ringer I had the happiness to ring with was George Hughes, of Wednesbury, when 'Uncle' Joe Sykes called my composition of 5,760 Kent Royal, in 1921. After this peal I found I could not get home to Leicester that night so James George, who was in it, invited me to stay the night with him at Nechells, Birmingham. This I did, and must confess that although I liked ringing and all connected with it—James George just about knocked me out! He talked of all the peals he had rung in, showed me all his peal records—all duly entered in a huge book and analysed! When eventually we did get to bed he hadn't finished, and kept me awake half the night. I was glad when morning came and so escape—for more ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham!

(To be continued)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRON CLAPPERS

Dear Sir,—When one considers the amount of work put into casting and tuning, one wonders if that work and full quality of tone are cast to the four winds in sacrifice for volume after the bells are hung.

Is it really necessary that they should be contemptuously struck by a whacking great lump of old iron? Isn't there a hardened wood or like substance capable of perhaps less volume but improved musical quality, more pleasing to both ringers and listeners?

During a visit to a bell-foundry, demonstrations of tone were carried out by striking the bells with a wooden mallet. Do the iron clappers extract the same tone values, or are they fitted solely for volume's sake?

My regrets should it be proved that the iron clapper be of indigenous skill; nor am I soliciting a supply of wooden mallets.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. BISHOP.

East Hagbourne.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—Recently in the peal columns a number of 'Non-Association' peals have been reported. What is, one wonders, the reason for this? Is it because the ringers concerned cannot afford to pay a 'non-resident member's' subscription, or is it because they cannot agree between themselves which Association the peal shall be credited to? If the latter is the case, the peal should not be rung, as the Central Council states that when more than one Association is represented the band shall decide beforehand to which Association the peal shall be credited.

The peal at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on March 3rd was not a peal because the Central Council regulations regarding peals states that 'every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.'—Yours sincerely,

R. HOBBS.

Retford.

BEGINNERS AND PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—It was with vast surprise that I perused the peculiar effusion above the name of C. W. Hancock.

If Mr. Hancock considers that my remarks concerning jealousy of young ringers were intended for him personally, it would appear that he is suffering from delusions of grandeur.

First, may I point out that I am no 'angry young man,' as it is my sincere belief that there is no place in ringing for their warped mentalities: neither am I against criticism in its right time and place. Mr. Hancock goes on to say that 'if you have a weak case, abuse your opponent,' following which he abuses me right and left: most surely an incredible piece of logic!

Secondly, if a young ringer's enthusiasm is to be maintained, especially in these modern times, and in the face of so much competition from entertainments of various types, every possible encouragement and opportunity must be advanced to enable him to attain an ever-increasing standard of proficiency.

Mr. Hancock would do well to remember that:—

(*a*) A beginner's enthusiasm will soon wane without fast and continuous progress.

(*b*) The beginners of today whom he would train so slowly will tomorrow be the mainstay of ringing.

I conclude by hoping that Mr. Hancock will see the error of his misguided ways, and in future will offer constructive advice instead of endeavouring to destroy all before him.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Beeeles.

'WHITTINGTON'S'

Dear Sir,—It will be generally agreed, I think, that 12 is the number of bells most suited for the ringing of Whittington's. The musical quality of this row, 531246E9780T, leads one to wonder whether it can be produced during the ringing of some particular method. It can, of course; but as this would occur only once per touch or peal, and would also be complicated, this trail was not followed any further. However, the appeal of the **Tittums** position on **ten** bells is enhanced by the amalgamation which automatically occurs between two well-known features:—

(1) Tittums is naturally associated with '**four bell**' music.

(2) The back **four** bells are normally kept in the same relative position for lengthy periods in ten-bell ringing.

One wonders, therefore, whether a 'Whittington's' position can be evolved for 12 bells, for such a position would cause the back bells to sound in the order

E . . 9 . . 7 . . 8 . . 0 . . T

when it came into operation.

This effect can be produced, the case of attainment being quite different for different methods. Before going on to discuss this, it should perhaps be noted that the Whittington's position involves the 'fixing' of six bells in a 12-bell method, i.e., with respect to facts (1) and (2) just mentioned, we have a state of affairs analogous to the Tittums on ten bells.

With regard to choice of method for our new position, it may seem at first sight that Maximus is more suitable than Cinques. For in Plain Bob Maximus one has only to call 9 and 0 each Before with a single to reach the desired position. However, I think consideration of rhythm makes Cinques more advantageous. The effect sought after can be produced in Grandsire, although this takes quite a number of calls. Stedman readily lends itself to the production of the coursing order 0879E: the 11th and 7th are easily interposed with a single, and one bob and a single will bring the 10th and 8th into the desired place.

The music we seek can be brought up more often in Erin Cinques, however. It is an advantage to change the leading in Erin from wrong (back and hand) to right throughout; and this can easily be done by writing out the plain course in the reverse manner to that usually adopted. **Rounds is then the first change of a division, following standard practice,** e.g., Erin Triples:—

2143657

1234567
2135476
2314567
3215476
3124567
1325476

3152746
1357264
1532746
5137264

etc.

If Erin Cinques is written likewise, the back bells can easily be brought into the coursing order E9780. Comparison of this with the order mentioned when discussing Stedman leads to the concept of Whittingtons and inverted Whittingtons. These positions can be quite easily reached in Plain Bob Cinques, also. This is illustrated below:—

INVERTED

Call the 9th Before with a single, and the 8th Before with a bob, in the first course. Call the 10th Before with a single in the second course.

'STRAIGHTFORWARD'

Call bobs thus:

1E907856342
19E08765432

First Course

1E980674523
19E86047253

1078593E264 Second Course
1708 95E3624

1780392E564 Third Course
1870 93E2654

[As in the case of Stedman and Erin, the return of the back bells to plain coursing order is simple.]

When the bells are moving in the opposite direction to that in which they sound

E . . 9 . . 7 . . 8 . . 0 . . T

they will sound 0 . . . 9 . . . E . . . T. This is almost Tittums, and sounds pleasant. [cf. the —6578's in Major ringing]. The musical appeal of both the above arrangements is due partly, I think, to the 'up and down' effects of the notes concerned when sounded in these sequences.

Finally it should be mentioned that snatches of the effects under consideration are already audible, though perhaps not familiar, in some methods. For instance, certain turning courses in Stedman Cinques give the said effects for a short while. Secondly, one can 'combine' the sound of the last half of one row with that of the first half of the next row, during certain portions of Plain Bob Maximus, e.g.:—

(648201T3)E597
68402T(1E3957)

This can also be done, to a lesser extent, in Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus. The back bells also sound 0 . . . 9 . . . E . . . T at certain points in Cambridge.

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

'THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS'

Dear Sir,—I expect you will receive many appreciations of D. H.'s 'Thoughts on Outings' in the issue of the 'R.W.' of March 28th: I should like to add mine. At the same time I hope all your readers will make a special note of what the writer says about an annual tour not being a time for practice. 'It is *indeed* imperative that we leave a good impression behind us.'—Yours sincerely, E. V. COX.

Axminster, Devon.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's nomination meeting was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on March 29th. The bells were raised shortly after 3 o'clock and ringing continued until just before 9 p.m. Throughout this period the tower was quite full. Unfortunately, the quality of a good deal of the ringing left much to be desired.

As at the last meeting, tea time saw a considerable increase in teas wanted over names sent in, and once again an overflow had to be provided for—this time at the home of a local ringer!

The business meeting was held in the tower. Two new members were elected and thanks extended to all responsible for the arrangements for the meeting. It was proposed that a revision of the Society's rules, concerning membership and towers to be visited, be considered at the next meeting.

The following nominations were received for officers for the year 1958-59: President, I. Slack, J. F. Hodson; vice-presidents, H. Lofthouse, C. Sutcliffe, J. Gibson, D. Thorpe; Ringing Master, L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, J. M. Thorley; auditors, R. Cooke, A. Johnson.

LETTERS—Continued

THE R.A.F. ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—To the best of my knowledge, this Association ceased to function over five years ago. I remember, when I was at Hednesford, Staffs, a band of recruits rang a peal of Minor at Rugeley, and we thought at the time of reforming the Association. However, I heard shortly afterwards from Mr. James B. Morley, late of Diss, that a friend of his, Mr. John S. Barnes, had also thought of such a guild, but on getting down to details found it wouldn't be a practicable proposition. This would still seem to be likely, as the ever-present possibility of a posting overseas would give many a headache to the secretary.

The only way I can see it working well is to have various groups centred on the larger camps, like Locking and Yatesbury. During the nine months I was at the former camp there were always at least six ringers in camp of varying abilities, and several peals were rung, but a guild was never formed there; unlike the Yatesbury ringers—an account of whose activities appeared recently in this journal—but I don't know if this Guild is still active. Usually, the time spent in a large camp is fairly short, and there are no doubt many ringers scattered all over the country and like myself stationed at very small camps, where membership of any national association as suggested would be of no advantage.

Mr. Sankey mentioned helping at the local tower. I find that I'm never in one camp long enough to be of any real assistance, but wherever I have visited in many parts of the country I have always been made very welcome.

The real trouble seems that before a particular ringer enters the R.A.F. he has had no encouragement to visit other towers, and just stayed at home ringing Grandsire; consequently on joining up there is no incentive to carry on ringing, and when he leaves he has almost certainly lost all interest. When at Locking, a notice of a special practice for ringers brought very little response, although it was known that several ringers were in camp, but they just hadn't sufficient interest.

The formation of a St. Clement Danes' Guild would only be of use if there were sufficient R.A.F. ringers stationed in London more or less permanently.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

R.A.F., St. Margaret's Bay,
Dover, Kent.

FORDCOME SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. E. W. Tipler: Yes, his guess is right; the 5.8 at third cross section had somehow got mislaid, so the method in question is Fordcome. This is a pity as I had had a letter from a Lincolnshire friend wanting to ring and name it.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. CLARKE

The South Wigston ringers have lost one of their most loyal members with the death of Mr. John Edward (Jack) Clarke on March 25th, aged 89 years. He was one of the most regular ringers up to about four years ago when, unfortunately, he could no longer climb the steps. An original member of the South Wigston band, he had never left the tower since its opening (1902).

Mr. Clarke first learned ringing in the Tewkesbury District. As a ringer, he would always try to put the best into it, and never failed to have friends. He always welcomed learners and tried to help beginners all he could.

Ringers paid their respects before and after the service at St. Thomas's Church, before interment at Wigston Cemetery. E. J. J.

UNRINGABLE BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

Situated some three miles from Whitchurch, Hants, is the village of Hurstbourne Priors, with its picturesque church. Its brick, ivy-clad tower contains a heavy ring of six bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt.

It is reputed in the village that these bells have not been rung for at least 40 years; the previous rector was not keen for them to be looked at, and it was not until the parish was amalgamated with Longparish that permission was granted for them to be inspected.

The Rev. Agg-Sage, of Longparish, was most keen for them to be rung again, if safe, and at the latter end of last year a team of ringers from Highclere visited the tower, and after clearing twigs, oiling and some spanner work, the bells were raised and rung to a few rounds.

Difficulty was experienced with the old-style set of ropes—twice the thickness of ordinary ropes and with yellow sallies. It was resolved that before any real ringing could be done another set of ropes would be necessary.

Further consultation with the Vicar followed, and the writer was given permission to bring a real tough band to attempt a 5,000 on the bells, the date fixed being March 29th. An early meeting was arranged, and on the appointed day, shortly before 2 p.m., five of the band arrived at Hurstbourne Priors complete with ropes, and it was all hands on deck changing the ropes and once more oiling the bells. The 'Tenor King' arrived shortly after, and by 3.30 a start was made in what is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Despite the fact that there was a constant dropping of twigs and rubbish, and the tenor man apparently experiencing great difficulty with his bell (it slip-wheeled at least once every 720 for the first five of the peal), a really high standard of striking was kept up and a first-class peal was brought round shortly after 6.30 in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

Congratulations were received afterwards from the villagers and the secretary of the P.C.C., and arrangements are under way for ringing for evening service on April 13th.

The Vicar already has several recruits to take up bell-ringing, and it is now hoped that the silent tower will no longer remain silent. One thing is certain, the peal of Bob Minor rung at Hurstbourne Priors will long be remembered after most other peals have been forgotten—a fine achievement by all concerned. G. K. D.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The first Regional (L. Mid.) meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Derby on March 29th. Probably due to short notice, the attendance was thin, but the meeting lacked nothing in enthusiasm and some good ringing was enjoyed on Mr. Freebrey's lovely ten at St. Andrew's.

Tea was served at the Railway Institute, where the Vicar of St. Andrew's (Rev. C. N. Lavender) welcomed the ringers.

Mr. Paulson (Darley Dale) was voted to the chair for a short meeting. Mr. Foskett, the regional representative, welcomed the visitors and submitted suggested amendments to the constitution, as proposed by British Railways Staff Association. These were generally accepted and passed on for the annual general meeting at York on May 3rd.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, Mr. Freebrey, the Derbyshire Association, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Foskett and all who had helped to make such a pleasant 'first.'

Members of the Guild will be interested to know that Mr. Whitaker (secretary, joint committee, B.R. Staff Association) will be meeting Mr. Barrett (general secretary, North Eastern Region, Staff Association) at York on April 9th, when the Master of the Guild hopes to discuss final amendments to the constitution.

PEAL TABLETS AT HILLINGDON

Inside the tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, on the north wall, below the floor of the present ringing chamber, is an old peal tablet. It is high up, although at one time it would have been conveniently placed above the old gallery, long since demolished, at the west end of the church, from which the bells used to be rung.

It records the ringing of three peals of Grandsire Triples in 1733 and another, presumably Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1737. The former peals are mentioned in Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' but apart from a reference to the latter by our late captain, Jack Pratt, I have not come across any mention of it elsewhere. Reference to the peals of Grandsire Triples is also made in one of the earlier reports of the Middlesex County Association, from which it is evident that they were rung by Hillingdon men!

Restoration of the tablet is shortly to be undertaken, the cost being defrayed by the local ringers. The stone tablet is defaced in places and the painted lettering and base, which are in very poor condition, will have to be completely removed, the stonework made good and the tablet rewritten. This latter it is proposed to do in the same characters, etc., to give as accurate a reproduction of the original as possible.

I took the opportunity last week of spending a couple of hours up a ladder, armed with a magnifying glass, etc., and made as complete a copy of the record as possible. Much of it is unreadable without magnification, but perseverance brought its reward and only one word—the name of the tenor ringer in the 1737 peal—could not be completely identified. Incidentally, there is a curious small figure 8 above a stroke following '1737' on the tablet. It seems as though the writer couldn't make up his mind whether he should have written 1737 or 1738.

I give below details of what appears on the tablet, and it is likely that this is the first time that the full details have been published. The account in 'Grandsire' is not quite accurate. It only refers to 11 men and their names are not correctly given. We are going to look in the parish registers to see what clues can be had about the name of the tenor ringer; but have any readers any suggestions as to how the name might be traced? F. W. G.

The Whole Peal of Grandsire Triples, of 5040, was Thrice performed by these Persons hereafter named, In ye Year 1733.

Richd. Ashley, senr.	Richd. Inett
Ja. Munday	Mat. Ashley
Richd. Ashley	Rot. Brown
Will. Smith	Jno. West
Jno. Chrismas	Rich. Ferris
Will. Mitchell	Rich. Cox

Feb. 6th, 1737, was rung a compleat peal of 5120 Oxford tripple bob in 3 hours 26 mins by these men.

Charles Dodwell, Treble
Richd. Inett, Junr, Third
Jno. Chrismas, Fifth
Matt. Ashley, Seventh
Wm. Mitchell, Second
Ch. Taylor, Fourth
Richd. Inett, Senr, Sixth
Jno. ——ay, Tennor.

Miss Gillian R. Brown, of 16, Church Street, Harwich, asks readers for information about the history of the church and bells at Greenstead Green, Essex.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers start their annual week next Monday with headquarters at Knight's Bull Hotel, Bridport, Dorset. Nineteen members are staying for the five days and three others part-time. There will be a peal attempt at Litton Cheney on Thursday, April 17th. Some 28 towers, mostly in Dorset, are being visited.

OBITUARY

MR. W. DENYER

The passing of Mr. William Denyer, of 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, briefly recorded in our last issue, has left a gap in Aldershot ringing which is most difficult to fill. He had a heart attack whilst on his way to Holy Communion on Sunday, March 30th, and died the following morning. He was 75 years of age and is survived by three sons and two daughters, who are all ringers. His four grandchildren are also ringers.



He learnt to ring at Aldershot just before World War I, during which time he served with the Queen's Royal and the Middlesex Regiments. For 35 years he was captain of St. Michael's, Aldershot, ringers. Although he had only rung 15 peals, Mr. Denyer would spend five evenings a week attending practice meetings. He was a staunch churchman and strict disciplinarian. He was a retired printer's manager.

THE FUNERAL

There was a very large attendance at the funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on Maundy Thursday. The Vicar (Rev. T. H. Dart), who officiated, in an address said he was a man of quite outstanding worth. It would be trite and quite insufficient merely to say that he would be missed, for here was a man whose daily life was so bound up with his church, and he brought so many qualities with him, that among those who knew him and loved him, no one could be unaffected by his Christian influence.

Interment followed in the same grave as his wife, Mrs. Emily Florence Denyer, who died 25 years ago. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Edward J. Bragg 1-2, Charles W. Denyer 3-4, Alfred H. Pulling 5-6, William H. Viggers 7-8.

The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denyer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denyer (sons and daughters-in law), Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitford (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss N. E. Bragg and Miss J. M. Whitford (grand-daughters), and Mr. R. W. Bragg and Mr. W. J. Whitford (grandsons), Mr. F. Denyer (brother), Mrs. H. Dines, Mrs. H. Vickery and Mrs. A. Collier (nieces), and Mr. J. V. Harrison (nephew) and Mrs. Harrison.

Ringing friends present included Mr. A. Harman (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Harman, Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary, Guildford Guild), Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, F. A. Munday, W. J. Robinson, Misses M. and S. Collins (Guildford), Capt. J. F. Bowen, C.F., Rev. H. M. Insley, Messrs. E. and P. Sherwood, Mrs. Sherwood, Miss S. Sherwood (Ash), Mr. W. Viggers, Miss E. C. Stewart, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, Messrs. H. C. Williamson, G. K. Williamson, D. Williamson, J. Preston, G. Chapman, D. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page, Miss A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot), Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Miss M. Finch, Mr. R. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills (Farnborough), Mrs. E. H. Gant (Binsted), Mr. and Mrs. P. Eldridge (Winchester), Mr. F. Cherryman (Pirbright), Mr. S. Petter (Worplesdon), Miss R. A. Heath (Frensham), Rev. H. R. Wilds, Messrs. C. J. Beadle, E. J. Wells, E. C. Wells (Farnham), E. Gardner, Miss M. A. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter (Seale), and Mr. R. S. Newton and Mr. A. Chaffey.

AN APPRECIATION

William Denyer was one of those rare persons who are the real backbone of our Exercise. The furtherance of the art of bell-ringing was his life and he had no patience with others who were not prepared to put ringing first.

For over a quarter of a century he had been captain of the Aldershot tower and, being a generation older than any others in the band, he was our natural leader.

Always most regular and punctual in his attendance at his own belfry and at all Farnham District meetings he was, while not a prolific peal-ringer, a safe and careful striker in the standard methods. As well as serving Aldershot he regularly visited two or three neighbouring towers each week, his main object being the encouraging and advising of beginners.

He had introduced his three sons and two daughters (and latterly his grandchildren) to ringing, and at the time of his death his eldest son, Charles William Denyer, is Ringing Master of the Farnham District (and a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), while his son-in-law, Major E. J. Bragg, is peal recorder for the same Guild.

William Denyer was an extremely modest man and abhorred anything in the nature of show or regimentation. He would never take Guild office, being quite content to allow others to hold the limelight while he quietly advised and assisted when necessary. Every year at the Aldershot belfry meeting he would urge that someone younger than himself take over, but this was invariably voted down. So most weeks he would hand over the running of the Aldershot practice to one of us.

Perhaps his most outstanding quality was the high standard of his churchmanship. Each Sunday would see him at 8 o'clock Communion and at one other service, and no ringing at Aldershot tower ever commenced without the Belfry Prayer. He used to say that peals were lost for want of a commencing prayer.

His friendly welcome to any ringer visiting Aldershot was well known, and many a young soldier has benefited from his advice and hospitality whilst doing his National Service in the district. This has resulted in a number of lasting friendships between Aldershot and district towers, so his passing will be keenly felt over a wide area, but it will be in the towers of the Farnham District that the sad loss of 'Pop' Denyer will leave a gap which no other person will ever be able to fill. W. H. V.

'A QUIET, HARD WORKER'

By the passing of William Denyer the Church has lost one of those quiet, hard workers. Never in the limelight—he had no wish to be so—he was content to go on year after year teaching. He not only taught his own family, to the great advantage of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but a vast number of young people, as Aldershot bells are ideal for children. At Aldershot it is quite an ordinary event for 20 or more people to be at the weekly practice. It is not only in his own tower but in neighbouring towers that his helpful presence will be missed. The Exercise at large can ill afford to lose such men as William Denyer. A. H. P.

MR. W. VALE

The death took place on March 27th of Mr. William Vale, Chigwell Row, Essex. Mr. Vale was involved in an accident close to his home, an accident which necessitated his removal to hospital and which resulted in his subsequent death.

For many years 'Bill' Vale had been in charge of the tower at Chigwell Row, and in spite of many difficulties had ensured that the bells were rung Sunday by Sunday. He was a life member of the Essex Association and a devout and loyal worshipper at his parish church.

The funeral took place on April 2nd at All Saints', Chigwell Row, the bells being rung half-muffled as the cortege entered the church, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside.

Among the many mourners were Messrs. J. Chalk (life vice-president, Essex Association), F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer), C. E. Willmington (District secretary), R. Pittman (Shenfield), H. Nicll, Miss J. Hester, E. Smith (Leytonstone), A. J. Salisbury and A. Grainger (Hornchurch).

AN APPRECIATION

How often does one hear the term stalwart? If it applies to peal ringers, tower snatchers or those who take office in their respective Associations then it does not apply to Bill, for he was none of these—but he was a stalwart of the Exercise all right.

Bill was one of the many who seek no honours or limelight but who are content to carry on in their respective towers serving their church and Maker tirelessly and ceaselessly.

His greatest admirer would not have called Bill a great ringer, but nobody would deny his cheerfulness, honesty and sincerity, as week after week, mainly with a call-change band, he ensured that the bells rang out over the fast-diminishing countryside around Chigwell Row.

He was especially proud of the fact that he was a life member of the Essex Association.

Bill lies at rest in the churchyard of his beloved church. His tall but bent form, the forthright and stick-assisted walk, the eyes that twinkled with fun through his spectables as he welcomed bands for occasional quarter peals are all going to be sorely missed, but he leaves behind a record of devoted service in what was once a quiet, peaceful and tranquil Essex countryside. F. V. G.

MRS. DORA MACK

A name unknown to many of the present generation of ringers, yet one who made ringing history some 40-odd years ago, Mrs. Dora Mack passed away peacefully on March 22nd. She was the first lady to ring a tower bell peal of Stedman Triples.

Dora White and her sister, Alice, were the daughters of the late Henry White, of Basingstoke, and Alice (still with us, but now living in Canada) also made history, being the first lady to ring a tower bell peal.

During the early part of the last war, when ringing was banned, Mrs. Mack was 11-12 'man' to many hours of Stedman Cinques rung by the brothers Fred and Jack Munday, Ron Kingham, Don Nash and the writer, and 11-12 were always rung very precisely after the style of Josiah Morris.

When four of the band were called up for service, Mrs. Mack was very disappointed, and on a very few occasions, when all were on leave at the same time, the handbells were dusted and used, but Ron Kingham and Don Nash were fated not to return, so the peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' which was in the back of everyone's mind did not materialise.

Right to her death she took 'The Ringing World,' and she and the writer were always very happy to talk over the old days and the old ringers.

Mrs. Mack had a very acute ear, and her tower bell ringing was as accurate as her handbell ringing; and so passes one more of the old school, whose aims and ambitions were not perhaps so high as the present day ringer, but one who always strived for perfection.

She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn her and the writer who was proud to have had many happy hours of good ringing and good companionship.

May she rest in peace. W. H.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

COLERIDGE.—On March 31st, 1958, at Tatworth Vicarage, Chard, Somerset, to Denise (née Pryer), wife of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, a son. 2121

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

FRANCIS — MASON. — The marriage of George Francis and Vivian M. Mason will take place (D.V.) on May 10th at 2 p.m. at St. Nicolas' Church, Itchingfield. All friends welcome at the church. 2167

RETURN THANKS

Mr. William Denyer's family are deeply grateful for the many expressions of sympathy received since his sudden passing. The tributes paid so affectionately show the love and respect in which he was held, and have been a great comfort. 2160

PETER and JILL wish to thank all ringers and friends for their kind words of condolence in their tragic loss.

They would like to feel that The Wayside will continue to be thought of as a 'ringers' haven' as it has always been in the past. 2171

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton is 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, Yorks. 2113

On and after April 9th, 1958, the address of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Harris will be: 73, The Vineyard, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 2127

PERSONAL

Is there a young lady ringer age 30 to 36 in any Branches of Salisbury or Bath and Wells Guilds of Ringers who would correspond with young man, age 36, with view to friendship?—Mr. F. Fowler, jun., 9, High Street, Stourton, Wilts. 2175

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MISCELLANEOUS

Anyone interested in a Masonic memorial peal, Grandsire Cinques, Manchester Town Hall, May 24th, write stating whether to ring above or below the 7th, also Lodge and number.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 2140

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Association reports, 1957, now available for non-resident members, etc. Price 2s. post free from F. V. Gant, Gen. Sec., 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 2125

PUBLICATION

'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN.'—Only nine copies left of this beautifully produced book. At original published price, 21s., direct from the author.—Ernest Morris, 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester. 2082

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston (6), on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Preb. E. L. Millen, The Rectory, Kelston, near Bath. 2048

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 and after general meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, The Lodge, Borrowash Lane, Elvaston, Derby.—A. B. Cooper. 2081

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

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.—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. 2063

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to George E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—Eccles, Sec. 2124

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool, 23.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2123

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (8), 4 to 5.45 p.m. Short business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary's, Willesden (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. — S. Nelson, Dis. Sec. 2115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice on Saturday, April 12th, Whitchurch (6) 6 to 7.30 p.m. and Pangbourne (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. F. Discrens. 2129

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Retford, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. East and West Retford and Ordsall towers open. Service at East Retford 4.30. Business meeting, Ebsworth Hall, 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2110

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec., Western Division. 2080

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, April 12th. Tea 4.30 p.m. 2112

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Othery, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting till 7 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—names, please. Lyng available 7.30 p.m.—R. D. Short, Chilton Trinity.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2162

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2153

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2172

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). Names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 2126

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Saviour's, Oxton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2145

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Chilvers Coton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea would be appreciated by April 16th to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2120

CULWORTH DEANERY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Byfield (6), Saturday, April 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. 2107

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Collaton St. Mary, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Paignton bells available in evening. 2143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Blaydon St. Cuthbert. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 2127

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Joint meeting with Stroud Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at The Plough. Imperative, names for tea not later than April 15th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. Regret, no names must mean no tea. 1861

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chertsey (8) 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th. A good attendance is requested, please. 2150

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.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th, Iden. Please make own tea arrangements. Rye three miles.—E. A. Fellows, Hon Sec. 2114

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Numbers requiring tea by April 17th to Thomas Davies, Sec., 20, Newport Street, Clun. 2142

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, April 16th, Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, Kent Gardens, Birchington. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 16th, please, to S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2100

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Ruddington on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by April 17th to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Everyone welcome. 2146

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Joint meeting with Macclesfield Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by April 16th to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, on Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Names before 17th to D. Ogden, 5, Lansdowne Avenue, Audenshaw. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2157

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for outing, please.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Countesthorpe, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, please, to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, near Leicester.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 2126

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 14th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 16th to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Folkingham, on Saturday, April 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 14th, to C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs. —F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2105

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Farleigh (6) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 2152

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers and proposed alteration to rules, to follow. Ringing: Christ-the-Saviour's and St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and with Brentford in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 2141

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shipdham (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss J. C. Aldous, Council Houses, Letton Road, Shipdham.—C. Bird, Sec. 2119

OSSETT, ESSEX.—Thanksgiving service for restoration of bells, Saturday, April 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing before and after service. Names for tea not later than April 17th to Mrs. F. Blutch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Ossett, Grays. 2128

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Warfield on Saturday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Single Oxford Major.—B. C. Castle. 2122

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peasemore on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th, to M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury. 2111

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, without delay, 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; Iffley, 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 Magdalene, 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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 16th. —R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 2176

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2131

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea early, please.—E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 2169

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names by 16th, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole. 2089

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Bring your own food—tea provided.—Betty Crossman. 2154

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —The postponed District annual meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Thursday, 17th, to A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 2108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. G. Clarke, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2086

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Advanced practice, Billingshurst, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special method. Yorkshire. Tea available—get your own. 2166

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. G. Brown, Lower Mill Farm, Longparish. 2173

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The meeting at Catterick has been altered to Saturday, April 26th. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 23rd, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 2156

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, April 26th. Numbers for tea by 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 2161

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Meeting at Kelly, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by April 21st. —T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eynsford, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2128

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Sketty, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 2168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Star Inn at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, near Hinckley. Annual reports available at this meeting.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2177

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral, Evensong, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chapter House for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements. 2148

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall (8), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 2178

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brill (6), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 2158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M. at Clanfield on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing at Bampton (8) 2 p.m., Clanfield (8) 2.30, and Langford (6) or Alvescot (5) in the evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea reservations by April 23rd to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney, Oxon. All very welcome, especially handbell ringers. 2149

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at King's Norton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Saracen's Head 5 p.m. Important business concerning Henry Johnson dinner. For tea, please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2132

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting and re-opening service at Ringstead on Saturday, April 26th. Bells rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 2170

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, April 26th, quarterly meeting, Durnford (5). Evening ringing at Woodford. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 22nd, to Mr. E. Palmer, 4, The Cottages, Great Durnford, Salisbury. 2102

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Oatlands Park bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. Barnett, 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2155

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bridlington on Saturday, April 26th. Priory Church bells (8) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in New Schoolroom. Names by April 24th to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Wrington, Sunday, April 27th, 8 a.m. Bells available 7 a.m. Notify for breakfast Mr. H. Knight, The Masonic Hall, Yatton.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2163

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, May 10th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea (obtainable from Branch secretaries) 2s. 6d. if purchased before May 3rd, 3s. afterwards. Towers available: Bowdon (8) and St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey (10) from 2 p.m.; Lymm (8), Warburton (8) and Rostherne (6) by arrangement with Mr. Alan J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Altrincham. Application must be made before April 26th.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2147

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The Guild's summer festival will be held in the Chertsey District on Saturday, June 14th. Details of towers open during the day will appear later. 2151

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