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IN EAST ANGLIA

WITH memories of the last Central Council held at Chelmsford, it is not unnatural that the 1957 annual report for the Essex Association should be of more than ordinary interest. All present will agree that Essex ringers were most hospitable hosts, and the visit cost the Association some £55. While not a wealthy Association, Essex started 1958 with a balance of £222. Two people are singled out for special praise in connection with the visit —Mr. A. H. Everett, who was mainly in charge of accommodation, and Miss Hilda G. Snowden, who arranged all the ringing. Nevertheless, we feel we should be neglectful if we did not add two names—Mr. Robert C. Heazel, the Master, and Mr. F. V. Gant, the hon. secretary and treasurer. 'This is only part of our duty as members of the Council and the great fellowship to which we belong,' concludes the paragraph in the report dealing with the visit. We can only add that it was duty well done.

The Essex Association has an ambition—to reach 1,000 ringing members; with 915 they are 'tantalisingly close,' and they would have been nearer but for two towers in the North Western District—Newport and Wenden—having dropped their membership. The Association is fortunate in having 220 honorary members. An interesting suggestion has been made regarding the Association's library, that towers might like to be responsible for the binding of old reports, generally in units of five, and to dedicate the binding to an old respected member who had 'passed on.' The same could also apply to copies of 'The Ringing World' which are purchased for the library.

The year 1957 was a vintage one for peal ringing, with 122 peals against 72 in 1956. In these peals 238 members took part, 16 scoring their first peal and 312 rang their first peal in the method. The conducting was shared by 40 members, with J. E. G. Roast leading the list with 17 and F. B. Lufkin—who during the year rang his 400th peal and 250th for the Association—with 16. The Association also established a record length of Minor of 18,000 changes in 25 methods rung at Stisted.

While smaller in membership than the Essex Association, the Suffolk Guild had a record year for peal ringing in 1957, with a splendid total of 135 rung in 63 different towers. Over 200 members took part in these peals, and although rung on all numbers of bells, no peal of Cinques was recorded. Mr. Sedgley retired from the office of Ringing Master, a post he had held since 1923, and in recognition of his long service had been elected a vice-president. His successor, Mr. Leslie G. Brett, is the popular Framsden conductor.

The Suffolk Guild have an officer not generally met with in these reports—a technical adviser. The holder of the office, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, has already reported on the bells in 113 of the 500 Suffolk towers. The results, he writes, so far indicate the very poor state of many belfries, and in a number of towers containing up to four bells most unsafe conditions. Far too high a proportion of the bells are unsafely clocked due to decayed and insecure fittings. Mr. Clouston expresses his great disappointment that an order had not yet been placed to have the eight bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, overhauled. With the 12 at St. Mary-le-Tower in poor order, ringing in Ipswich, he writes, cannot be expected to flourish under present conditions.

Financially, the Suffolk Guild has assets of £177 16s., of which £40 is in the Restoration Fund. From this fund grants of £49 were made during the year. The annual report costs £52 10s. to print, against which peal fees amounted to £21 11s. A Guild badge was introduced during the year, and of a stock of 328 no less than 124 have been sold. The whole report indicates a very friendly atmosphere in Suffolk, with a resolve to make 1958 an even better year than 1957.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal of Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	9
MARY P. HALL	5	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*HARRY WHITE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. WHITE	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
CHARLES COLES	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE	8
FRANK WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
BRIAN R. WHITE	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 2 version. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* 50th peal. First of Superlative Surprise Royal by all the band (except the conductor), by the Guild, and in the county.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*EVE PEARSON	*Treble*	*DAVID J. FORDER	5
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
†H. JACK PAGE	3	JOHN L. QUEEN	7
*JOHN P. MCDERMOT	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on his appointment as Rural Dean.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
A wedding compliment to Ruth M. Jackson and Peter Border.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

ROY WILMORE	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
HARRY POYNER	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*PAULINE BULL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BAKER	5
MRS. E. GRAY	2	T. ALLAN GILBERT	6
*BARRY JOHNS	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	7
*DELIA SMITH	4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Festival of Easter, and to mark the 50th year since the recasting and rehanging of the bells. Also as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Roberts and Gayner L. Belton, whose marriage took place earlier in the day.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
MICHAEL J. PALMER	2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	6
*DEREK FOWLES	3	HUGH NEILL	7
JAMES RAE	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	FRED G. BEDDOW	6
PHILIP J. EVANS	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	7
JOHN F. BUTLER	4	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	6
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	ERNEST PRESTON	7
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild. First of Major on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Haynes (21) and D. H. Rooke (23), both of Warsop.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	2	*J. BARRY PICKUP	6
*PATRICIA DOORN	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
*W. ARTHUR CROWDER	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
†GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 400th peal.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	2	PETER R. RIDGWAY	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung as a compliment to Sidney J. Woodcock, until recently a member of Hampton band, and Gillian Nicholson, who were married at Farnborough, Hampshire, on April 5th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 NORTHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST R. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK BUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
STANLEY E. DARMON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan's No. 363). The method: 38-38 4 12 36 34 5 16 1.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	EILEEN M. WILSON	5
MRS. MARJORY C. HIBBERT	2	GEORGE W. BISHOP	6
ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS	3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	7
JAMES W. WILSON	4	HARRY R. WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Denys King on appointment as Rector of East Ilsley.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
†SYDNEY A. WARWICK	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
‡JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. R. D. Deasy) on his return from a six-week preaching tour of the United States. Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

L. STILWELL (1903-4)	*Treble*	B. G. MOORE (1943-50)	5
B. B. DIBBEN (1943-52)	2	P. H. LANGTON (1952-57)	6
B. E. MATTHEWS (1950-57)	3	D. R. MITCHELL (1948-53)	7
E. F. FOSBERRY (1923-27)	4	IAN WINDWOOD (1947-52)	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
First peal rung by an 'Old Collyerians' band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*SHEILA WALLACE	*Treble*	IVOR TRUEMAN	5
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
ARTHUR FOXALL	4	JOHN D. KAPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. First in the method as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DONALD G. CLARKE	*Treble*	*JOHN F. JAMES	5
MRS. D. J. KING	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
W. GWYNNE JONES	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. F. Moreton and Miss M. J. Roper on the occasion of their marriage.

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NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

B. ERIC FROST	*Treble*	†ERIC BILLINGS	5
*DELIA M. MILLER	2	†ROBERT S. ROBERTS	6
†ALLAN R. JONES	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	7
†JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	4	†JIM C. RAINBOW	*Tenor*

Conduced by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. First of Triples as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT	*Treble*	TERENCE T. JONES	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
DAVID J. KNIGHT	3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
SIDNEY G. GRANT	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris J. Morris's transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	GORDON H. LANE	5
RHODA HEMMINGS	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan G. Foster and Valerie W. Smith, which took place at St. Mark's Church, Winshill, prior to this peal. The bridegroom is Ringing Master of the Guild and the bride a member.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN (No. 10). Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
The composition is rung for the first time.
A compliment to Mrs. E. Riddington on the occasion of her 77th birthday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR D. FELLOWS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. COOPER	5
*RAYMOND SMITH	2	REGINALD J. CHANCE	6
*FLORENCE L. SMITH	3	*PAUL W. WEBB	7
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
†MRS. N. J. DISERENS	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	7
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* 100th peal. † First of Major.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
ALAN F. THIRST	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
ALAN J. FROST	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung for the marriage of Lieut.-Comdr. R. T. Lewis, R.N., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, of Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Argyll, and Middlepiece, Tring, and Miss J. P. Anderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Hundalee, North Canterbury, New Zealand, which took place at South Holmwood, Surrey, the same day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*ARNOLD MOSS	*Treble*	*DAVID YOUNG	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	*WILLIAM JOHN STOKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. William McDermott (nee Potter), of Walkden, Lancashire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 840 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 600 of St. Nicholas' and 1,920 Plain Bob; 42 extents.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

PATRICIA M. SPACKMAN	*Treble*	*KATE S. HAWTHORN	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2	MALCOLM G. LANE	5
	3	DAVID G. PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
* First peal. First in five methods by all. Average age 15.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being one six-score Stedman, eight six-scores (four callings Plain Bob, three six-scores (three callings) April Day, six six-scores (four callings) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, eight six-scores (four callings) Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 six-scores (ten callings) and three twelve-scores (Morris's arrangement) Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in C.

ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY	*Treble*	ANTHONY M. COOMBS	4
*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY	2	†JOHN D. WOODMAN	5
†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	3	†MELVILLE K. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.
* First peal in six methods. † First peal. First of Doubles in six methods, and the longest on the bells, and by the band.
A farewell to the Rev. M. M. Davies, curate at Penarth for many years, and local ringer.

ORWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD S. FLACK	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	3
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. *Tenor*
Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First peal.
A congratulatory peal in honour of the marriage of Dera Joyce Cook and David Malcolm Potts, which was solemnised in this church earlier in the day.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALNWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 100th peal and 25th peal on the bells. First peal in the method.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HARRY POYNER	5
*DEREK M. SAWYER	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
* First peal in three Minor methods. First in three Minor methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*BARRY STEVENS	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
FREDA ROBINSON	2	ERNEST PRESTON	5
JAMES T. ROOKE (14)	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EDMUND AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARY I. DOWSETT	*Treble*	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* 75th peal. † First peal in 12 methods.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Union Bob, Chase Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Old Doubles Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, London, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

A. HENMAN	*Treble*	A. JONES	3
A. FORD	2	R. HENMAN	4
L BATTISSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. HENMAN.
Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Henman.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	4
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
*MARTIN L. HOWE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
AND
THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	4
*MERIEL HOLDEN BROWN	2	WILFRED G. WILSON	5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.
* First peal. First as conductor. First peal rung for St. Matthias Guild.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal in seven methods.
With best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred F. Moreton.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	ROBERT B. HINDE	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	FRANK C. PRICE	5
MICHAEL J. PALMER	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
Rung in honour of the wedding at this church immediately prior to the peal of John Goodfellow and Susan Parker, members of the local band.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's of All Saints (eight callings), eight 120's of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 120's (ten callings), and three of Pitman's 240's of Grandsire.

*RAYMOND G. JONES	*Treble*	WALTER G. WRIGHT	3
CHARLES E. HILL	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Judith Shedel, a member of the company, and Mr. Alan Christey, who were married on the previous Saturday.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor (composed of 56 singles): Gwyneth C. Brown (first of Minor) 1, R. D. Brown 2, D. H. Paine 3, I. C Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Dolman 1, Miss Dolman 2, J. Dolman (first as cond. and 'inside') 3, J. Middleton 4, A. Kent 5, G. Elton 6. First quarter for the local band except conductor.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Harwood 2, A. E. Goodchild 2, S. Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Denyer, of Aldershot.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Wakefield 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, R. A. Lennard 6, S. Foskett 7, T. J. Lock 8, J. B. Long 9, D. Thompson 10. Rung before Evensong, at which a window, to the memory of Sir Richard W Allen, was dedicated by the Archdeacon of St. Albans (the Ven. D. S. Cockbill). Also on Easter Day, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Anne E. Amor 1, W. Hibbert 2, Avril Thackray 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, Mrs. P. Hibbert 5, G. Amor 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, B. Pattison (cond.) 9, K. Wakefield 10. Also on Easter Monday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Nevin 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, S. Foskett 5, K. Wakefield 6, J. B. Long 7, R. L. Piron 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Brenda Foster 2, Jean Jones 3, Mary Andrews 4, Susan Nicholson 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6, P. P. Brown 7, C. H. J. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Bradder 1, R. A. Brown 2, B. E. Matthews (first as cond.) 3, G. R. Crisp (first 'inside') 4, H. Wood 5, H. Botting (first quarter) 6. Also on April 7th, 1,620 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Langton (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, Jane E. Langton 3, B. E. Matthews 4, G. R. Crisp 5, R. Elliott (first quarter) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Good Friday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss M. Smith (first of Stedman) 2, A. C. Baker 3, A. V. Bennett 4, V. J. Williams 5, F. Skidmore 6, D. J. Hunt (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. M. Nichols 8. Rung half-muffled for the Good Friday family service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Langsden 1, T. Phillimore 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, A. Butler 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Cannings (first quarter) 1, A. Pocock 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, R. Court 4, F. Cook 5, A. Bryant 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. E. Bryant 1, W. C. Chandler 2, A. Berry 3, A. Jackson (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Martin (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Taylor 1, A. Cook 2, W. D. Salter 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, W. R. Trickey 5, L. Morrell 6 First of Bob Doubles by all except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Fairhead 1, G. Woodruffe 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, E. Butler 4, A. Cansdale 5, B. Fairhead 6, F. Oliver 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. Rung during the visit to Colchester of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock 1, N. Bush (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Mackenzie 3, Miss J. M. Gray 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Dyer 6. A wedding compliment to P. K. Waterman, captain of the local band.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. N. North 1, A. Hall 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, F. Walker 4, H. Audsley 5, S. Ball 6, D. Hall (cond.) 7, R. Rayfield 8. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Rayner 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks 5, P. Hayward 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Ridgway 1, Judith Essen 2, P. Ridgway 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, R. G. Leale (cond.) 5, W. S. Deason 6. Rung by members of Hampton-on-Thames band prior to the wedding of Sydney J. Woodcock, until recently a ringer at Hampton, and Gillian Nicholson.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Albury 1, C. M. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Payne 3, R. Harrison 4, R. Walker 5, G. Hulatt (first quarter) 6.

GORING, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Haines 1, Miss P. M. Haines 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, W. Irving 5, J. Napper (cond.) 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscock 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Freeman (first quarter) 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 540 Grandsire, 240 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury Doubles: P. W. Wall (first quarter) 1, R. M. Andrews 2, H. M. Windsor 3, J. Slack 4, T. K. Farrow (cond.) 5.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,380 Doubles in 12 methods: G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, R. V. Baker (cond.) 4, M. R. Bennett 5, R. G. Chater 6.

HEDON, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Porter 1, J. R. Perrett 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, J. S. Rank 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 4 and 5.

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

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Abbott 1, H. Lovell 2, A. Bennett (first of Minor) 3, G. Locke 4, B. Huddleston 5, N. J. Maggs (first as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Beckingsale.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Rose (first quarter) 1, W. D. Bailey 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, Winifred Wheeler 4, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 5, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. Wheeler (sister of the fourth ringer), which took place in Cyprus this day.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, J. Real 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Priestley 1, E. Warner 2, Doreen Gibbons (first as cond.) 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver 5, Pauline Drury 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Clements 1, Jane E. Langton 2, E. Fosbery 3, I. Windwood 4, S. A. Paice 5, P. H. Langton 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Essen 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. S. Deason 3, F. R. Scott 4, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. A wedding compliment to Sydney J. Woodcock, of Hampton, and Gillian Nicholson, of Farnborough.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. L. Sellin (first quarter) 1, A. H. Smith 2, G. Marriner 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, B. G. Hawkins 5, A. L. Smith 6, A. S. Harris (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Rev. C. Marshall 1, A. H. Winch 2, Patricia Smee 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. J. Smith 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. First in method for 1 and 3. Both for Evensong.

LEA, LINCS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Baker 1, Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 2, B. Johns 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, A. Gilbert 5, G. L. C. Lunn (cond.) 6. A 70th birthday compliment to C. H. Baker by his pupils.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Boyack 1, C. A. Hughes 2, R. Chapman 3, B. R. Downes 4, C. E. Willmington 5, L. S. Woods 6, H. Neill 7, E. D. Smith 8. First of Surprise for 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Armitage 1, R. Hughes 2, Rosalie Beer 3, Jill Birch 4, B. Taylor 5, J. D. Woodman 6, N. A. James (cond.) 7, J. M. James 8. Rung with 1 and 2 as steady lead. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 8. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wilson 1, Mary Way 2, Catherine Phelps 3, J. Goodfellow (first 'inside') 4, Penelope Welch (first as cond.) 5, Margaret Way 6, J. D. Woodman 7, B. W. T. Williams 8. Rung with 1 and 2 as steady lead. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Armstrong 4, L. S. Woods 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, J. G. Underwood 2, A. E. Barlow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, W. Johnson 6, W. J. Vann (cond.) 7, H. Goosey 8. Rung half-muffled prior to a Good Friday performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion.'

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. P. Fidler 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, W. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. G. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss Barbara Morris to Mr. Leslie Oliver. Also on April 13th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. S. Morris 6, W. Poole 7, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 8. For the engagement of Miss Daphne Keeley to Mr. Lindley Baker.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Hunt 1, Miss B. Haselgrove 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, H. Hunt 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, T. Wells 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Wells, who has completed 46 years as a ringer and chorister at this church.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Proudman 1, T. Kelham Deacon 2, Rachel Graver 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Rawson 5, A. Hough (cond.) 6, N. Statham 7, M. Moore (first quarter) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Stenton (local ringer), and also as a birthday compliment to N. Statham.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Wraight 1, K. Ivory 2, Hazel V. Dadson 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Mitchell 5, L. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Fearn 1, Carol Fernley 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, Mrs. E. Fernley 4, L. Boumphrey 5, Shirley Harris (cond.) 6, B. Harris 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, E. Billings 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. Rung prior to the 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on April 8th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. C. Rainbow 1, R. V. Baker 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, K. D. Perkins 7, I. J. Dickin 8, G. F. Roome (cond.) 9, M. R. Bennett 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, and as conductor. Rung in memoriam of Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss Y. Harding 1, E. J. R. Hartley (first as cond.) 2, A. M. Coombs 3, J. Garrett (first quarter) 4, A. F. R. Hartley (first 'inside') 5, Miss P. Llewellyn 6. First in three methods 1 and 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, A. Reeve 3, P. J. Coward 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. F. Hatch 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, M. F. Hatch 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, F. C. May 4, A. H. Worboys 5, G. S. Sandwell 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8. First quarter in method by all.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, G. Northway 2, A. Fry 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Moore 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, P. D. Howitt 3, E. Hunt 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, D. J. Pitstow 6, J. G. Underwood (cond.) 7, C. Underwood 8.

RUMNEY, MON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 1,200 Grandsire): J. Wallace 1, A. M. Coombs 2, J. D. Woodman 3, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 4, A. F. R. Hartley 5, M. K. Jones 6. Rung as a last tribute to J. Palmer (sen.), who died on April 5th.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, M. Winter (first of Minor) 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, C. H. Knowles (first of Minor) 4, J. Small (first of Minor 'inside') 5, D. Hodgson 6, Judith S. Walker 7, J. Moore 8. For Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Porter (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, Miss C. Pullin (first 'inside') 3, I. Thwaites (first 'inside') 4, R. W. Darvill 5, A. E. Ewer 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: J. Watts 1, F. Talbot 2, M. Whitehead 3, C. Graves 4, D. Pollard (cond.) 5, F. Shaw 6, H. Ball 7, P. Graves 8. Rung for the daughter of the ringer of the seventh, who was married early this day at Ely.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Dorling (14, first quarter) 1, P. Wakefield (16) 2, B. Stephens (15, first 'inside') 3, B. Wakefield (17, cond.) 4, R. Fenton (16, first quarter) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Glenys Bodycote 3, R. K. Stretton 4, B. S. Chapman 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, P. Norman 8. In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dinsdale (first quarter) 1, A. J. Poynor 2, J. M. Jelley 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, E. J. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. S. Chapman 7, P. Norman 8. In memoriam John Edward Clarke, member of local band for 58 years, who died on March 26th, aged 89 years.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On April 13th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. W. Welbourne 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Mrs. R. Sanders 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, J. W. Euston (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, Miss A. Pryke 4, I. Cooper 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, Mrs. A. Hales 4, I. Cooper 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung before a recital on the restored organ.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Fry (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, C. W. Hancock 3, Miss J. French 4, E. J. Brunger 5, W. R. Manser 6. For evening service.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Steele (first of Major) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, J. Hales 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman (first on 10) 1, A. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman 5, F. W. Sykes (14, first on 10 'inside') 6, T. Hawkings 7, B. R. Downes (16, comp., first as cond. on 10) 8, D. Hewitt 9, F. Taylor 10. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, E. E. Holman 3, B. Downes 4, T. Hawkings 5, A. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt 7, R. Chapman (cond.) 8. First attempt in method for all except 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bell 1, J. Tomsett 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, F. Ranson 4, F. Corfield 5, J. Cook 6, W. Wilson 7, L. Bell 8. For Mothering Sunday morning service.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Causer 1, G. Thoday 2, A. Payne 3, N. Robinson 4, D. Murfet 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. Also on April 6th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, P. J. Gardner 2, E. F. Shearn (cond.) 3, T. Hims 4, J. Evered 5, N. Bull 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Our peal columns record the first peal by Old Boys from Collyers School (previously Horsham Grammar School). Two previous attempts failed after 1 hour and 42 minutes and 2 hours and 20 minutes, and the band regretted that W. Leslie Weller was unable to be in the peal. Boys at the school have rung for various school services for the last ten years. Girls from Horsham High School also ring for their services, and these two schools between them have turned out many excellent ringers.

Mr. Geoffrey Hulatt, of Felmersham, Beds, who was taught to handle a bell a month ago, has now rung his first quarter on Felmersham's 20-cwt. tenor.

Mr. Peter Crook, of 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, would like to hear from Masonic friends interested in the proposed Masonic peal at Manchester Town Hall.

Correction.—The ringer of the third in the peal at Stockport St. George on March 15th (page 230) should be John E. Bibby. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

The comment of Charlie Dukes on the 'Tykes' peal of Glasgow, and J. E. B.'s statement of 'pints all round,' prompts Mr. Walter Allman to remind readers that at the time 'Food was only 5d. per pint.'

There are several vacant seats on the plane to Dublin, which leaves London Airport on Saturday, May 24th, at 9.10 a.m. These seats can be obtained at a reduced rate through Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr. T. Wells, who rang in a quarter peal at Lyminster, Sussex, in honour of his completing 46 years as a ringer and chorister at this church, is the only survivor of the band ringing in 1912.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, who has been a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee since 1951, has resigned. Mr. W. N. Park, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has been co-opted in his place.

Easter Day, 1958, was a stepping stone for the Alrewas, Staffs, band, when the first quarter peal for the local band was scored. We look forward to many more.

Sixteen-year-old Brian Downes has made a good start in conducting by calling his first quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at Walthamstow, which was his own composition.

We cannot publish quarter peals unless the place and date is given in the copy. Will readers submitting same for publication follow form appearing in 'The Ringing World.' It saves re-writing.

The quarter peal called at Llandaff Cathedral on Easter Day is believed to be the first quarter peal conducted by a lady ringer (Miss Penelope Welch) resident in the Diocese, since 1920.

Kent County Association had 180 new members last year, but unfortunately subscriptions were received from 45 fewer practising members, and the four-figure total was only just maintained at 1,000.

A correspondent writes: 'Owners of Dove's please note: Canewdon, Essex (pronounced Canndon), five bells dated 1634, 1678, 1704, 1724 and 1791. Frame is insecure, wheels broken, no stays, so much nesting material in belfry that only one bell can be chimed—in short, unringable.'

Mr. G. Fry informs us that he is not a member of the committee of the East Grinstead and District Guild, but the names of S. Jenner and C. Tester should be added to the list published in 'The Ringing World.' (See page 222.)

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KENT JUST MAINTAINS ITS THOUSAND RINGERS

A 'Kent Messenger' picture of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. On the top table (left to right) are Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (secretary), Mr. T. Cullingworth (peal secretary), Mr. E. S. Ruck (sole surviving founder-member), Mr. J. Willis (chairman), the Rev. T. G. Williams, the Rev. H. O. Albin, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mr. E. Barnett.

IN spite of the cold weather, some 180 members and friends of the Kent County Association met this year at Ashford for their annual meeting on Easter Monday.

The officers met for preliminary business at 11 a.m. They enjoyed coffee, but not the company of the secretary, as he was unavoidably detained owing to an accident to the coach bringing the Maidstone District party. However, he arrived in time to give out the annual reports.

The service at noon in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. T. G. Williams, Rector of Willesborough. His address, appropriate to Easter, was much appreciated by the large congregation. The lesson (Colossians iii., 1-11) was read by Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, and Mr. G. N. Butcher was at the organ.

Lunch was held at the Ashford School for Girls. Afterwards letters of apology were read from the Archbishop of Canterbury (president of the Association), the Bishop of Dover, a vice-president, Miss Lilian Brake, O.B.E., one-time ringer and former headmistress of the school, and the chairman of the Ashford Urban District Council, who all regretted they were unable to attend as guests. The Rev. H. O. Albin, Vicar of Bethersden, speaking on behalf of the guests, thanked the Association for their hospitality, and said he would try to learn to ring. The Rev. T. G. Williams also spoke, but made no rash promises.

Mr. Willis presided over the business meeting with his usual good-humoured efficiency. The minutes, the secretary's report and the treasurer's report, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and adopted. The auditor's report was read by the treasurer (Mr. B. W. May), who added that he was much happier about the state of the Association's finances this year.

24 FIRST PEALS

The peal secretary (Mr. T. Cullingworth) reported that 154 peals were rung during 1957, an increase of 38 over the previous year. Twenty-four members rang their first peal. There were 38 conductors (including 13 non-resident conductors who called 43 peals) and two 'first as conductor.'

The Association officers were thanked for their services and re-elected en bloc.

Discussion on the printed report revealed that an imposing but anonymous list of service touches should have been credited to Egerton, and that Ospringe appeared to have changed Districts.

Mr. R. L. Sills (Maidstone District secretary) said that arrangements were in hand to hold the annual dinner at Maidstone in October. Mr. C. T. Hillis, secretary of the Ashford District, urged members to be punctual in their applications for tickets. He pointed out that 20 per cent. of those present had not notified the treasurer by the specified date. Consequently there was a shortage of beer.

The Association secretary (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) informed the meeting that subscriptions were received from 45 fewer practising members. A four-figure total of 1,006 was only just maintained, but it was heartening that 180 new members had joined. There was a net increase of two affiliated towers. He spoke with pleasure of the restored ring of ten at All Saints' in the county town of Maidstone.

NO CONFIDENCE

The main topic discussed was the work of the committee. Dr. Hatcher said that in 1957 this body had the disquieting experience of having two of its recommendations reversed at the annual general meeting. In politics this would have been a vote of no confidence.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight said this implied resignation.

The chairman pointed out that the committee did resign automatically each year, and had been re-elected on his (Mr. Knight's) proposition. Mr. Knight had confidence in the officers.

Mr. R. J. Carlton, while appreciating the work of the committee, maintained the rights of democracy.

Dr. Hatcher said that the committee had no wish to dictate, and explained more fully its function of government. He only pleaded that members should not act precipitately in reversing the considered recommendations of their elected committee.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) thanked the Rev. T. G. Williams for taking the service; Miss M. Nightingale (headmistress of Ashford School for Girls), for so kindly lowing the meeting to use the premises; Mr. G. N. Butcher (organist of the Parish Church); incumbents and tower captains who had made their bells available; the Mothers' Union, for providing tea and cakes; and Mr. C. T. Hillis and his helpers, for making all the arrangements.

The bells of Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye were available at various times throughout the day. C. T. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Great Milton was looking at its best on April 12th, when the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch held their annual meeting at this rather out-of-the-way village. The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Baker) conducted the service and gave a helpful address and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg.

Four new members were elected, making the total membership of the Branch 111. Several members of the Oxford City Branch, including the secretary, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. W. H. R Wilkins, were present, and also one of the Branch's oldest members, Mr. J. E. Allen.

The Branch secretary had intended to resign owing to his removal from the Branch, but, after discussion, was persuaded to carry on for another year. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chinnor in July.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Great and Little Milton.

LEICESTER VETERAN 80 TO-DAY

Mr. W. H. Clarke, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, will be 80 years of age to-day. To honour the event a peal is to be attempted at St. John's to-morrow.

He is at present confined to his room at home recovering from his illness, which necessitated some time ago an operation, but he is making a slow but steady improvement.

Mr. Clarke sends his greetings to all ringing friends, particularly those who have so kindly remembered him during his illness.

S. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 23rd Council (61st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958, at the Synod Hall, Christ Church Place, Dublin, by kind permission of the Representative Church Body, at 10 a.m.

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

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

AGENDA

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

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Vice-President for 1958–60: Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
2. Election of Honorary Librarian for 1958–60. Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.
3. Election of Honorary Members. Mrs. J. G. Steeples retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
7. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
8. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1957.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
    (a) Standing Committee.
        (i.) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the compilation of a history of change-ringing.
    (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
    (c) Literature and Press Committee.
    (d) Biographics Committee.
    (e) 'Beginners' Handbook' Committee.
    (f) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
    (g) Methods Committee.
    (h) Peal Analysis Committee.
    (i) Peal Boards Committee.
    (j) Peal Collection Committee.
    (k) Records Committee.
    (l) Towers and Belfries Committee.

MOTIONS

11. (a) Proposed by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray:—

    'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the Ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

    (b) Proposed by Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow:—

    'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:—

    (a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
        (i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
    (b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

    That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:—

    (a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
        (i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
    (b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.'
12. To fix the place of the next meeting.
13. Any other business.

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Joint Meeting At Speldhurst

The lovely old village of Speldhurst was the venue for a joint meeting of the Tonbridge District, Kent County Association, and the East Grinstead Guild on April 12th, and the light eight in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin were rung to a variety of methods, including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge, Ashtead, Superlative and London.

Through a misunderstanding with the Rector, the customary service was not held; this did not prevent, however, Miss Colgate from collecting contributions to the Benevolent Fund of the Kent County Association. About 40 sat down to tea and at one time five members of the Central Council joined in the ringing.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE 75th annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held, according to custom, on Easter Monday at Worcester. The service, at All Saints, was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch (Vicar of Hanbury). The new Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, read the lesson, and the Blessing was given by Bishop Stuart. The ten bells of All Saints' were rung before the service, making a suitable introduction to the day's activities of worship, business, ringing and the renewal of old and the making of new friendships.

At the business meeting, which was held in the College Hall, Worcester, the Ringing Master formally welcomed the new Dean, and hoped that he would continue to fulfil the traditional office of president of the Association. The Dean replied that he would be most pleased to accept the presidency, and hoped that he would now have further opportunity of developing his interest in campanology—an interest which previously had been confined to bell inscriptions.

The meeting then stood in silence to pay tribute to the memories of those who had died since the last annual meeting—notably the late president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, and Mr. Charles Camm, who had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch for 28 years. All the retiring officers of the Association were re-elected, and an especially appreciative vote of thanks was made to the secretary of the Association. They are: Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson: auditors, Messrs. G. J. Hemming and F. Hyde; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, B. C. Ashford and D. Beacham; librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper.

The secretary informed members that the annual dinner would again be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, and this year it would take place on October 18th. The dinner committee was asked to consider the possibility of changing the form of that occasion, when branches had reported their observations in the matter.

In the afternoon ringing of varying quality took place in the towers of St. John's, Worcester, Hallow and Kempsey. At the latter tower, where the bells are hung anti-clockwise, a touch of Grandsire Doubles caused some amusement. The conductor had a 'back seat' prompter, half the band had helpers standing by, and the six-score was brought round with the help of five additional conductors, none of whom was ringing! Perhaps the best ringing of the day was a touch of Spliced Surprise at St. John's (Cambridge, London and Bristol). It was almost faultless, and a fine example of Major ringing in a packed tower. After tea the Cathedral bells were rung to rounds, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Caters with a fine course of Bob Royal on the back ten, followed by an equally good course of Bristol Surprise on the back eight.

The thanks of the Association were accorded to the incumbents and towerkeepers for their ready co-operation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A HANDBELL NOVELTY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' writings always make interesting reading and although many of us are not old enough to even have heard of most of 'those he remembers,' I do recall those two Gloucester stalwarts he mentioned, viz., John Austin and ex-Sgt. Williams. I remember attending a ringers' dinner at Bristol before the war and being entertained by these two elderly gentlemen, who sat in chairs, back to back, to ring Grandsire Triples (I think) on handbells. Not being a handbell ringer myself, it had always been a matter of wonderment to me that some ringers were blessed with sufficient powers of concentration to allow them to ring two bells at a time to changes; and so I was really fascinated to see these two old-timers performing with two bells in each hand and out of view of one another at that.

Other memories I have of that dinner are of tune-playing by the St. Thomas' (Bristol) handbell team, and also of Mr. Joe Dyke smoking the largest pipe I have ever seen!—Yours truly,

A. J. GOULD.

Portishead, Bristol.

THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I am very indebted to 'D. H.' for the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th, but I should like to know the views of other readers on the paragraph which was underlined by Preb. E. V. Cox. Is it generally agreed that a tour is not a time for practice but is more in the style of an exhibition? Without disputing the facts, I should have thought that applied mainly to ringing for services.

As for the time for experimenting being better left for practice nights, that may not always be possible—in my own case there are only three bells in my home church. Anyway, if we are to make progress someone will have to put up with some bad ringing some time or other, and it may well be more objectionable at 8.30 p.m. in a town than in the day time in the country on a week day.

A recent writer referred to ringing as a dedicated sport. Is this not rather like going in for the high jump but refraining from putting the bar above a certain height for fear of not clearing it?

I see that it is important to leave a good impression behind us in such matters as reverence for the Church, politeness, punctuality and money in the box, but just which way must we try to convince everybody that we are all good ringers when some of us are not?—Yours faithfully,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Great Down Cottage, Pitcombe,
Bruton, Somerset.

DATE OF HILLINGDON PEAL TABLET

Dear Sir,—Could the date on the Hillingdon peal tablet be February 6th, 1757/8 rather than 1737? In 1752 the calendar was amended by missing out 11 days, since it had slipped that far behind the sun—the solar year being the awkward length of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes 12 seconds. [Julius Cæsar had to insert two extra months to put it right in his day!] At the same time the New Year was changed from March 25th to January 1st, so that for dates between these two there was considerable confusion for some time and it was customary to write the year as 'F. W. G.' found it on the tablet.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND (MISS).

Frome, Somerset.

PEALS ON SMALLER NUMBERS

Dear Sir,—I am a little grieved to hear of a breath of suspicion by a very eminent ringer against the validity of 5,040's of Minor and Doubles to qualify for true peal status, though this suggestion is, of course, a very old one. Nobody disputes the facts of the case, that each change in 5,040 Doubles, for example, is bound to appear 42 times. To suggest that this reduces it to a 'performance' is bandying terminology and stressing the theoretical aspects of ringing at the expense of the practical.

What was the original motive of fixing the extent of Triples as the qualifying length for a peal? This number has no special magic excepting in that it is long enough to require a certain measure of skill and competence in composition and performance and of physical and mental determination in completion. Thus, though it is a number based on theory, it is meant to be a measure of practical attainment.

Viewing peals of Minor and Doubles from this standpoint, they are, in my view, well worthy to be classed as peals, as weight for weight and intricacy for intricacy, they are much more exacting physically and require much more mental concentration and determination.

For example, if I rang a peal of St. Clement's Bob Royal, conducting from a 20-cwt. tenor, I should expect to finish fresh and relaxed, but if I rang the same method on five (St. Simon's), again conducting from the tenor of a 20-cwt. five, and making probably about 300 calls, I should probably finish in a state of physical and mental exhaustion. Which is the more notable performance to deserve the honour of being called a 'peal'?

Even conducting 5,040 Bob Minor I shall need to transpose for about 150 calls if I am to keep a safe check on the ringing, but in J. Pritchard's well-known 5,056 of Major the figure is only 68. In my view, therefore, there is more conducting merit in the Minor. Is the inevitable repetition of having to ring seven extents in the process to be so weighty in the view of the theorists that they cannot regard the Minor as worthy of the 'peal' title? —Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale.

MECHANICAL GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN HOLLAND

Dear Sir,—While in Holland recently on a short holiday, I visited the English Church at Rotterdam (St. Mary's). The chaplain, the Rev. W. Popham Hosford, who is also Rural Dean of the Netherlands, very kindly told me all about the new ring of bells installed in his church.

In November, 1957, a ring of eight bells made by a Dutch firm—Messrs. Eijsbouts Lips of Asten — and costing about £1,500, was blessed by the Bishop of Fulham. As the present tower is very small the bells were hung dead and a mechanism fitted so that, at the push of a switch, three leads of Grandsire Triples could be rung, preceded and followed by two whole pulls of rounds. By means of another switch the tenor can be swung and chimed for services.

The chaplain made them ring for our benefit and the effect is very pleasant. The bells, made of cement basically, and lined with metal, are the finest of this kind to be made by the Dutch. They sound very musical, especially outside, being tuned electronically.

The tenor is probably about three to four cwt. The mechanism was arranged so as to

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TWO LEAD METHODS OF DOUBLES AND RECOGNITION

Dear Sir,— Regarding the late controversy about 120 Treble Bob Doubles, this is not completely impossible, but unfortunately we have to go against another rule, that no method should have less than three leads. The method I have composed has two leads. We could have a three-lead method by changing the P.L. with the B.L., but this would mean having an unsymmetrical method. However, looking through the preface of the 'Collection of Doubles' I find no mention of the fact that a method **must** be symmetrical.

To come to Saturn Treble Bob Doubles and all the false sheep following it. How one can possibly claim that they are methods I cannot understand. I always understood that the idea of change ringing was that we rang all the extent of a method without repeating a single change. If one writes out a list of changes and finds one cannot produce a six-score one will in all probability find a 240 is possible Imagine all the stupid 'methods' coming up to the Central Council, the smallest extent being a 240 or 360. Just because a method looks pretty you cannot accept it ignoring the fact that is false. Why not write a method on this principle:—

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It is no worse than Saturn Treble Bob Doubles because 240's can be made from it. Surely the only time a 12-score should be made is when a six-score can also be made from the same method, even then I am not in favour of it because I see no art in ringing a 240.

However, back to a method where a six-score is possible. I find no reason why this method should be turned down just because it is a two-lead. One can understand when the Central Council turns down methods with ten changes in a plain lead, but this is a method which is already one-third the changes of the full extent.

On studying the two-lead method it will be found that there are two courses, both the same except reversed, two bells having one course, two the other. I should think that the effect of the bob in this method would be more interesting to ring than a four-lead method, because one has to know whether they are in reverse course or plain course.

Is it possible the Central Council can accept a two-lead method with 40 changes or over, or accept an unsymmetrical three-lead method?

As our own little tower has not been named and holds a Doubles record, may I suggest the method be called 'Stanwell Treble Bob Doubles'?—Yours sincerely,

C. B. FYNES.

Stanwell, Middlesex

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produce some well-struck changes, and it should certainly create a good impression of change ringing on the Continent. They rang for H.M. the Queen's visit to Holland a few weeks ago.

In addition, in the adjoining Missions to Seamen, there is a set of eight tubular bells, which are rung for prayers every evening.—Yours sincerely,

ISOBEL INMAN.

Chislehurst, Kent.

LEICESTER CHURCHWARDENS OBJECT TO BELLS

The bells of St. Mark's, Leicester, a ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E flat), had not been rung since 1927 until February 15th this year.

The notion to get them ringing again came to Mr. John B. Bennett, Ringing Master of Cosby, and former ringer of St. Margaret's, Leicester. The Vicar of St. Mark's (Canon Stevenson) gave permission to inspect the bells, and on the first visit the fourth was pulled up, only three bells having ropes on them. The bell loft has been taken over by the pigeons, so one is left to imagine its condition.

Arrangements were duly made to visit and patch up the bells on Saturday, February 15th. Ringers from Wigston, Sapcote, Anstey, Stoney Stanton, Cosby, Loughborough and Leicester were recruited.

The wooden frame is in very good condition, but the wheels on the second, fifth, sixth and seventh had little or no flange, so hard-board was nailed on. Most of the wooden sliders were in the floor (amongst the pigeon droppings), the sixth was missing altogether, but the treble was the only bell without a stay. The bearings (and John E. Cooke) were washed with paraffin, oiled, and fitted with ropes (the latter doesn't apply to Cooke), after which they were pulled up one by one, while the writer stood on the frame, which proved to be very firm.

Half a course of Bob Major was rung before the sixth rope slipped wheel, taking our temporary flange with it. Darkness having descended, making further work impossible, we had to content ourselves with Triples on the remaining seven.

Taking things into account, the bells went well and are of good tone. Perhaps not up to St. John's standard, but certainly better than St. Mary's. The tower itself is perfect, with about 25 to 30 feet draught of rope.

While all this work was going on aloft, some of our party were having trouble below with the vicar's warden, who was making known his dislike of bells in general and ringers in particular, in no uncertain terms. Arrangements had been made to continue our work there the following week, but after the churchwarden had conferred with the Vicar, a halt was called.

A meeting was arranged between ourselves and the churchwardens the following Thursday. No further progress was made; both wardens were against the bells being rung but would offer no reason for their objection.

Our intention had been to ring the bells on the occasion of the visit to Leicester of H.M. the Queen on May 9th, the royal route having been scheduled to pass immediately by the tower.

We had also hoped it would be possible to teach a Sunday service band there, drawing our recruits from St. Mark's flourishing youth club.

M. E. B.

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AT ADDERBURY.—A happy picture of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and his bride, Miss M. Joan Roper, leaving St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, after their wedding on Easter Monday.

A Guild of Ringers Without Bells

The peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung at Brentford on April 12th, is of special interest, as five members of the band taking part were from the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, and belong to its Guild of Ringers. This may not sound very unusual until it is made known that there are no bells at St. Matthias' (although the very fine tower was designed for a ring of 12), and the ringers believe they are the only band in the country attached to a church with no bells. It is particularly significant that this is the centenary year of the church, and if moves going on to secure a ring for the church are ultimately successful, the old objection of 'no one to ring the bells if we get them' would be invalid.

With no bells, the Guild have had to rely on the kindness of other churches for the use of their towers, and they have been fortunate in securing the use of Brentford tower for 6-bell practice, and Mortlake for eight bells. It is hoped to celebrate this centenary year with a peal of Major (there are actually ten ringing members in the Guild), but it is not likely that it will be possible to ring it at Richmond, the mother church of the parish.

All the ringers in the St. Matthias' Guild take part regularly in Sunday service ringing at other churches.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger (first of Treble Bob) 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

DEDICATION

Hucknall Torkard

Hucknall Torkard is rather a drab urban district of some 23,000 people in the Nottinghamshire coal field but it has two things of which it is justly proud—its association with the poet, Lord Byron, and its ancient Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

And it is to the latter that our thoughts and footsteps turned on April 5th, when a new ring of eight bells was dedicated by the Venerable H. L. Phillips, Archdeacon of Nottingham.

The site of the church has been hallowed for 12 centuries, the first Early Saxon church being founded in the eighth century. A fine 14th century porch with massive weather-beaten roughly-hewn oak timbers from Sherwood Forest is a feature of the church. Lovers of Byron see in the church a shrine to the great poet, who is buried in the family vault beneath the chancel.

But on April 5th this lovely church put on its festive garb for Easter and for the dedication of the new ring of eight bells given in memory of Henry Morley Raynor by his widow. A huge congregation consisting of parishioners, the chairman and members of the Urban District Council and scores of ringers from many different counties, with Mr. Paul Taylor and members of the Loughborough Foundry, joined in a cheerful service of praise and thanksgiving, conducted by the Vicar of Hucknall Torkard, Canon Kenneth Thompson. During the service the bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham.

In his address the Archdeacon took as his theme 'To the Glory of God,' and reminded his congregation that everything in the church was dedicated to the glory of God, as also was the ringing of the bells.

The bells are a light ring with a tenor of 12½ cwt in F sharp by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the 'go' and tone are both excellent. The ringing chamber has been tastefully decorated in pastel shades and has been much improved by boarding in the roughcast walls. Too late, many of the entrants to the ringing chamber must have thought of the couplet:—

'Each entering mortal
Beware this low portal!'

The dedication rounds were rung by the new band recently recruited by Mr. Herbert Lewin and his family.

After the service, tea was provided for the congregation in the commodious Church Hall and the bells were then thrown open to visiting ringers, who put them to excellent use until late in the evening. The only criticism that can be made is that the bells are rather noisy in the vicinity of the church, but judicious boarding-up will mitigate any nuisance.

The new local band is fortunate in having a nucleus of experienced ringers, and under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Lewin rapid progress should be made.

The three previous bells, which have all been recast, were founded by George Oldfield and Thomas Hedderley, of Nottingham.

Let this brief report end in a note of praise from one of the hymns used in the service:—

'All ye who ring in England
Rejoice with us this day,
Our bells shall ring through Hucknall
In sad times and in gay.
So let us ring together
As one united band,
That we may swell the praises
In that Eternal Land'

J. W. R.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Joint Meeting With College Youths To Be Arranged

A meeting of the Society was held on April 12th at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Bexley, and though not so well attended as expected, ringing on this delightful octave was well up to standard. Tea was provided by Miss Mary Andrews and the local band.

At the meeting which followed, the Master, Mr. F. J. Cullum, welcomed Mr. E. A. Barnett.

There was a financial loss on the annual dinner, and the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, said a small increase in the price of tickets would have covered this. However, since it was a successful and great event, the dinner had served its purpose and done a good job. Questions as to some overcrowding elicited the fact that a fortnight beforehand only 80 applications for tickets had been received and then there was a last-minute rush. It was recommended that in future numbers should be limited to 100. You have been warned!

Arising out of the Master's remarks at the dinner that he would like to see a meeting held between the Cumberlands and the College Youths, a letter had been received from the Ancient Society of College Youths intimating that they were prepared to hold a joint meeting if a date and meeting place acceptable to both Societies could be arranged. This was warmly welcomed, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the secretary of the Ancient Society.

Ratification of the election of Mr. John Ball, of Wickham, Hants, prior to a peal, was made, and the following new members elected:—Miss Doreen Deverill (Holloway), Miss Margaret Harte (Kensington) and Miss Elizabeth Yeld (Milford-on-Sea).

The next meeting, a joint one with the Essex Association, will be held at Prittlewell on June 7th, and a good attended is expected

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Andrews and her helpers for providing a welcome tea, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said he was sorry there were not more there to enjoy it.

Ringing continued after the meeting in a variety of methods.

MELTON DISTRICT OUTING

Thirty ringers, wives and friends of the Melton District had a splendid outing on Easter Monday, leaving Melton at 8.20 and picking up eight of the party at Long Clawson.

First bells sampled were the handy six at Copt Oak, where Mr. W. Hall met the party. The grand eight at Whitwick followed, and it was a pleasure to have Roland Beniston and John Underwood joining in Stedman and Bob Major.

David Manton led the way across country with his car to Ibstock. Here the Guild treasurer had arranged a welcome lunch at the Oak, and the Vicar was also present to greet the visitors. Some good ringing was afterwards heard on the bells, including Kent, St. Clement's and Double Court.

At Sheepstone ringing commenced with a good touch of Cambridge. A cup of tea was awaiting the party at Measham and at the church the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Day) delighted the ladies with a short recital on his beautiful organ whilst the rest of the party enjoyed the bells.

The tower captain at Packington greeted the party with the news that there was no stay on the fifth: still, we had a very good ring in a number of methods. Coleorton, the last tower, was voted to be the best eight of the day and it was a pleasure to meet the tower captain, Mr. Lord. Home was reached by 11 p.m. J. H. C.

OBITUARY

VEN. H. E. FITZHERBERT

We regret to announce the death of the Ven. Henry Edward FitzHerbert, Archdeacon Emeritus of Derby and president of the Midland Counties Guild since 1949. He was also president of the Midland Counties Association 1939-41, when, owing to war restrictions of the 'black-out' and suspension of ringing, he was most helpful in keeping things going by his enthusiasm and encouragement.

During the last two years illness and infirmity prevented him from taking an active part in the affairs of the Guild, but his interest continued until he died at his home, the Old Vicarage, Quarndon, on April 3rd, aged 75 years.

Archdeacon FitzHerbert was a member of one of the oldest county families of Derbyshire and for many years a prominent personality in the Derby Diocese. He was the fourth son of the Rev Sir Richard FitzHerbert, fifth baronet, of Tissington Hall, Ashbourne, who was Rector of Warsop.

After holding several appointments he became Rector of Netherseale with Overseale on 1930 and remained there eight years, during which time he was responsible for the restoration of the church and rehanging of the bells at St. Peter's, Netherseale, and did much to encourage the art of ringing by his kindliness and enthusiastic interest in his ringers. Whilst at Netherseale he was appointed an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral—1936—and was Archdeacon of Derby from 1943 to 1952. His wife, the Hon. Mrs. Margaret Elinor FitzHerbert, was the only child of the third Baron Heytesbury, and she died suddenly in March last year.

Hundreds of mourners, in every walk of life, including the Bishop of Derby and the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, paid tribute to a 'beloved friend' at the funeral service at Derby Cathedral. In his address the Bishop paid a deep tribute to the Archdeacon's memory and said he was devoted and selfless and ready to help in any good cause.

As a last tribute to his respected memory the bells of St. Matthew's, Overseale, were rung muffled on Sunday following the funeral to a quarter peal of Doubles in five methods by: N. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. H. Carson (conductor) 5, H. Shaw 6, and it was regrettable that a muffled peal arranged at St. Peter's, Netherseale, was lost after two hours' good ringing.

HERTFORDSHIRE SIX-BELL TOWER LOST BY INCENDIARISM

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, villagers at Aston, Herts, noticed smoke and flames issuing from the 12th century tower of the Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Several fire brigades rushed to the scene but were unable to prevent the timbers in the interior of the tower from being completely gutted, together with part of the nave roof.

It appears that vestments in the base of the tower had been deliberately ignited by a person as yet unknown to the police, and the flames quickly seized the wooden gallery and spread up the tower.

That it was a case of fire-raising was borne out by what Mr. John Welch, of Walkern, president of the Hertford County Association, discovered when he arrived with his daughter, Frances, at the neighbouring Church of St. Peter, Benington, at 5.45 p.m., followed shortly by the remainder of a peal band. He found lighted candles and burnt hymn books and linen in various parts of the church placed so as to start a further conflagration. The timely arrival of the peal ringers may well have saved Benington Church. The peal was postponed.

At Aston, however, a scene of destruction was revealed. Broken fragments of two smaller bells were found at the foot of the tower, forming part of an inscription 'Miles . . . . Made Me. 162 . . .' The crown and clapper of the other bell were still attached to the charred headstock aloft, where two other bells lodged as they began to fall. It appears that the four bells still in the tower are cracked or otherwise damaged by the intense heat, and a complete recasting and restoration is almost certainly necessary. The stonework of the tower appears comparatively unscathed.

Aston bells were a six with a tenor of 11 cwt., which were restored, and augmented by the addition of a tenor, many years ago, by the Whitechapel Foundry. In 'Church Bells of Hertfordshire, 1886,' the details are as follows:

Treble and fourth: 'Rev. Mr. Ellis, Vicar. Wm. Wollatt, Churchwarden. John Callen, overseer. Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1840.'

Second, third and fifth: 'Miles Graye Made Me. 1629.'

A large tenor was later added, which tended to overpower the lighter bells. They were rung from a curious, stepped gallery, the tenor ringer standing well below the others. This has now been destroyed.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

About 120 members and friends attended the District annual meeting held in St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast, on Easter Monday. On arrival the visitors were entertained to tea by the local ringers. The Adamson Cup was rung off first with three teams competing; the judges were Messrs. J. M. Benn and W. L. Douglas. This was followed by a Holy Communion service with an address given by the Rev. E. G. Parke, the District chairman.

The business meeting followed, when it was reported that the ringing in the District was still progressing with enthusiasm. Ten new members were elected. Hillsborough was chosen as the venue for next year's meeting, with Canon Barry as the new chairman. All the other outgoing officers were re-elected as follows: Hon secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; hon. assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart; hon. treasurer, the Rev. J. J. Fielding; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown. Details of the arrangements proposed for the Central Council visit were explained to the members. Visitors to the District included Messrs. H. Ellis, Mr. C. Foster (Limerick) and Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin (Swindon).

Lunch, at which about 120 sat down, was followed by the Cunningham Cup competition, for which ten teams competed; the judges for which were Messrs. H. Ellis and V. Griffin. Mr. H. Brown acted as Ringing Master throughout the competitions. Before tea, the results were announced as follows:—

Adamson Cup: 1 St. Donard's, Belfast (39 faults); 2 St. Thomas', Belfast (117).

Cunningham Cup: 1 St. Mark's, Dundela (27 faults); 2 St. Donard's, Belfast (34½); 3 St. Comgall's, Bangor (47).

The Adamson Cup was presented by Mrs. Adamson to Miss J. Stewart, of St. Donard's, and the Cunningham Cup was presented by Canon Barry to the Misses R. Thompson and E. Bushe, of St. Mark's. About 70 later sat down to tea. Votes of thanks were passed unanimously to the chairman, Mr. Douglas and the local ringers for their hospitality and to the judges.

After tea the bells were put to good use by mixed bands ringing various methods. J. T. D.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch was held on April 12th at the five-bell tower of Pytchley, with an attendance of about 30. A set of new ropes was hung in honour (?) of the occasion and many Doubles methods were rung. St. Vedast Doubles was looked up, rung to a plain course and triumphed over: an extent was later rung. Stedman, Grandsire, Plain, Spliced St. Martin's and St. Senior, yes, even original Doubles were heard.

As there is at present no incumbent at Pytchley the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) read the Office and gave an address. Mrs. Middleton played the organ.

An enjoyable tea was served in the school and full justice was done. A vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared it was most heartily supported at the business meeting which followed.

David Coleman, of Rothwell, was elected to membership and Jennifer Giles and Keith Bradshaw received certificates for ringing their first peal. Keith also accepted certificates on behalf of Robert Shaw and David Urquhart, who were unable to be present.

Members were reminded of the annual general meeting at Northampton on May 17th, and the summer festival at Oakham on September 6th, for which a coach would run if sufficient support was forthcoming.

After tea, Orlingbury and Pytchley bells were rung again until about 8.30 p.m.

S. R. C.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 2194

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6.15 p.m. —Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2185

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

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bunny (6) on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Special methods. London and Westminster Surprise Minor.—Mrs. P. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 2186

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Monk Sherborne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2209

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Saturday, April 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. approximately. 2218

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Suckley, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. 2200

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cambridge, May 3rd. Programme: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 11.30-12.30; St. Bene't's (6), 12-12.30; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 2-3; business meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3.15; R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 4.30-6. Train departs Kings Cross 9.25 a.m. Return train departs Cambridge 7.15 p.m. (to Liverpool Street). A reduced rate ticket will be obtained for those notifying the undersigned by April 30th. A lunch will be arranged for those notifying Mr. W. J. Ridgman, The Greigs, Arrington, near Royston, Herts, by April 30th.—John Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex. (SOUthall 5174.) 2250

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting, Mytholmroyd (8), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for all. Business meeting to follow, and bells afterwards. 2233

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting will be at Kempston on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1858

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Newcastle, May 3rd. Ringing, St. John's, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Ringing, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Crowdy, 3, Saltwell Road, South Gateshead 9. 2224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Baddow (5) on Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cars to meet buses at General's Arms by arrangement with me. Boreham (8) available after tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2182

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—May 3rd. St. Thomas (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Study St. Clement's Court Bob Triples.—A. Bennett. 2249

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Meeting at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 30th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 2222

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Hinxworth, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Ipswich Surprise Minor.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2245

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Hawkhurst District Society at Rolvenden, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenham.—C. T. H. 2217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Wednesday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2197

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on May 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2231

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by April 30th, Mr. Ronald Kenrick, 19, Glenpark Drive, Southport.—M. E. Ridyard. 2246

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, May 3rd, Shepshed. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by April 30th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed. 2240

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. George's, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), by complete companies, on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, or at St. Peter Mancroft on day of meeting. Bells available after business meeting. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson. Invitation has been extended to Norwich Diocesan Vergers' Guild to attend the service. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Chantry Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 30th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Stanton St. John, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Monday, April 28th, to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2212

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2247

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, at Castor (6). Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 29th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 2225

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Saturday, May 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. P. Grimshaw, 11, Sander's Terrace, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 2252

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Second annual meeting, York, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing, Minster, 2 to 3.55 p.m. Evensong 4. Tea and meeting, Railway Institute, 5. Ringing: York Institute of Architectural Study (6 bells), 6.30; St. Stephen's, Acomb (6), 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to the Master, Mr. Harold Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York.—W. F. Stenson, Hon. Sec. 2019

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 2244

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Clifton, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 2195

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, May 3rd, Brighton. Towers: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall—3s. per head. Individual names by April 30th to R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 2208

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Sopley (5), 2.30. Hinton Admiral (5) 6. Tea, Sopley P.O., 4.45. Names by May 1st.—W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea. 2228

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — Ringers' service, Sunday, May 4th, 6.15 p.m. Ringing 4.30. All are welcome. 2229

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 2243

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting in Guildford, May 10th. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.) 4.45. Please send numbers to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 6th. Bells of S. Nicolas' and Stoke afternoon and evening. Cathedral Church after meeting. St. Mary's 3.30 to 4 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 2230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 7th, to Mrs. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No names—no tea. 2232

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Stanton-on-Hine Heath. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, near Shrewsbury. Moreton Corbet bells available until 4 p.m. and after tea. Bus 1.25 and hourly from Shrewsbury. 2251

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. W. Peart, 113, Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich. 2235

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, May 10th, Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. Woods, Polstead. Assington bells also available after tea.—R. Seabrook. 2239

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Pontefract on May 10th. St. Giles' bells (10) and All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Service in St. Giles' Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea served at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate, to all who notify, by May 7th, Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due and reports will be available in the Parish Hall.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 2234

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton (6) and Yalding (6) on Saturday May 17th. Hunton bells from 2.30-5; Yalding after tea. Service at Yalding 6.30. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 2238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Northampton on Saturday, May 17th. Service in St. Giles' Church 4 p.m. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Tea, at 5s. per head, will be for ticket holders only. Tickets to be obtained only from Mr. C. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton, not later than May 10th. Enclose remittance. Ringing arrangements: 11 to 1 p.m., Brafield (6), Little Houghton (5), Cogenhoe (6), Moulton (8); 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., Dallington (6), Harlestone (6), Wootton (5), Hardingstone (5); 2 to 3.30 p.m., Kingsthorpe (6), Holy Sepulchre (8), St. Edmund's (8); 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Giles' (10). All available in the evening with All Saints' (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 2242

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross. 2179

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting, held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on April 12th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea in the new Church Hall. The Rev. F. H. Outram, who was voted to the chair, started on a happy note by giving everyone a hearty welcome.

Details of the District's outing, on July 5th, were announced, with ringing at Clowne, Bolsover (lunch), Fairfield, Buxton (tea) and Hayfield. Tony Coldwell, of Ecclesfield, was elected a new member. The next meeting will be at South Kirby, and the shield contest at Silkstone on June 14th, which would be open to all ringers. Mr. Frank Brunt proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens, to Mr. Christopher Morris and the local company, and the ladies for the tea. This was supported by Miss Claire Green and acknowledged by Mr. John W. Moxon on behalf of the local company. Further ringing followed.

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