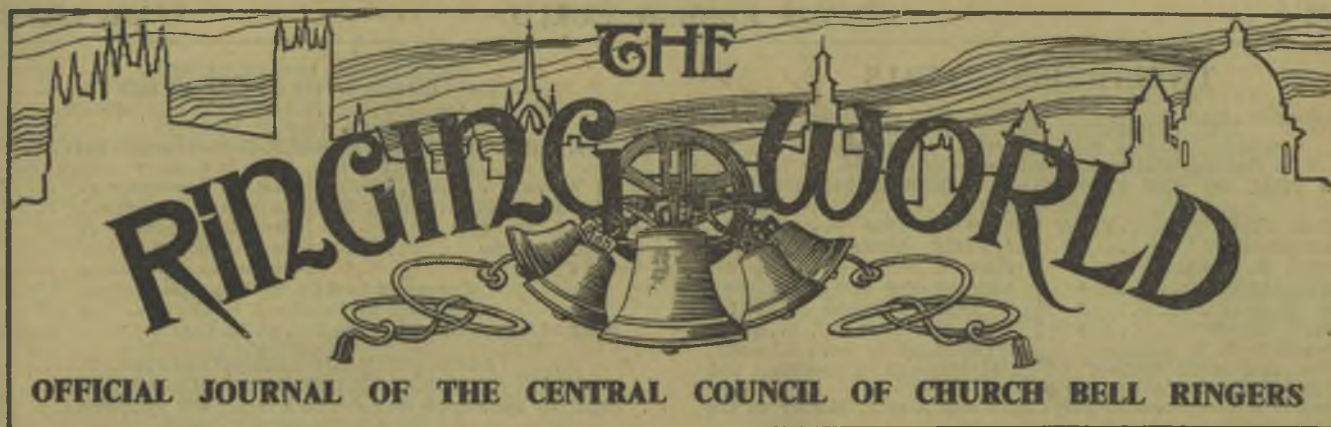




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HANDBELL RINGING

STRICTLY speaking, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is not concerned with tune ringing on handbells; it is an activity outside the ambit of the Council's committees and in a sense is foreign to the art of change ringing. But tune ringing is a popular pastime among many change ringers, and there are not a few companies who, especially at Christmas time, play carols and other tunes. Some of the well-known personalities of the Exercise are noted for this side of bell music; the president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, has for years been a leading exponent of this art, and his wonderful set of handbells, all tuned by him, have given their music not only on radio and television but in many of the cathedrals of our land. The Launton ringers have established for themselves a fine reputation.

There are other companies largely composed of church bell ringers who are equally well known. Rotherham knows full well the skill of the High School girls, trained by Mr. Norman Chaddock; at Leicester Mr. S. Harrison and his young people frequently perform, and there are good companies in Cheshire (the Norbury Handbell Ringers' Association) and in Essex. Some years back 'The Ringing World' circulated in manuscript form Christmas carols on eight bells, prepared by Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, and the applications for these came from far and wide.

Today there is an increasing demand from schools and youth clubs for handbells. Invariably these requests to the Editor are accompanied by advice on publications—a simple book of instructions with methods of setting tunes to music seems to be in great demand. To our knowledge, the only publication in print on the subject, an American one, is too costly at 25s. for the average applicant. There is a definite market for the handbell enthusiast who will produce such a text book.

In America, handbell ringing of tunes is on an organised basis under the direction of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, which was founded in 1954. The Guild publishes an interesting quarterly, 'Overtones.' At one of their recent festivals Mrs. A. Hughes, during the last American tour of Mr. Hughes, gave a recital which was a

great delight. The American companies invariably wear a uniform at their public performances, and a number of these are associated with Congregational and Methodist churches.

Attention is being given in America to the therapeutic value of handbell ringing to those who are mentally ill. In the March issue of 'Overtones' a report is given on the value of handbells as music therapy from experiments with the patients at Westwood Lodge Sanatorium. Dr. Martha Brunner-Orne, the superintendent, writes:—

'We have been looking for a long time for a musical medium which shows all the advantages of music-making in a group without the disadvantages for the mental patient We think we have found such a medium in handbells The bells have a very strong appeal for most patients, even the very retarded ones Even listeners show remarkable response to handbells.

'Many of our patients are satisfied with the easy and simple production of melodies and songs under the direction of the therapist. Some, however, show a deeper interest in music. This gives an opportunity to form smaller groups to whom the basis of harmonics can be taught with the help of the bells. Some of them get so interested that they adapt familiar pieces for the use of our bell-ringers.

'We do not attempt to heal psychoses or neuroses by the use of music, but we are able to observe the beneficial effects of this form of therapy in many cases We think that the necessity to adjust to the requirements of the group itself represents progress. Although the musical requirements are minimal, the musical success depends on the responsibility that the individual player takes upon himself as a member of the group The feeling of satisfaction in accomplishment aroused by a successful performance is frequently of great therapeutic value. We are highly satisfied with handbell ringing as a therapeutic tool.'

With the public, handbell ringing is popular. Many bands perform at ringers' and other services, and the pleasure they give is a full reward for their practising. While for ringers probably there is no finer music than a well-struck course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' the wide field opened in tune ringing is one which many companies have explored with profit and infinite pleasure.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD E. GRANT Treble	† JOHN A. ACRES 7
* AVRIL THACKRAY 2	J. FREDK. MILNER 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 3	JOHN A. SMITH 9
ERNEST MORRIS 4	STEPHEN IVIN 10
JOHN BRAMLEY 5	S. ANTHONY-JESSON 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOF Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal in the method. † First of Maximus as conductor and 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise on tower bells.

Rung as a compliment to Beryl Ayris and Alan E. Hartley on the occasion of their engagement.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON .. 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT 10
R. GEORGE MORRIS 5	* MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 11
WILLIAM BUTLER 6	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

* 250th peal. Mrs. Lewington has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Phillips.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MACCLESFIELD COURT BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. Treble	* CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 6
IVOR JENKINS 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	NEIL D. LOMAS 9
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Arranged by NEIL D. LOMAS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUTH M. K. HOW Treble	* COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	* ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7
KATHLEEN WRIGHT 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 4	PETER R. SANDERS 9
* DERMOT J. ROAF 5	PETER C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung to celebrate the marriages of Wilfrid F. Moreton and Jo Roper and Peter Border and Ruth M. Jackson.

MACCLESFIELD COURT BOB ROYAL

x 10 x 16 x 58 x 70 x with half-lead 90 and lead-head thus:—

1806947253

1089674523

Bobs and singles effect the work of the bells in the back three places; and are called at lead-heads 1, 6 and 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 8
GEORGE E. FEIRN 4	JOHN FREEMAN 7
GILES C. GALLEY 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. H. Leake.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

EX-SGT. HAROLD G. JENNEY (Leicester City) Treble	
P.C. JOHN A. SMITH (Leics and Rutland) 2	
DET.-SGT. GEORGE AMOR (Bedfordshire) 3	
P.C. E. ALAN JACQUES (Leicester City) 4	
EX-SGT. CHARLES W. WILLMINGTON (Metropolitan) 5	
INSPR. THOMAS R. BUTLER (Liverpool City) 6	
EX-INSPR. FREDERICK MEAD (Metropolitan) 7	
EX-SGT. EDWIN C. BIRKETT (Liverpool City) 8	
EX-SGT. FRANK HANSFORD (Somerset) 9	
EX-SGT. E. CHARLES TURNER (Leicester City) Tenor	

Composed by EX-P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by INSPR. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

In memoriam Ex-Inspr. H. J. Poole. Ex-P.C. F. Wilson, Ex-P.C. W. Robinson and Ex-Supt. F. R. Williams.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENNINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.

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

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	GORDON H. ARGUILE .. 5
JOHN E. COOK 2	JOHN SMITH 6
DOREEN D. DUTTON 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
JOHN K. KESTERTON 4	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Phyllis Poole.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

* RONALD CHAFER Treble	* JOHN HALL 5
* C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	* MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 6
† JOHN R. KENNETT 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 7
JACK BRAY 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. † First of Treble Bob Major 'inside.'

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 5
*HERBERT F. LASKEY .. 2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 6
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First of Major in the method. † 75th peal.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF 5056 KIBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
WILLIAM JOHNSON Treble	KENNETH A. ROE 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	ANDREW R. CARTER .. 6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. 3	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 7
RICHARD J. CARTER .. 4	THOS. EDWARD HARKOLD .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARKOLD.

First peal in the method.

Umpired by J. S. CARTER.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 164 cwt.	
CHARLES WALKLATE Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

First peal in the method by all except the sixth, and for the Association. A 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.	
EDWARD W. ROAST Treble	*TERRY L. STOCK 5
ALBERT WIFFEN .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER 6
FRANK CLAYDON .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. 7
CECIL BARKER .. 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal in the method.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F.	
RICHARD F. PRIME Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
ANN BARR .. J. .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
*DENISE SHALLCROSS .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
†JOHN S. DEAN .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
†GEOFFREY PARTING .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal; aged 13, and grand-daughter of Mr. P. Swindley. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major.

Rung in honour of the birth and baptism of Carole Marie Drinkwater, grand-daughter of Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

KIBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

36 x 58 14 x 58 x 38 x 14 x 58 14 x 1438 HL

F.C.H.s: 24365, 53624, 65432.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.	
EDWARD C. LEIGH Treble	STANLEY JENNER 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
*BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 3	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 7
GEORGE FRY .. 4	ERIC J. BRUNGER .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.
*HORACE HEARD Treble	ALAN CARVETH 5
CHARLES SANGWIN .. 2	DAVID N. PENROSE .. 6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
†HARRY STACEY .. 4	CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First 8-bell peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.	
*A. VICTOR SHEPPARD .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE 5
†ALAN CLARKE .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
JOHN R. MUNNINGS .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. Treble	*FRANK W. LEWIS 5
NORMAN J. SMITH .. 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
*GEORGE FRANCIS .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW Treble	DAVID YOUNG 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JAMES CUNLIFFE .. 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 3	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 7
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD .. 4	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the treble ringer, Frederick W. Brownlow, and Mrs. Brownlow.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. H.) Treble	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) .. 2	*F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 3	N. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by G. H. BAKER.

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal of Rutland. First of Major as conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*LEONARD E. SHARP Treble	ROY K. DUESBURY 5
†ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK G. OLIVER 6
†URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
*FRANK H. PIKE 4	BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	ANTHONY V. QUEEN 5
*JILL M. LANE 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 6
EVE PEARSON 3	J. PATRICK McDERMOTT .. 7
JOHN L. QUEEN 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. PATRICK McDERMOTT.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET FORREST .. Treble	JACK ASHCROFT 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	HARRY POYNER 6
†MRS. PHILIP HUDSON .. 3	*PHILIP HUDSON 7
*CYRIL LOW 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † First of Surprise.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ROSALIND E. ROWORTH .. Treble	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 5
†MRS. V. GRIFFIN 2	†VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
*A. KENNETH PAGE 3	ERIC SUTTON 7
DR. C. GUY ROWORTH .. 4	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Triples in the method.

Rung as a farewell to Kenneth Page who is joining H.M. Forces.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	DENIS R. MITCHELL 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 6
RAYMOND P. WOOD 3	J. RICHARD WILSON 7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS 4	HENRY C. WEAVER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. RICHARD WILSON.

First peal on eight bells as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*R. H. FARRER Treble	*D. SWIFT 4
C. D. COWLEY 2	M. F. COWLEY 5
*G. FLETCHER 3	T. H. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by T. H. HARRIS.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal by all the band on the bells.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

STEPHEN J. PERRY .. Treble	†ERNEST H. HILL 4
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 2	D. KEITH LANE 5
*WALTER G. LANE 3	GORDON H. LANE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First of Minor.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E.

JAMES H. MUSSON .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
AMOS INGALL 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. Also for the birthday of the wife of the conductor.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of five 240's and 32 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MARY NURTON Treble	HERBERT WARR 4
*ALFRED BRADLEY 2	HUBERT PESTER 5
JACK W. DREW 3	*BERNARD S. H. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal. First on the bells by a local band. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Pulman, who is leaving for Bangkok, and a thanksgiving for his work in the parish.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. Treble	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
*JILL I. MARTIN 2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON .. 3	HUGH NEILL Tenor

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

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DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble | W. ROBERT PARKER .. 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2 | GEORGE H. RANDLES .. 5
CHARLES E. BROWN .. 3 | JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE,
A compliment to Mr. Joseph Heatham, the local captain, on his 80th birthday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
JAMES W. FORDER .. Treble | ERNEST A. LONG .. 4
*MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 2 | GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
†TERENCE G. PAGE .. 3 | TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.
* First peal in five Minor methods 'inside.' † First in five Minor methods.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. D. Hulbert to the combined livings of Norton Subcourse and Thurlton with Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe.

MERROW, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | *PETER G. SMART .. 4
*JILL M. LANE .. 2 | ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 5
ANN M. COX .. 3 | †DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise Minor on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSFX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently; C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29 and 34-38 inclusive. Tenor 7½ cwt.
FRANK V. GANT .. Treble | †ANTHONY C. GRAINGER .. 4
HERMAN J. OLIVER .. 2 | DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 5
*ALAN GARGRAVE .. 3 | CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents: (1) Woodbine, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble | RONALD J. SHARP .. 4
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. 2 | ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*RICHARD HARRISON .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in seven methods.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Thurs., April 17, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.
MAURICE BENNETT .. Treble | STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4
*A. ROY WITHYMAN .. 2 | RONALD C. NOON .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3 | CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.
* First peal in more than one method.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
LEONARD RODMELL (76) Treble | THOMAS W. THIRKELL .. 4
*JANET PORTER (13) .. 2 | *IAN G. GLENTON .. 5
†HENRY RODMELL (78) .. 3 | RONALD DUCKER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.
* First peal. † 50th peal.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Thirkell; also a wedding compliment to Margaret Robinson.

BURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.
*A. VICTOR SHEPPARD .. Treble | JAMES BENNETT .. 4
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 2 | ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 5
MRS. ROBERT F. DOWNING 3 | CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal.
Arranged for Mr. A. V. Sheppard, of Cape Town. Also as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.
*JOHN WELCH, JUN. (age 14) Treble | DEREK P. JONES .. 4
FRANCES WELCH .. 2 | J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JOHN WELCH .. 3 | PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal attempt.
Rung to mark the opening of the Church Army Sisters' Mission Week and also as a compliment to Mr. John Welch on his election to the presidency of the Hertford County Association.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*CHRISTINE LANSLEY .. Treble | THOMAS R. COLLINS .. 4
ERIC SUTTON .. 2 | RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. 5
BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 3 | †ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal. † 75th peal.
Rung as a welcome peal to Christopher Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilton, born April 9th, 1958.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours,
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 1-2 | BERNARD GROVES .. 3-4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5-6
Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 6, 1958, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 79, ST. PETER'S STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Kingston, London Scholars and Sandal Treble Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Norbury, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; (6) Double and Fulbeck Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob; 51 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

*ALLAN SHARPLES .. 1-2 | †DEREK TAYLOR .. 3-4
†TREVOR TAYLOR .. 5-6
Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal in 13 methods. † First in 13 methods 'in hand.' First in 13 methods as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monnica A. Rose (first quarter) 1, Hilda L. Slade 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, J. W. Rose 5, G. J. Abbott 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ford, of Abbotsbury. Mr. H. J. Ford is ringing master of the Dorchester branch.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepharm 3, Stella Hughes (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, C. D. Linington 6. Rung in appreciation of the work of the Church of England Children's Society.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mary Powell (first on eight) 1, Monica Fray 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, W. P. Blake 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 4 and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Dear 1, S. Hutton 2, E. Buck (cond.) 3, L. Scott 4, A. Leegett 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, C. Harwood 7, J. R. Castledine 8. First in method 2 and 5 and as conductor.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Amor 1, Miss A. Thackray 2, K. Wakefield 3, Miss J. Davies 4, S. Ivin 5, G. Amor 6, B. Pattison 7, R. Piron (cond.) 8, S. Foskett 9, D. Thompson 10. For Evensong, and as an 80th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Geary 1, H. Faulkner 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, G. Allen 5, C. T. Whitman 6, A. N. Geary 7, G. Lee 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sirrett 1, R. Edmunds 2, Miss J. Emery 3, F. G. Edmunds 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, Miss S. Hurst 6. First in method 1, 3 and 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Best (first on eight) 1, Monica Fray 2, C. Clarke 3, M. Bailey 4, M. Horseman 5, R. Short (cond.) 6, J. Gilbert 7, G. Burge 8.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, J. Manley 2, C. Turner 3, C. Deem 4, G. Aldhouse 5, C. Webb (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 6.

BUILT WELLS, BRECON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Glensy Evans 1, S. Edwards 2, B. Kingston 3, R. Sparks 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, D. Llewellyn 6. Over 30 years since last quarter on the bells.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burrows 1, Miss N. Price 2, M. Sprackling (cond.) 3, N. Sprackling 4, E. Leach (first 'inside') 5, E. Penn (first quarter) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Ponting 1, Joan Garnett (first 'inside') 2, C. A. Bassett 3, E. J. Brunger 4, G. Fry 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Geoffrey Donson (first on eight) 1, Joan Dawson (first 'inside') 2, P. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, R. Waddington 7, D. Thorp (cond.) 8. First of Major at this church by a local band for 20 years. A tribute to Sydney Keighley on completing 55 years as a ringer at this church.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-of-England, on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, W. Hewitt 2, W. Rawlings 3, D. Randall 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, J. Phillips 6, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. First of Stedman for 1, 5 and 8. Rung in honour of the marriage at Llanelly the previous Saturday of Miss Mavis Clement and Mr. Eric Webb, a member of the local band.

CHESTER.—On April 17th, at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, 1,260 Bob Triples: Anthea Baker (aged 11, first on eight) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, Rev. J. Kingdon 3, R. King 4, S. Jones 5, H. O. Baker 6, F. T. Parry 7, T. C. Millington 8.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Church 1, Sheila Percival 2, G. Mayes 3, Jill Mayes 4, J. Hulme 5, P. Tompkins (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, D. Newis (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Doreen Fairhead (aged 13) 1, Eva Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, G. W. Barnes 4, W. J. Brunt 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band for Festal Evensong.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Saunders (first quarter) 1, Julie Saunders (first quarter) 2, José Crow 3, J. Patrick (first quarter) 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are members of the local band.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Sparks (first in method) 1, C. Webb 2, O. Dane 3, C. Turner 4, W. Webb 5, J. Manley (first as cond.) 6.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. A. J. Frih 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. A. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, S. Bates 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, A. G. Hall 2, Mrs. J. M. Hall 3, F. Walker 4, H. E. Audsley 5, S. Ball 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, R. E. Rayfield 8. To mark the 65th birthday and retirement of Mr. N. North, B.E.M.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, S. G. Grant 3, J. Potter 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, A. Hobbs 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's Birthday, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Westmacott on their 34th wedding anniversary.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. H. Roberts (first of Major) 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, J. L. Girt 5, H. Moss 6, C. F. W. Philippo (cond.) 7, A. E. Cook 8. For family service and a birthday compliment to J. L. Girt.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, J. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coode 3, M. Small 4, Brenda Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Sims 7, F. Hurrell 8.

ENFORD, WILTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. T. Phillimore 1, H. Bardell 2, D. Beaufoy 3, R. Wilson 4, B. Phillimore (cond.) 5, S. Offer 6. First of Bob Minor by local band.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Curtis (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Hide (first as cond.) 2, Anne Heath 3, S. Meadows 4, C. W. Denyer 5, R. North 6, E. J. Wells 7, C. J. Beadle 8. For Evensong.

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By P. G. K. DAVIES							
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6th extent in 5-6, and full combinations, as is possible in the method without 82's or 83's. Rung at Ewell by the Surrey Association on February 15th, 1958, conducted by John Hill.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Cox (cond.) 1, R. Chance 2, A. Timmins 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, A. Pickering 6, L. Clisset 7, G. Bradley 8. For the wedding of Barrie Westwood and Ann Payne.

HARRY, NOTTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. A. Lacey 1, J. F. Pearson 2, R. Applewhite 3, L. Thompson 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5. Believed to be first quarter on the bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, at Christ Church, Buckland, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Wilson (first in method) 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Miss D. F. Lester (first in method) 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, C. A. Levett 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, E. F. P. Bryant (first in method as cond.) 7, A. A. Price 8. Rung after the wedding of Joy Vaughan to John E. Davning, both ringers at this tower.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Chilcott 2, Miss E. Ricketts 3, W. Lewis 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, P. Ruch 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney (first as cond.) 3, J. Strawford 4, D. Leslie 5, J. Hut 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,920 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob and 480 Little Bob): R. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, D. Armstrong 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in three methods for all except 5 & 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 19th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Regrie (cond.) 1, Doreen A. Deverell 2, D. W. Wyatt 3, R. Newman 4, J. Maxwell 5, J. M. Payton 6, A. W. J. Butler 7, P. G. Foote 8. Rung for the second anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind), there being 92 Singles and 17 Bobs: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, C. Manley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Baker 5, C. Loman 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Real 8. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hodge.

HUISH EPISCOPAL, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Alderman 1, D. T. North 2, M. Rothwell 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, R. W. Hayward 6, P. J. Bird (first of Major as cond.) 7, W. F. Slocombe 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hawkins (first of Minor) 1, R. Hazeil 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Thackray 1, Miss V. Willard 2, S. Ivin 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. H. Dove 5, A. W. Leggett (first on 10 bells) 6, J. M. Stephens 7, J. R. Castledine 8, P. Mehew 9, D. P. Jones (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Brownworth, 35 years a member of the Bedfordshire Association, whose funeral took place at this church prior to the ringing.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hill 1, D. W. Barr 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, A. Strathdee (first of Minor) 4, J. B. Dineneage 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the service at which the ringing of the fourth was confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Dines 1, C. F. Norris 2, T. F. G. Young 3, S. Walter 4, J. S. Barnes 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss N. Dines.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): T. Dodd 1, D. Lees 2, Miss D. Lewis 3, T. Pritchard 4, Miss E. Jones 5, J. L. Stanier 6, F. W. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Gallier (first quarter) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chanlier 1, M. W. Gilbert 2, M. L. Howe 3, Angela Grainger 4, J. T. Manners 5, M. E. Downs (first as cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, M. J. Pryor 5, A. McFall 6. First of Stedman by all and on the bells.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Brain (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Bowsher 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth, who is 74, and has been a ringer at this church for 60 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine L. Reed (first quarter, aged 13) 1, C. Murphy 2, B. Forder 3, C. Taylor 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, D. J. Forder 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. S. C. Wincott on his appointment to the living of St. Mary Extra, Southampton.

OXFORD.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Keen 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Cloke 3, Christine M. Woodward 4, R. A. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Roaf 6. Rung as a compliment to D. J. Roaf on his 21st birthday, and to Daphne Cloke on her Confirmation.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. W. Ruming 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, W. Richards 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. Parkin 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, Miss W. Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, D. Griffin 6, H. Nichols 7, R. W. Jones 8. Both rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Pendry, wife of tower captain, interred April 15th.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Cox (first in method) 1, C. F. Wixey 2, A. M. Wixey 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, Miss J. Watts 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, F. Tranter 7, C. Laughton (first in method) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss J. Oliver, who met with a fatal accident on April 7th. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Watts 1, A. M. Wixey 2, S. Pugh 3, I. Taylor 4, F. Tranter (cond.) 5, C. Leighton 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service in memory of Mrs. H. Withers.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Berry 1, P. Hart 2, F. Elliott 3, H. Bradbury 4, D. Bartholomew (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. E. G. Luton 1, W. H. Trueman 2, J. E. Manners 3, E. Sutton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. First in method 1, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. V. Griffin and Miss B. Kay.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Wood (first away from cover bell) 1, Miss J. Green 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, J. J. Webb 4, T. Cooper 5, A. T. Poulton 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, A. T. Wingate 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard (first quarter) 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 14th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd (first in method) 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. Rung to mark the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Driver, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ridd.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,248 London Surprise Minor: Rita M. Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, J. Vernon 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the christening of David Michael, son of the conductor, the ringers of 4 and 5 being godfathers.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): A. Thornton 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, K. B. Sissons (first as cond.) 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts 5.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Rose 1, A. J. Sanger 2, K. Prime (first of Yorkshire) 3, G. Salmon 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, E. J. Chivers 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLEX.—At Christ Church, on April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Mary Piper 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. Murray H. MacLeod, B.A., B.D., as Vicar of Christ Church, whose institution by the Bishop of London took place on April 14th.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Elphick (first quarter, aged 12 years) 1, Mrs. M. Elphick 2, H. S. Hobden 3, H. S. James 4, R. C. Hide 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, G. P. Elphick 7, F. Fuller (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Miss M. Haynes 1, R. Lucas 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wilcox 1, H. Prout 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, J. T. Rooke 6.

WEST HUNTSPELL, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: M. Bailey 1, Monica Fray 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, J. Gilbert 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Hancock (cond.) 1, R. J. Hancock (first quarter, aged 13) 2, S. G. Ivens 3, J. K. Gealy 4, F. W. Hancock 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. To commemorate the wedding of S. W. Berry, and the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jarvis.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings (first of Triples) 1, M. P. Moreton 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, J. Tomsett 5, E. Jacobs (first of Triples 'inside') 6, A. Bishop 7, F. Corfield 8.

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Bells will be heard prior to an act of worship for Rogation Sunday to be broadcast from Lyme Regis Parish Church, Dorset, on Sunday, May 11th, at 7.45 p.m. in the West and Midland Home Services, and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Geoffrey Tiarks). It will include recordings made that morning of Rogationtide ceremonies at Coleford Parish Church, in the Forest of Dean, and Shotesham Parish Church, Norfolk.

Enford's (Wilts) self-taught band rang their first quarter of Plain Bob Minor on April 10th. Congratulations.

Easter Sunday will be remembered at Bletchley, Bucks, for three first quarters of Grandsire Doubles. Congratulations to Jennifer Emery (13), Sylvia Hurst (14) and R. Sirrett (15).

A peal attempt of Caters at North Stoneham on March 29th, to congratulate the Rev. S. C. Wincott on his appointment to the living of St. Mary Extra, Southampton, was lost through a shift course after an hour's excellent ringing.

After the peal at Dunholme, Lincs, on April 15th, in honour of his 80th birthday, Mr. Joe Cheatham, the local captain, entertained the band and his local ringers. The gesture was much appreciated.

Next Wednesday, the 30 cwt. tenor of the new ring of 13 bells for St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, will be cast at the Whitechapel foundry in the presence of the Mayor of Great Yarmouth, the vicar, members of the Coleman family and a number of local ringers.

The quarter peal of Stedman Doubles at Marple, Cheshire, on April 12th, was rung as a farewell to Mr. Michael J. Pryor, who has taught all the band to ring during the past four years. It was rung after a peal attempt in 31 Minor methods by the Sunday service band had been lost.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal attempt of Bob Major at Wakefield Cathedral on April 12th, in honour of the marriage of 'Wilf and Jo,' was abandoned after 2 hours 20 minutes owing to the sudden illness of one of the ringers. The band wish to thank Mr. David Atkins, of Batley, for making them up at short notice.

A correspondent suggests that J. E. B. could successfully plead the Statute of Limitations in connection with the claim made for 'pints all round.'

The Society of Bell Ringers of the University of Chicago extend their thanks to Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, for the gift to their campanological museum of a 'Ringers' Tablet' made by Ernest Morris and for numerous photographs.

In our issue of April 18th we mentioned that a National Serviceman was leaving Stafford for his home town, Hastings. Mr. R. I. Vaughan, who was referred to, writes thanking the ringers of Stafford for all their kindness to him during the time he was stationed in the area.

On Easter Day, Mr. Jim Marriott (74), of Launton, celebrated his 60th year as a bell-ringer and 66th year as a chorister. The happy occasion was celebrated by a peal on Launton bells. Mr. Marriott is the local captain, and his grandson, Desmond Jones, is also a member of the band.

After the peal of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, on April 19th, to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Brownlow, the band were entertained by them to a very good meal and evening's entertainment. Mr. Brownlow is the ringing instructor at this church and has the curate and some girls from the youth section as pupils. His grandfather was a ringer here for over 70 years.

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MEMORABLE GATHERING AT CHRIST CHURCH HALL

AMID the majestic solemnity of Christ Church Hall, with table lamps giving a mellowed, subdued light, members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers met at dinner on April 19th to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Society. This was the date of the Society's first peal: the Society undoubtedly existed many years before that date, but the first authentic record is from the peal book. Three of these books were present for visitors' inspection telling the story of the ages.

The proceedings were conducted under the genial chairmanship of the Society's president, Mr. W. G. E. Collett. He was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford (Ald. and Mrs. R. F. Knight), Canon R. R. Martin, R.D., and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Walter Judge, Mr. Harry Miles, Miss Lidgley, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chaundy, Mr. Philip Walker (secretary of the Society), Miss Cross (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the editor of 'The Ringing World' (Mr. T. White).

The occasion was made memorable by the beautiful programme of handbell ringing presented by the Launton Handbell Ringers, conducted by Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

The president, who proposed the toast of 'The Church,' said the Church was their best friend. Without the Church there would be no bells, and even if there were bells, without the generosity of the individual clergy they would not be able to ring. Wherever they went, whether they rang for pleasure, peals or any other purpose, they were always welcome. The best thing they could do in return was to remember their duty to the Church and reciprocate by ringing when the Church wanted them and attending services whenever they could.

They could not but admire the clergy, mainly for two things. There was the provision of schools; many thousands of pounds had been spent by the Church and many thousands of children had benefited and were introduced to a life in which religion held a prominent place. He deplored the policy of the Government to deprive the Church of its schools, but the Church was not out of it and was doing a good work through Sunday Schools and youth fellowships. Much of the juvenile delinquency of today was due to the closing of Church Schools. The other great work of the Church was in its missionary activities.

BELLS AND THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

Canon R. R. Martin, Rural Dean of Oxford, who replied, said most people would not know that a building was a church but for the bells, and ringers drew attention to the church in a beautiful and loving way. Nine out of ten people loved church bells and they did more to spread the message of Christianity than all the clergy had done. 'After all, we preach only to those who come: you preach to those who do not.' When people heard church bells they knew the noise was something different from a motor-cycle; church bells spoke not only of things past but things to come and things eternally present.

In a speech full of reminiscences, Mr. Harry Miles proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Society of Change Ringers.' He said he had come 270 miles to propose the toast. The date they were honouring was 1733, when the Society's first peal was rung. That was two-and-a-quarter centuries—eight reigns—ago, and he had been a member of the Society for half those reigns—54 years. [Applause.]

When he joined the Oxford Society in 1904 they used to ring only in vacations—there was no Sunday ringing—and on special days, for

which they were paid. He had been ringing Stedman Triples before he attended his first practice at Christ Church. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was there, and through his good services alone he then rang his first Stedman Caters and Cinques.

NO SLACKNESS IN RINGING

The Society owed its long life to the kindness and efficiency of its officers: when they were slack, down went the Society. Their ringing must be of the best—there must never be any slackness. He remembered ringing at All Saints in a peal of Bristol. Towards the end the conductor, Mr. Walter Judge, called 'Stand.' The ringing was not good enough. There was a lot of softness in ringing today; he saw a lot of slack ringing as he went up and down the country. They must all insist on people being taught to handle a bell properly.

When he came to Oxford most of the ringers were getting on in years. He was 21 when he rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Kidlington, and the average age of that band was 57½ years—without him it would have been 63. It gladdened his heart to see the young ringers of today. It was a mistake for any Society to keep the conducting in one pair of hands—conducting should be shared or the Society would go down.

RINGERS LOOKED DOWN ON

When he joined the Oxford Society there was a rule that no one could serve as Master for longer than one year. It was an excellent rule, and he became Master in 1909 when he was 25. The Society was paid for ringing on special days, and with an artisan's wage at 6d. to 6½d. an hour a man was a little better off for his day's ringing. Then the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church looked down on ringers as paid servants—there was no understanding. The change came between the two great wars, when it was suggested that the University Society and the Oxford Society should join for ringing on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. without payment. That shook the Dean and Chapter, and when Ernest Morris wrote his first book they presented a copy to the Society as a mark of their appreciation.

Who were the regular ringers when he joined the Society? He had jotted down a few of their names—W. J. Smith (the conductor), Tom Payne, Bill Finch, Alf Fox, Job Howse, Charlie Hester, Arthur Hawes, Charles Hounslow, Sam Hourshon, Bill Stone, Edwin Hims, Tony Strange, Fred Castle, Alfred Browning, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Bill Jeffery. All those had passed on except Bill Stone and himself.

The headquarters of the Society was 'The Tunnel.' There was a long table on which was a copy of 'The Bell News' and a bench at each side. The first two men on each side put down 6d. for two quarts and the quarts were passed round. As soon as they were done the next two put down sixpence.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who replied, said he was taught to ring partly there and partly at Appleton, and Mr. Miles was one of his tutors—and he frightened him! On an occasion like that he should speak about the Society, take stock and remember what they were celebrating. They were very proud of the City of Oxford, the Society and its bells. They had a wonderful history behind them right back to the 13th century in the Abbey of Osney. It was there that the shape of the English bell was changed and big bells were cast. Bristol had always claimed to have more rings of bells than any city and Oxford was second.

SCARSBROOK AND DUCKWORTH

That day they were celebrating the 225th anniversary of the first peal rung by the Society, and they had good reason to believe that the Society was very much older. There was an Oxford man named Scarsbrook who wrote what was known as the Oxford Ringers' Register, and that went back another 100 years.

In the 17th century there was living in Oxford a famous man who was a great ringer—Anthony Wood. He learnt to ring at Cassington and rang at Merton when the bells were rung on the ground floor. In his day Christ Church bells increased from six to ten, and Merton and New College from five to eight. Those augmentations both took place during the Commonwealth.

Another famous man was Richard Duckworth, rector of the city church, who was a friend of Fabian Stedman. He wrote the first book on ringing, 'Tintinnalogia,' which Stedman published in 1668. There were Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob which were composed and first rung in the city.

The year 1733 was the date of the first peal to which Mr. Miles had referred. They also had an account of how 15 London men walked from London to Oxford to enjoy a week's ringing. This week was a great stimulant to the Oxford Society, and they dated their records from that time when they endeavoured to ring a peal to imitate the Londoners. Thomas Hearn wrote: 'The Oxford men ring to imitate the Londoners, but they are poor in comparison.' If, however, Hearn could have heard some of the peals conducted by Walter Judge he would have taken a different view.

The first peal of exceptional length by the Society was 10,008 Grandsire Caters, rung at New College after the Battle of Waterloo. About that time, in 1818, James Newman started instructing the Appleton Society of Change Ringers, which in turn taught Father Robinson, the founder of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Another man they honoured was Arthur Tyrer, head porter of Pembroke, who was a great instructor and did much missionary work; and then 101 years ago there was the Rev. William C. Lucas, who wrote the first book on 'Comparative Campanology,' which became a standard work. Famous names they remembered were Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, and coming to the present day they were all thinking of their old friend, Victor Bennett, not so long removed from them, who did a tremendous work as secretary. The Rev. C. Jenkyn wrote: 'I am very glad to notice that Oxford ringing has improved in the last few years thanks to good spade-work by Harry Miles and Victor Bennett.'

MEN OF TODAY

Today they had a most able conductor in Mr. Walter Judge, who amongst many others conducted the peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques in 1946. In Mr. Bennett's successor they had a very able secretary in Mr. Philip Walker, who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Society and had made the arrangements for that day. With him was Mr. Richard Chaundy, a most able secretary. In the words of Ecclesiasticus: 'Let us now praise famous men and our fathers who begat us.'

Mr. Dermot J. Roaf proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' thanking in particular the Launton ringers for their beautiful tune ringing and welcoming in particular the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford and the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—Miss Cross (general secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer).

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION IN SOUND POSITION

THE annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held on April 12th at Hemel Hempstead. Ringing during the day took place at Flamstead (6), Redbourn (6), Apsley End (6), Northchurch (8), Berkhamsted (8) and Hemel Hempstead (8).

The meeting was very well attended by members from all parts of the county as well as visitors from Cambridge, Harrow Weald, Overseale, Derby, South Wigston, Ashted, Flitton and Stotfold (Beds).

The annual service, held at St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Dominey (Vicar of Apsley) and the address was given by the Rev. P. K. Walker (curate). During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and a collection was taken in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Over 120 members and friends sat down to a 'local' tea in St. Mary's Hall and were joined by more ringers for the business meeting.

The retiring president (Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock) thanked the clergy present for the use of the bells and for arranging the service. He also thanked the ringers' wives who had arranged and served the tea. In welcoming the visitors, the president mentioned the young ringers present, and their instructors who had encouraged them to attend the meeting.

The list of members who had passed on to higher service since the last annual meeting was read, and the meeting stood as a mark of respect to Messrs. F. Whiteman and A. Barnes (Stockport), both members of the Cathedral Society; also Mr. W. Miller, an associate member of Baldock. After the minutes were read and confirmed, new members were elected from Standon, Rickmansworth, Cheltenham, Bletchley and Carlisle.

The proposed revision of the Benevolent Fund rules as recommended by the committee was discussed and finally accepted; a proposition from Mr. C. W. Woolley to wind up the Fund was referred to any other business.

ORGANISED ASSISTANCE

The report of the committee stated that the District committees could well turn their attention to ways and means of giving assistance on an organised basis to towers in their areas. Service ringing could be assured by regular and punctual attendance by members at their own individual towers, but at present the only organised opportunities for advancement were District meetings.

The peal secretary's report gave the total number of peals rung as 71 as against 65 last

year. There was a total increase of tower bell peals of 12. The leading conductor was Mr. J. R. Mayne (14), with Mr. W. Ayre second with 12. Conducting had been shared between 24 ringers whilst 147 took part in these peals. Eleven people rang their first peal and there was one new conductor. The following peals were rung by Sunday service bands: Minor (seven methods) at Hinxworth by the Baldock band; Bob Major at Watford by the Watford Society.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure on the year of £31 8s. 1d. Assets on the balance sheet were £350 11s. 1d. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £27 9s. 10d. and the Voluntary Bell Fund £64 0s. 7d. These reports were adopted.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) proposed the transfer of donations to the reserve fund of £4 18s. 2d., also a further transfer of £15 from the general fund to the reserve fund, making a total of £106. The committee's recommendation to invest £100 from the reserve fund in Defence Bonds was agreed.

At the election of officers, Mr. John Welch, of Benington, was elected as president, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The arrangements for the summer festival with the Bedfordshire Association at Woburn were discussed. Several members offered their services to form a combined ringers' choir, and it was left to the secretary to arrange that the coach parties were able to ring at all the towers.

It was proposed that a dinner be held in St. Albans on October 31st, 1959, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Association, on the lines of the jubilee dinner held in 1934. The secretary was instructed to book a hall in St. Albans.

After further discussion concerning the Benevolent Fund, it was decided that a committee should meet to discuss the possibility of winding up the Fund, and also to investigate the possibility of increasing the Voluntary Bell Fund and grants made therefrom.

A vote of thanks from the general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) to the members of the Western District and all others who had helped towards the success of the meeting concluded the business. Further ringing ensued at Redbourn, Apsley and Hemel Hempstead.

SUFFOLK GUILD REPORT ON RECORD PEAL YEAR

DURING 1957 a record number of 135 peals was rung by the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Guild held in the Abbot Anselm Institute, Bury St. Edmunds, on April 12th, at which Mr. C. W. Pipe presided.

In his report, Mr. John W. Blythe (general secretary) stated that the past year had been yet another one of steady progress. Membership had been maintained at a high level and meetings had been held throughout the diocese, although the attendance at some had not been up to the usual standard.

Stressing the need for continuing to get recruits, the secretary stated that they must all back up the efforts of instructors who had been active in teaching recruits so that Sunday service ringing could be maintained and improved.

During the year the Guild rang 135 peals, the highest total ever recorded by the Guild, being eight more than the previous record of 127 peals in 1954. Over 200 members took part in the peals, and although rung on all numbers of bells, no peal of Cinques is recorded.

This year saw the introduction of the Guild badge, which had been well received, and so far over 170 had been sold.

TWO RECORDS

Mr. L. G. Brett (Ringing Master) reported that the 135 peals had been rung in 63 different towers. Stoke-by-Nayland had its first peal since augmentation. Long silences had been broken at Chediston (32 years), Laxfield, Dennington and Weybread (23 years) and Whepstead (24 years). Two records for the Guild came from the 15 Doubles methods peal at Ixworth and the first ladies' peal to be rung in Suffolk. Six firsts of Bob Triples at Elveden, it was hoped would lead to other methods.

Their secretary (Mr. Blythe) was top peal scorer with 40 to his credit, said Mr. Brett,

while Mr. E. Chapman, the 'go anywhere' enthusiast, with peals over the border, had also rung 40 peals for the Guild. Mr. Jack Gibson was runner-up with 39 peals.

During 1957 Mr. R. W. M. Clouston (hon. technical adviser) stated that he had inspected and reported on the bells in 51 Suffolk church towers. Of these 13 could be considered to contain rings of bells, though a number were now quite unringable and in one case, at Orford, some of the bells were cracked and un-hung.

The technical adviser has now reported on the state of the bells in 113 Suffolk towers, which number some 500. The results so far indicate the very poor state of many of the belfries, and in a number of towers containing up to four bells most unsafe conditions. Far too high a proportion of the bells were unsafely clocked, due to decayed and insecure fittings.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £137 in the general account and £40 in the bell restoration fund.

It was decided that the committee should consider the reorganisation of the Districts as many were felt to be too small in the light of present day requirements.

All the officers were re-elected.

Nearly 60 members attended, and among the visitors were Miss M. Cross, of Oxford, who was elected a non-resident life member, Mr. B. Pattison (Bedford) and Mr. D. H. Rooke (Warsop).

The bells of the Cathedral and St. Mary's were available during the day, and ringing took place in the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Superlative and London Surprise Major. The Guild service in the Cathedral was taken by Canon B. C. Snell, the Canon Residentiary, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Provost (Very Rev. J. L. White). J. W. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRIKE STOPS SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Watchman, what of the night? What is right? We understand night as being darkness, that without the light of the sun. What has this to do with ringing? many may ask. It can be put in this wise. In the case of every team of ringers, however good, there must inevitably come a period of darkness—yes, night. Whether or not this darkness is dispelled depends upon those that remain.

At mine own tower, we are now in the period of deepest night: from being one of the foremost local 6-bell bands we have shrunk to one bell tolling on a Sunday. The ringing of the past was as a whole clockwork in its precision, but through internal strife this has ended: the ringers still remain, but they are torn asunder by endless strife. Is this dark, meridian night to remain? Is this tower to become yet another silent tower?

What can be done to avert it? In the case in question I have tried my best, but have failed, and a once mighty band has ceased to exist. There are no learners, no young ones to follow; what can be done?

The ringers comprising the band are keen and ring many peals; they love ringing, and to a certain extent it is part of their life. They will ring on a Sunday, but not in their own church. It is all very well saying: 'But it is their duty to ring in their own church.' This I agree, but to them, their reason for staying away is justified.

Is it possible to form a new team in a village where for years only the best in striking was good enough? To quote one instance, a touring team visited our tower, and after a few touches a dear old lady came panting up to the tower and to apologise on arrival, for she thought that someone had come into the tower and were pulling the bells ad lib.

The situation does appear hopeless, and if any of those reading this letter could suggest a solution, the faithful few that remain would be more than grateful.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincoln.

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondence columns make it increasingly evident that the ringers who make peal ringing a 'hobby' (it cannot be classed otherwise) expect to pursue their hobby at no expense to themselves.

Recently peal ringers have been compared with those who attend football or cricket matches or pursue similar Saturday pastimes. Surely such folk do not expect free admission to matches, etc.

Five or ten shillings spent once, as a fee for the honour of life membership of an Association, can hardly be considered a crippling amount.

I admit to being neither a peal ringer nor a tower captain but an occasional few shillings would be considered as well spent to encourage a first peal attempt or an enthusiastic young ringer.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to two peals of Eastcote Surprise Major conducted by the late James C. E. Simpson.

The two peals were rung to C. Middleton's composition (2M, 2W, 3H) at Eccles for the Lancashire Association on January 27th, 1951, and at St. Denys for the Truro Diocesan Guild on August 30th, 1951. This composition is false to Eastcote, and on behalf of the two bands I wish to withdraw the peals. —Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—There are two letters on page 256 which evoke comment. The first, from Mr. Moreton, concerning Saturn Doubles, seems to indicate that he wishes to change the name of the method. If so, he may come up against another difficulty, i.e., that in the Central Council Decisions, 'Notes on Calls,' it states that the effect of a bob should be to alter the coursing order of three working bells; Mr. Moreton's bob only alters the coursing order of two, and is a single. Later on it states that only one type of single may be used. Even if the method rung need not be a recognised one for recognition as a peal, one should call 240's as (2 (a) (ii)) 'round blocks... each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.' Surely, after the recent controversy over Erin Doubles, some alteration should be made to these rulings.

Recently I was sent the following 240 of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles by Mr. E. F. P. Bryant, of Hastings, who wanted to know if it would be recognised. As it seems to consist of two 120's, one Grandsire, one Plain Bob, presumably it would. I should be very interested to know if anything like this has been rung before.

240 SPLICED GRANDSIRE AND ROB DOUBLES

2345

2534 G

5423 P

4352 P

4325—P

4532 G

3245—G

2534 P

3425—G

Repeat twice.

Regarding the other letter, from Mr. H. Millhouse, withdrawing the 5,572 Minor rung at Alford, I can find no rule which does not allow the first seven 720's to stand as a peal. The ruling on what number of changes should be rung seems unnecessarily specific. For instance, why the different limits, 5,040 for Doubles, Minor and Triples, 5,000 for others? Also, why is 5,040 presumably a maximum for Triples?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS

Orpington, Kent.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. E. Jenkins, I have been most interested in the letters concerning Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples.

I knew my father called the peal in the early 1900's and have now before me the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report for 1903, which gives the details of that peal. It is Peal No. 1,185, rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on December 31st, 1903, conducted by Frank Boreham. All the members of this band were entirely local and Sunday service ringers. The composition, in full, is also printed after the account of the peal.

I was informed some years ago that this was the second time the composition had been called. Perhaps I could be enlightened on this point.—Yours, etc.

F. D. BOREHAM.

98, Findon Road, Elson,
Gosport, Hants.

MEMORIES OF 'W. H. B.'

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to write a brief note on a somewhat distant but very clear memory of that wonderful ringer, the late W. H. Barber? Many years ago, whilst a learner at St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, and at the stage when 'all the ropes seemed to come down together,' one of the many excellent meetings had been arranged. It was quite early in the afternoon and only six of us had arrived in the belfry, including W. H. B. and Mr. J. E. R. Keene.

Mr. Barber asked me what I could ring and I sheepishly said I was a learner and struggling to master that very intricate method, Bob Minor. 'Take No. 2, son, don't worry, I expect we can manage a touch.' We did, with W. H. B. telling me what to do with every hand- and backstroke I made—it seemed very easy the way he told me. I was afterwards told by one of my own colleagues that I had been under the guiding hand of the greatest ringer ever and should feel honoured. Later I often wondered where I got the nerve to ring in the same belfry, considering I knew nothing of the ancient art.

Some three years later, in the same belfry, I was asked to stand in for a touch of Stedman Caters. When I heard the first bob called I realised who the conductor was—W. H. B. Then I got the jitters, I had an idea if I fluffed a call my name was mud. As it happens we had quite a good touch but somehow I was thankful when I heard him call 'And this is all.'

Rather silly to feel like that in the company of such a great ringer, but at the age of 18 one is inclined to be a little self-conscious in the presence of the great. Looking back, I am rather glad now that I felt like that. —Yours faithfully,
Hull, Yorks.

AUSTIN STONE

RINGING AND SKITTLES IN BRIDGWATER AREA

The account of this excursion to Bridgwater and district is a sequel to that which appeared in a December issue of 'The Ringing World'—on that occasion 'the Nailsea (Somerset) ringers were hosts. On April 12th the return visit was arranged (very ably) by Cecil Clarke. In the morning the programme advertised quarter peal attempts at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and West Huntspill, and both were successful (as they should have been on such fine bells!). The Cambridge Minor at West Huntspill (6, 22 cwt.) was particularly well struck.

Our numbers were augmented considerably in the afternoon by ringers from Chew and Bridgwater Branches. We rang on three good-going sixes—Puriton, Woolavington and Cossington. At the two last we followed friends from Uphill on their outing and they very kindly left the bells up for us! Eighteen of us enjoyed a wonderful tea at Chilton-upon-Holden—many thanks to our hosts for this—and afterwards rang at North Petherton (6, 21 cwt.). This church has a very fine tower but unfortunately the same adjective cannot be applied to its bells. Our final tower was Goathurst (6, 11 cwt.) and afterwards the convoy (eight cars and two motor-bicycles) hastened to the Enmore Inn for skittles!

The 'Bobs' again played the 'Singles'—unfortunately the 'Bobs' won by a short head (if that is the correct expression?). The winners were C. Clarke and Mary Powell, and Mr. Prime, sen., had the doubtful honour of being presented with a lolly on a stick! The evening ended, as on a previous occasion, with the singing of 'Ye Olde Ringers' Song.'

Very many thanks to our Bridgwater friends, especially Cecil, for another happy day, and our best wishes to Dennis, whose absence was due to H.M. Forces.

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Oxford Society Dinner—Cont.

The Mayor, in acknowledging the toast, said one of his grandfathers was a keen ringer, being a member of the Middlesex Association, the London County Association, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association. In his family they had seven sets of handbells. He had one set at home which they always brought out at Christmas time.

The evening concluded with the president expressing thanks to the governing body of Christ Church for the use of their beautiful hall and to Mr. Sharpe and his handbell ringers for their delightful entertainment.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those already mentioned, the company included F. A. White, F. White, J. Blackwell, H. White, A. Temple, F. S. Beaumont, J. Owen, E. G. Moore, Mrs. F. Wilkins, F. A. H. Wilkins, W. H. B. Wilkins, Mrs. Rogers, C. Coles, A. Gammon, E. Drewitt, B. White, J. Parsons, N. I. Allnatt, Mrs. Allnatt, Miss H. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins, B. Keble, J. Venn, E. Venn, Mrs. Venn, R. H. Jones.

L. H. W. Busby, Mrs. F. V. Busby, R. J. Trebilcock, Miss A. Mellor, T. Smith, Miss L. Forward, Miss D. McKellar, Miss J. Franklin, A. H. Gearing, Miss M. Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, J. H. Gardner, D. O. Wilks, A. J. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Miss C. M. Hall, R. Clark, Miss C. M. Woodward, Miss M. Gould, P. Tocock, Miss M. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Costar, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chamberlain.

H. Lucy, K. Lucy, Miss S. Gilpin, Miss E. Sharpe, P. Allen, W. A. Yates, F. Vickers, G. W. Holland, W. Judge, A. E. Lock, Mrs. Lock, D. H. Niblett, Miss R. S. Hodgson, K. Mackintosh, P. G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Steeples, Miss S. Clark, H. Seaton, C. H. Kinch, E. J. Smith, E. G. Jones, A. D. Barker, Miss J. Winterbourne, C. Calcutt, R. A. Jackson, C. R. C. Coussmaker.

WEDDING

MR. E. P. CROWDY—MISS S. M. DAVISON

The wedding took place on April 12th in the presence of a large congregation at St. John's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Mr. E. P. (Ben) Crowdy, Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral, and Miss Sheila M. Davison. The Rev. W. Patterson officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. Page, wore a dress of classic white grosgrain with straight neckline and two panels of velvet at the sides gathered to a bow at the back and flowing into a train. The headdress was a circlet of orange blossom with a long veil. She was attended by the Misses M. Beaton and C. Bell, who wore dresses of azalea nylon organza, and the Misses Caroline, Felicity and Penelope Crowdy, attired in white nylon organza with coloured sashes.

The best man was Mr. M. Pyman, and the groomsmen were Lt. G. Lansbury, R.N.V.R., Lt.-Comdr. S. Hall, R.N.V.R., and Messrs. G. S. Deas and C. Hammond.

As the happy couple left the church they passed under guards of honour of bellringers, officers of the R.N.V.R. and Brownies, while other ringers were busy on the bells that had started it all.

A reception was held at the County Hotel, Newcastle, where the wedding cake was cut with the bridegroom's ceremonial sword as an officer in the R.N.V.R. After the toasts had been honoured the happy couple left for a touring honeymoon, the bride travelling in a blue suit with cream accessories.

In the afternoon St. John's bells rang out again with a peal of Cambridge, a fitting wedding compliment to a 'Cambridge' bridegroom, although it needed two 'London' men to make up the band. D. A. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 61st annual general meeting was held at Ealing Parish Church on Saturday, April 19th, and was attended during the day by nearly 100 members and friends.

The Rural Dean of Ealing (Rev. G. H. Permain) officiated at the service, at which the address was given by the president of the Association (Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields).

An excellent tea was prepared and served by Mrs. A. Fulwell and her helpers, it being of suitable quality and quantity to put members in the correct frame of mind for the mostly formal business to follow.

The president occupied the chair at the business meeting and welcomed Mrs. W. Turner and Mr. W. N. Genna. An apology for absence, owing to illness, was received from Mr. C. G. Pitcher, Harrow.

Names of members who had died since the last annual meeting were read, as follows: F. Bennett, J. Fernley, Rev. H. F. Gaster, C. H. Harding, J. B. Hessey, H. Hoverd, P. E. Jones, C. D. Nichols, F. E. Pervin, F. W. Richardson, P. Thrift and F. E. Wilson, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to their memory.

The report for 1957, submitted by the hon. secretary, indicated that three honorary, 48 ringing and 25 non-resident life members had been elected; that 230 quarter peals had been recorded, and that 52 peals (ten methods in peals for the first time) had been rung. Congratulations were offered to Messrs. W. A. Lewis (Heston), F. C. Maynard and H. Rumens (St. Mary's Walthamstow) on the completion of 50 years' continuous membership.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. treasurer and showed a slightly reduced balance in hand compared with the previous statement, but some heavy and non-recurring items of expenditure had been met.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow reported on behalf of the 60th anniversary dinner committee and said that the occasion proved to be successful, both socially and financially. It was proposed that an Association dinner be held every third year. An amendment to this was for the dinner to be held every fifth year, but the original motion was carried, and in due course a new committee will be formed.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor; active vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Coles and H. G. Hart (who each later became District chairman); Master, Mr. T. Price; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. R. Mayne; trustees, Messrs. A. Cutler, Goodfellow and Lock; hon. auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson.

New members elected were Mr. D. E. Sibson (St. Olave's, Hart Street), unattached, and Miss Pamela Jervis (Slough), non-resident life member. Two five-guinea grants for bell restoration work were voted to Feltham and Upper Clapton towers. On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne, it was unanimously agreed to alter Rule 4 of the Association. The effect of the alteration is to redesignate two officers from active vice-presidents to District chairmen, to be elected at each District annual meeting, and to make the hon. librarian an officer of the Association. Mr. G. A. Parsons was then elected hon. librarian.

Ringing took place at the three Ealing towers, Christ-the-Saviour's, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's, and at Brentford during the afternoon and evening. Thanks to all incumbents, tower masters and secretaries, the organist, Mrs. Fulwell and her helpers, and everyone concerned in the arrangements made for the occasion were voiced by the president before the meeting closed. T. J. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD North-Eastern District

The fifth annual meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Darlington on Saturday, March 29th. The bells of Holy Trinity (6) were available during the afternoon and those of St. Cuthbert's (8) in the evening. The service was held at Holy Trinity, and an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of that parish. Mrs. McGuiness, on her 'positively last appearance' as a member of this District, proposed votes of thanks to the vicars and churchwardens of both churches for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of Holy Trinity for the service and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, Mrs. McGuiness resigned as vice-president as she was leaving the district to take up residence in Boston, and Mrs. K. Arthur proposed the election of Miss D. M. Killingley as her successor. This was seconded by Miss E. Softley and carried unanimously. Mrs. C. N. Lea was re-elected as hon. secretary, Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson to the central committee, and Mrs. D. Bayles, Miss M. Capey and Miss J. B. Softley to the District committee.

Mrs. McGuiness referred to the tragic death of Mrs. H. Poole, and all members extended their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Stanforth.

Mrs. Lea, in presenting Mrs. McGuiness with a fitted train case, reminded all members that it was due to the efforts of Mrs. McGuiness the North Eastern District had been formed, and whilst regretting her loss, wished her and her husband all happiness in their new home. In replying, Mrs. McGuiness thanked all members for the support she had received, and also for the hospitality they had enjoyed during their brief sojourn in the north.

On termination of the business meeting, members adjourned to St. Cuthbert's belfry, where the 'supporters' club' already had the bells ringing merrily as a welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Netherbury on April 19th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. D. May) and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox. Tea was served in the Village Hall by the wives of the Netherbury ringers, to which a company of 23 sat down. Visitors were present from Hampshire.

The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Canon C. Carew Cox). The next meeting was fixed for Chardstock on July 19th, and a by-meeting at Melbury Osmond on June 18th.

Congratulations were extended to Miss Daphne Keeley on her engagement, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keeley on their silver wedding anniversary. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Netherbury, the organist, and Netherbury ringers and wives for their kind hospitality.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge Minor.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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OBITUARY

MR. A. Y. TYLER

Mr. Anderson Yorke Tyler, who died on April 15th, at Irthlingborough, Northants, aged 88 years, was an active ringer at St. Peter's Church up to his death. As recently as Easter Sunday he rang for service, to celebrate his 80th birthday, a peal of 5,376 changes.

'Andy' Tyler, as he was known to his many friends, was also the local blacksmith, and he plied his trade until Christmas, 1956, when an accident prevented him carrying on his work. For many years he was a familiar figure in the Irthlingborough district riding his 'pennyfarthing' bicycle, on which he visited the neighbouring churches and attended the Guild meetings. He was a member of the band of ringers who rang a peal to commemorate the rebuilding of Irthlingborough (St. Peter's) Church tower in 1893. While his list of peals is not yet available, it is known that he scored 200 together with Mr. Walter Perkins, and in most of these they shared the conducting. An active member of the R.A.O.B., Andy Tyler was a member of the 'John Pvel' Lodge of Buffaloes and was said never to have missed a meeting during his 30 years of membership.

The funeral service, at which the Rector officiated, was held at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on April 19th, followed by interment in the churchyard. The church was well filled with his fellow ringers from the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and fellow members of the R.A.O.B. 'John Pvel' Lodge, who had gathered to pay their last respects with relatives and friends to a truly Christian gentleman. His familiar smiling face will be much missed at the Branch meetings of the Guild.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. J. Mawby, A. Bigley, J. Skerritt and E. Whitmore. The tower bells were also rung with half-muffled clappers.

An Appreciation

Andy hated a loose-rope ringer and was very keen for good striking. He was very thrilled when the old Irthlingborough band (only one of whom is left at St. Peter's) rang the first peal of Irthlingborough Surprise Major at Irthlingborough and the first of Irchester Surprise at St. Katherine's Church, Irchester. It was a very fitting funeral service at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, for a great ringer, faithful towerkeeper and churchman.

A. B.

THE REV. ERIC S. TARRANT

Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Central Council have lost a good friend by the death on April 12th of the Rev. Eric S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton, aged 68. For the past five years he had provided without charge a home for the Central Council library at Launton Rectory. He took a keen interest in ringing, particularly the activities of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had been rector of Launton since 1952.

The funeral service was on April 16th at Launton. The Bishop of Dorchester (Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday) officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Oxford (Ven. C. Wilton Davies) and the Rev. J. F. R. Westlake, Rector of Fringford and Hethcote.

Following the service two 720's of Plain Bob Minor were rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were D. Penn 1, Edgar Smith (conductor) 2, James Marriott 3, Herbert Massey 4, W. Baggett 5, George Gregory 6.

MR. J. E. LILLEY

An Appreciation

I should like to add a few words to the obituary notice which appeared in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of April 11th. Jim Lilley was a very great Ringing Master. He always saw that learners not only had a fair share of the ringing at meetings, but was full of encouragement whether the ringing was rounds, call changes or method. Experienced ringers had to wait until the beginners had had their fair share of the time available.

He often referred to the training he had received from his father, Charlie Lilley, and the ringing they did together just before the war when they were members of the band at St. Sidwell's, Exeter. During this period they took part in the first peals of Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major by a band resident in Devon.

Some two years ago he was approached by the incumbent of Coffinswell, where the bells were silent. He trained a band from scratch, and although most of the ringers have not progressed beyond the call change stage, there is now regular Sunday service ringing in this tower. But we shall miss him most at Teignmouth, where he joined us on most Sunday evenings with his good humour and encouragement, whatever the standard of the ringing.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Newton Abbot on April 24th by Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, H. Hood 3, A. Bennett 4, H. C. Spencer 5, D. Roberts 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. J. Garbett 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over his grave in the churchyard below the tower.

—R.I.P.

E. M. A.

May I add my tribute to the memory of Jim Lilley? By his death the Exercise has lost not only a good ringer but also a perfect gentleman. It is now over eight years since I first had the privilege of meeting Jim, and I well remember what an impression was then made on me by the way he carried out his duties of Ringing Master, always ensuring that all ringers, whether learners or Surprise experts, had an opportunity to ring. By the passing of Jim Lilley I have lost a good friend and there will be a gap in Mid-Devon which will be hard to fill.

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

REQUIEM FOR MR. W. DENYER

On Tuesday, April 15th, a Requiem Mass was said in Aldershot Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Dart) for the late Mr. William Denyer. Among the congregation of 35 were members of his family and several of the local ringers. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled, the first touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by three sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Later three grandchildren also took part and, in addition, a quarter peal was rung by Nancie Bragg (first quarter) 1, Charles W. Denyer 2, Betty Stewart 3, Thomas E. Denyer 4, William H. Viggers 5, Tom Page 6, Ed. J. Bragg (conductor) 7, Harry Williamson 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard (first away from tenor) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. C. Lane 5, J. Boyd (first quarter) 6. Also on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss R. Thompson 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,220 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, M. G. Lane 5, M. J. Palmer 6. First of Minor for all except 6. Rung half-muffled for Holy Week.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Collaton St. Mary, near Paignton, on April 19th; and whilst the attendance was not large, there was a good number of the younger element present. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. H. Hinton, of Babbacombe.

After a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall, kindly prepared by the members of the Mothers' Union, the usual business meeting followed, when Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, was voted to the chair.

The chairman referred to the recent death of Mr. J. E. Lilley, the Branch chairman, and pointed out that in addition to the reports having been supplied to the press, Mr. Lilley had taken part in the first resident peals of Double Norwich Court and Oxford Treble Bob Major. It was also reported that the Exeter Branch wished to be associated with the Branch in its tribute, and the meeting stood in silence.

Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, was elected Ringing Master for the remainder of the year, and it was resolved to leave the appointment of a chairman until the next meeting.

The election of five non-resident members prior to the recent peal at Buckfast Abbey was confirmed, and certificates were presented by Mrs. D. E. Hood to two members of All Saints', Babbacombe, ringers.

In connection with the 1958 programme the forthcoming meetings are to be held, subject to permission: Townstal, May 31st; meeting with the South West Branch at Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior, June 28th; and quarterly meeting at Ipplepen, July 26th.

On the suggestion of Mr. Simmonds it was decided to recommend at the annual general meeting that all clergy whose towers are in union with the Guild should be made honorary members without payment.

Further ringing took place afterwards at Collaton as well as Paignton.

A. L. B.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Danbury, Essex, on April 19th was a proud occasion for Mr. E. W. Roast, captain of the local ringers. He rang the treble to seven Surprise methods with five of the local band he has taught to ring over the past few years.

A small group of North Herts ringers and a visitor from Yorkshire visited 17 towers in Beds, Herts and Bucks on April 15th and 16th, travelling in a vintage Morris Cowley. At Wavendon they were met by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

St. George's, Doncaster, has a fine record this year of recruiting for the Yorkshire Association. Stephen Boyes, who rang his first quarter here on April 30th, was the seventh young person to ring a quarter at the tower during the year, thus qualifying for membership of the Y.A.

Miss Diana Ward, formerly of Stanmore and now of Bury St. Edmunds, sailed in the 'Saxonia' on April 25th for a visit to Toronto, Canada. Her ringing friends in this country, while trusting that Diana will enjoy her visit, hope that she will be able to find some ringing in Canada during her stay there.

After ringing in a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major at Quorn, Leics, for two hours on April 19th, there was an unexpected termination. At 5 p.m. the church clock decided to join in the celebration. The wire which pulls off the hammer had jumped off the rail allowing the clock to strike not five times but what seemed 55. In spite of the efforts of one ringer to stop the clock the peal 'went up in smoke.' It was hard luck for the 15-year-old conductor who had up to then called a perfect peal.

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ENGAGEMENT

HITCHINS—WATTS.—The engagement is announced between Laurence Edgar, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, and Gillian Maureen, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. M. Watts, and the late Mr. T. J. Watts, of Sutton Montis, near Yeovil. 2274

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APPEAL

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—This church has launched an appeal for £16,000, urgently required for major repairs to the south wall and pillars, and the rehanging of the bells. The latter will cost approximately £400.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK. Dates, August 8th to 16th inclusive, Sherborne area. Will all members intending to come please notify me before May 17th exactly how many nights they will stay, as hotel accommodation must be confirmed.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent (RAVensbourne 1906). 2258

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6th. Other practices as usual, viz.: St. Lawrence Jewry, 13th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, May 27th. 2281

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—As and from April 26th the address of Mr. F. Hansford will be Worle Cottage, Station Road, Winterbourne Down, Glos. Telephone: Winterbourne 3205. Any application for use of the Redcliffe bells should be made to him. 2256

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, May 3rd. (Train departs Kings Cross 9.25 a.m.) Programme: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 11.30 to 12.30; St. Bene't's (6), 12 to 12.30; Lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, 12.45; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 2 to 3; business meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3.15; R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (8), 4.30 to 6.—J. Chilcott. 2282

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Studley on Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Sec. 2269

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

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.—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. 2197

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 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. 2212

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Potterne (6), Saturday, May 3rd, Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2273

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

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 5th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth: Saturday, May 10th, St. Leonard's Shore-ditch, 3 to 4.45. Tea and business, St. John's, South Hackney, vestry, 5.15. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 2280

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, May 5th, 7 p.m. (One minute from Tottenham Court Road underground station.)—T. J. Lock. 2259

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 2277

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Kirby, near Pontefract, Saturday, May 10th. Tea—notify not later than May 8th Rev. M. Lindley, Vicarage, South Kirby, near Pontefract.—J. W. Buxton. 2290

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2260

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Specially arranged joint meeting, Workshop Priory, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements later. Good attendance requested.—A. B. Cooper, H. Denman. 2276

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. N. Elliot, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead. 2293

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stapleford (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2267

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenhams. 2286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Brickworth (6), on Saturday, May 10th. Dauntsey after tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 2272

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.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., Much Hadham. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. H. Rogers, 7, Park Terrace, Much Hadham.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2279

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Fylde Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 7th, please, to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—J. F. Turner, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2294

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby. 2300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. T. Riley, 32, Cranehurst Road, Walton, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2297

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Corringham on Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2262

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—The bells of All Saints', which have been recast by John Taylor, Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Maidstone at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing after service. Visitors cordially invited. 2285

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to E. Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Shiplake (8) in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. J. Tigwell, 23, Gainsborough Road, Henley. 2297

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 7th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 2292

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Everleigh, Saturday, May 10th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2287

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday, May 10th. Times of four towers available from and names for tea by May 7th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 2298

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. 2271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning on Saturday, May 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Exning. Newmarket St. Mary's bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2271

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2283

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, at Billingshurst (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 6th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2283

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

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge, May 17th (note change of date). Look up Duffield. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross.—C. A. Bassett. 2275

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 17th, to welcome home Frank Oakshott. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Scout Hut. Names for tea, by May 14th, please, to W. Parrott, 19, Eastdene Avenue, Epsom. 2278

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, May 17th, at Tring, Herts, 3 p.m. Members attending please notify D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 2278

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Wickham-breaux, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, May 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2304

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, May 17th. Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon. Service at Stoke 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mrs. Powell, Redcroft, Brundel Lane, Stoke D'Abernon. 2264

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Farebrother Street, Grimsby. Evensong after meeting. Bells available after service. 2303.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Peterston-super-Ely, Sat., May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 2270

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, May 17th, at Ditchingham. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 14th, essential, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2270

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, on Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 13th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2261

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., Brafeld (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., Kings-thorpe (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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Dorchester, May 17th. A.G.M. in Corn Exchange at 2.15. Service, Church of St. Peter, 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. P. J. Heaton. Meat tea in Corn Exchange 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Tea tickets from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, before Wednesday, May 14th. All bells situated in Dorchester Branch will be available for ringing.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 2268

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2265

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Wednesday Mr. W. Mead, Winthorpe, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 2301

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea, by Tuesday, May 13th, Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2257

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service, Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. Tea, College Hall, at 4.15 (3s.). Meeting 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (10) 11-12, 2-3.15 and from 5.30; All Saints' (8) 12-2 and after 5.30; Holmer (6) after 4 p.m.; Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8), Bodenham (8) from 11 a.m. 2189

SOUTH SCARLE, NOTTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Thompson 1, R. Applewhite 2, W. A. Lacey 3, J. F. Pearson 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5.

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