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THE RELEVANCE OF EASTER

By the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox

EASTER is not a word for an idea. It is the word for the Spirit-impelled expression of Life. As an idea it is accepted, and welcomed, for the opportunity to enjoy a brief holiday; and a multitude of people, among them even some professing Christians, will be content with that superficial conception of it. But as the expression of Life it takes us back to the Garden of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and throws an unearthly light on the path of men from that moment, which path is such a see-saw mixture of joys and sorrows, of hope and fear, of care and recklessness, of toil and rest.

For life interpreted by Easter means so much more than just living out one's allotted days on a circumscribed planet, surrounded all the time with spectacles of mortality. Mortal we are, but Easter is Easter because it proclaims the fact that 'mortality is swallowed up of life.' As from the Easter Dawn shines the lovely truth of the words once spoken to a woman mourning for the dead, and not only to her but to all those who have ever looked down speechlessly into a grave—'I AM the Resurrection and the Life.' Music indeed to stir the human heart!

'All, all that we ever loved, though it sleep in the silence,
At the touch of the Master shall wake and be music again.'

And though 'Memento Mori' remains true, it is met today with the Christian challenge 'Memento Vivere,' founded upon the proclamation

'Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O Grave, canst not enthral us.'

Yes. While Death inevitably must come to all, it is now the Gate to Life. That is the revelation of the Christian religion by the power and Love of God Incarnate. The stone before the tomb is rolled back by no human hand, never to be replaced. The voice of Him Who lives and has the keys of Hell and of Death speaks to the Church in time until time shall be no more: 'I have set before thee an open door and NO MAN can shut it.'

Consider then the abolition of controversy as a characterestic of the Resurrection life, visible in the movements of created Nature, which are so often unthinkingly accepted by many. But the trees, for example, break into foliage unhindered by controversy. No human arguments will make any difference to the wonderful expression of the Spring. St. Paul's words can have a place here—'Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness.' For their are no controversies at the entrance to the Empty Tomb, because life itself is no subject for controversy.

How much more then ought this characteristic of the true life to be seen in the movements of man! Man, who, as it would seem, intoxicated with scientific knowledge, is endeavouring even to overcome the law of gravity!—a possibility which is unthinkable except in the spiritual sphere, where the Risen Christ becomes the Ascended Christ. So the prophecy 'I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me' has the Easter quality. Hence, the Church on earth which exists as the spiritual medium between God and man has un undying function, not to convert the material into the spiritual, but to resurrect the spiritual in man out of the tomb where the tendency is to bury it and seal it down.

Let this be applied to the belfry and all ringers. Easter is to be the expression of life in the belfries; where movements are not mechanical, but the effect of human wills and emotions; the effect of personalities—however differing—uniting to share in the perfecting of an art and science which turns the bells into resounding handmaids of the triumphant Gospel.

So the belfry is to be no sort of tomb where anything can corrupt, enthusiasm decay, or controversies disintegrate fellowship. It is the little world, for the time being, in which ringers live and associate to serve; to give of their best. Where difficulties are only difficulties that are to be overcome; where the experience of failure can be turned into the joy of success; where any feelings of despair can be transmuted into confidence and new effort; where the individual becomes absorbed into the team — the few, maybe, as were the first apostles of the Resurrection—but the nucleus of a persevering, painstaking witness to the whole Exercise of the truth that as the bells are uplifted in the steeple with tongues to speak, so the Risen Christ is uplifting the minds and hearts of the men and women who move those tongues to proclaim Sunday by Sunday the Easter Anthem of the unconquerable Church.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	8
DENNIS RANDALL	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	9
NORMAN V. HARDING	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
RAYMOND G. BURTON	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
MICHAEL P. MORETON	6	JOHN CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

PATRICK J. BIRD	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	6
*SHEILA C. BLACKWELL	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
MARY H. HALL	5	BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First on ten and in the method as conductor.

LONDON, W.C.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
JAMES G. A. PRIOR	2	*ALAN BAGWORTH	7
JOHN S. MASON	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	8
HERBERT C. SPENCER	4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	9
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BOOTH. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal.
Rung by past and present members of the Royal Air Force and its associated Services and Cadet Forces as a farewell to the Rev. G. W. N. Groves, O.B.E., Q.H.C., chaplain-in-charge of this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 HACKINGTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	RUSSELL S. MORRISS	6
MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major, No. 259).

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., March 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
*MRS. C. N. LEA	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
* First peal in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
*JENNIFER GAMBLING	2	*ANTONY KENCH	6
HERBERT GATES	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	7
WALTER AYRE	4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.
* First peal and first attempt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	*DEREK P. JONES	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	*GORDON H. LANE	6
*H. GEORGE HART	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First of Wye Surprise on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
ALEXANDER PAGE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ROBERT W. WAKE	4	ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
*MARY H. HALL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

D. J. ROAF (Trinity)	*Treble*	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	5
M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	2	A. L. M. SHEPERD (Fitz. H.)	6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	3	P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	7
D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn)	4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN WOOD (Magd.) Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

MARIAN H. MILLS	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	IVAN COOPER	6
*HEATHER STEWART	3	LEONARD E. SHARP	7
PERCY W. MILLS	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., March 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 WITTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	ROBIN G. ELLIOTT	5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT	2	DAVID T. DARBY	6
JOHN G. PUSEY	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
JEREMY A. M. SALTER	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
First peal ever rung in the method. Donald H. Niblett has now 'circled the tower' with different Surprise methods on each bell.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*JANET TAYLOR	*Treble*	E. DENNIS POOLE	5
WALTER LEE	2	ERNEST E. GOSLING	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	7
ANTHONY E. COX	4	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung half-muffled to commemorate a lifetime of faithful service to the church and Guild by the late T. John Fowler.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	*GERALD C. HEMMING	6
*RUTH M. BORDER	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Pudsey.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. in G.

VIOLET RELF	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
*PETER SMITH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	*CYRIL RUSBY	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
MRS. G. A. HALLS	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a belated wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls.

WITTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
38—16—58—36—14—58—56—38
L.e.: 3527486 2nds. 4ths place bob.
F.c.e.'s: 24365, 65243, 46532, 36524, 52643.
Composition as for Adderbury S. Major.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*ANN M. COX	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*MARY MADDISON	*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
*WILFRED SAUNDERS	2	*RAYMOND LOFTY	6
†JOHN R. SMITH	3	*FRANK ARNOLD	7
FRANK PHILLIPPO	4	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal of Spliced. † First of Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.
A 20th birthday compliment to Colin Spight, son of the ringer of the fifth.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*GEORGE E. VERNON	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	W. ERNEST RAWSON	6
GRAHAM T. BALL	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	4	WILLIAM A. LACEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major away from the treble.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	BRIAN H. DAWSON	5
ERIC EDGINTON	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	DAVID W. BRUNNING (15)	7
JOHN K. SMITH (14)	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.
First peal of Major as conductor.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN J. LUFF	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 7). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
A birthday compliment to Miss Doris E. Colgate.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. IVINGS	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
DAVID BRAND	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
JOHN L. GIRT	3	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the Rector's recovery from injuries received in a recent road accident.

EMBERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*YVONNE A. TILLEY	*Treble*	†ANNE FOWLER	4
HAROLD WOODING	2	RAYMOND HENMAN	5
†TIMOTHY A. WOODING	3	ALLAN R. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Anne Fowler and as a 16th birthday compliment to Timothy A. Wooding.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) to (6) Stedman, (7) and (8) Plain Bob, (9) to (12) April Day, (13) and (14) Plain Bob, (15) to (18) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (19) and (20) Plain Bob, (21) to (24) St. Simon's Bob, (25) and (26) St. Martin's Bob, (27) and (28) Plain Bob, (29) and (30) St. Martin's Bob, (31) to (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (36) Plain Bob, (37) to (40) Grandsire, (41) and (42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*†PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	4

*RUSSELL S. MORRISS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven methods. † First on five bells. ‡ 450th peal on tower bells (conducted 250).

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD ROBERTS	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	4
*ELISABETH ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM TALBOT	5
ALBERT LAWTON	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in two methods. First in two methods on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

BERNARD J. COGGINS	*Treble*	*NORMAN LESLIE	4
BERTRAM J. COGGINS	2	*DENNIS LESLIE	5
*MICHAEL EDNEY	3	D. KAY ADKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PETER WADSWORTH (13)	*Treble*	H. B. SCHOFIELD	4
*KENNETH RUSHWORTH (14)	2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY	5
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor, first attempt.
Birthday compliments to Stephen, son of the fifth ringer, and the treble ringer.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

E. PATRICIA LEWIS	*Treble*	*JOHN R. COOPER	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	RALPH BIRD	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 200th peal, and rung on the bell on which he learnt to ring. Quickest peal on the bells.

HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's.
Tenor 14 cwt.

W. E. SPIERS	*Treble*	L. BARRY	4
JOY SMITH	2	C. PHILLIPS	5
L. SMITH	3	*F. T. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. BARRY.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled by members of the North Forest Branch in memory of Mr. H. J. Vallender, ringer at this tower for 60 years.

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KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MARGARET SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM SYKES	4
DEREK INGLEBY	2	RALPH B. MITCHELL.. ..	5
*CHRISTINE R. DEARNLEY	3	J. RICHARD SENIOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD SENIOR.

* First peal.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent spliced and three each of Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	*Treble*	*BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4
*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES ..	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	5
*HUGH FALKNER	3	*WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a farewell peal for H. Falkner, who is leaving the district.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Braintree, (2) Humber, (3) Marple, (4) Taxal, (5) Newdigate and Old Oxford, (6) College Bob IV and Willesden, (7) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN M. BURTON	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., March 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 22, PORTUGAL STREET.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	1—2	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	7—8
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) ..	3—4	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	9—10
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5—6	D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) ..	11—12

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
First peal of Maximus 'in hand' by the band.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 7, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	1—2	BERNARD GROVES	5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3—4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7—8

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
First handbell peal as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 9, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 169, STOCKTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

GORDON R. WALLACE ..	1—2	MRS. K. LAWSON	3—4
		KENNETH LAWSON	5—6

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
First peal on handbells by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Susan Eyre 1, Monica Barrett 2, B. Evans 3, R. Throsby 4, R. Wright (cond.) 5, M. Bevan 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Wright, father of the conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Perkins 1, G. Richins 2, N. M. Newby 3, R. Wilton 4, H. Barnes 5, V. Forshaw 6, J. E. Burles 7, T. Turner 8. For Confirmation Service.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Roger Cooper (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Alexander Thomas Dalgety and Susan Hope Waller.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, J. S. Knighton 2, J. E. Collins 3, M. A. Fern 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Robert Leader, who is taking up a new living at Ashby-Folville.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-part): Miss P. Tyler (first quarter) 1, J. Tyler 2, W. Newman 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, F. Waite 5, F. A. Stephens 6, G. W. Simmons 7, F. Simmons 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the bells since being recast and rehung.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On March 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary J. Seabrook 1, Hescil Honeyball (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Kilsby 3, Peter Mayle 4, Owen C. Ballard 5, Stanley G. Honeyball 6, Samuel J. Twitchett (cond.) 7, Frederick Kemp 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Walter G. Perry and Miss Joyce Pearl, both members of the local band, who were married that day at Hundon, Suffolk.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Hilary M. Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, Michael F. Amos (cond.) 5, David J. Marshall 6. For Mothering Sunday.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Napper 1, H. K. White 2, G. W. Bishop 3, C. Garlick 4, D. Bosley 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. Cox 8. First quarter for the ringers of 4 and 8.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On March 10th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Jack Smith 1, Frank White 2, Charles Henshaw 3, Harold B. Schofield 4, Joseph Burgess 5, Arthur Farrand 6. Rung for George Perrin's 72nd birthday.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, Miss P. Rayner 2, Miss G. Harbour 3, P. A. Ruch 4, W. W. Webb 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, A. Grant 7, C. Chase 8. For Evensong, and in remembrance of Ernest Gladman, who died on March 5th.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On March 15th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. A. Parsons 2, G. Harvey 3, W. Prockson 4, F. Ransom 5, W. G. Wilson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. J. Peett 8. In memoriam T. J. Fowler.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): A. J. Hill 1, E. C. Anger 2, T. F. Stone 3, H. J. Pope 4, J. T. Sawyer 5, I. W. Hawkins 6, P. L. Anger (cond.) 7, P. Anger 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Dike, ringer, choirman and sexton for over 50 years at this church.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Welch 1, J. W. Drew 2, J. Looker 3, A. W. Dyer 4, G. E. Monckton 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, G. Gaylard (first as cond.) 7, W. H. G. Monckton 8. First of Stedman for the ringers of 1, 5 and 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. W. Perkins 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. Cann 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On March 1st, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Sanders 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Cook 4, E. Talbot 5, J. Smith 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Jacobs 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, E. C. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Scholfield 1, D. Hodgson 2, M. Fishwick 3, B. Wild 4, D. Butterworth 5, J. H. Fielden (first as cond.) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On March 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, J. Warner 2, W. S. Butler 3, B. Crook 4, R. Dorking 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6, E. W. Bright 7, H. Dorking 8. For evening service; also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 5 and 7.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On March 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Fleming 1, P. Newing 2, B. Whitney 3, I. Knox 4, R. Sharp 5, R. Churchill 6, K. Spavins 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung for the 84th birthday of Mr. H. D. Harris, a member of the local band and a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 67)

The following amendments have been noted since the publication of the previous part.

Foreman's Course Triples.—5,040 at Greenwich, on February 21st, 1861, by the Greenwich Society. Method not known. (See page 767, 1958.)

Sowerby Exercise Major.—Should be credited to the A.S.C.Y. (Bradford Branch) not the Yorkshire Association. It was rung by 'eight members of the A.S.C.Y., London, also of the Yorkshire Association, from St. John's, Bradford.'

The following regular Caters methods have been rung to peals.

Grandsire Caters.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on January 11th 1717, by the London Scholars. (1716 old style.)

Reverse Grandsire Caters.—5,058 at Shoreditch on September 10th, 1769, by the Cumberland Youths.

Double Grandsire Caters. — 5,094 at St. Bride's, London, on March 1st, 1733, by the College Youths. (1732 old style.)

Little Grandsire Caters.—5,019 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on July 7th, 1956, by the Hertford County Association.

New Bob Caters.—5,040 at Shoreditch on January 21st, 1770, by the Cumberland Youths.

Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.—5,093 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894, by the St. Michael's Juniors of Gloucester.

Surfleet T.B. Caters.—5,040 at Surfleet on September 9th, 1913, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

St. Clement's College Bob Caters.—5,004 at Saffron Walden on November 19th, 1949, by the Cambridge University Guild.

The following irregular and unknown Caters methods have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Caters.—6,480 at Leeds, Kent, on November 2nd, 1751, by the Lenham Society.

Kent T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Aston on February 13th, 1848, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Oxford T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Birmingham on January 7th, 1817, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Caters.—5,004 at Shoreditch on November 20th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Caters.—5,004 at Chesterfield on March 23rd, 1895, by the Midland Counties Association.

Darlaston Bob Caters.—5,076 at Birmingham, St. Philip's, on December 8th, 1894, by the Midland Counties Association.

New Grandsire Caters.—5,003 at West Bromwich on March 1st, 1879, by the Christ Church Society.

Valentine Caters.—5,075 at St. Michael's, Coventry, on February 14th, 1809, by the Coventry Youths.

Union Caters.—6,410 at Shoreditch on December 26th, 1786, by the Cumberland Youths.

The following combinations of Spliced Caters and Royal have been rung to peals.

Grandsire and Plain Bob.—5,076 at Bristol on October 6th, 1926, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Grandsire, Stedman, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.—5,086 at Beddington on November 26th, 1949, by the Surrey Association.

The following are regular single-hunt Plain, Treble Bob, Exercise and Delight Royal methods which have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on November 22nd, 1725, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on February 28th, 1734, by the College Youths. (1733 old style.)

Reverse Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 22nd, 1761, by the College Youths.

Little Bob Royal.—5,040 at Exeter on September 16th, 1912, by the Cambridge University Guild.

Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on April 7th, 1769, by the Norwich Scholars.

Double Oxford Bob Royal.—5,040 at Wednesbury on January 2nd, 1909, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Crayford College Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on May 15th, 1954, by the Hertford County Association.

Isleworth Bob Royal.—5,040 at Isleworth on November 12th, 1938, by the Middlesex County Association.

Macclesfield Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at Macclesfield on April 7th, 1958, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

St. Clement's College Bob Royal.—5,000 at St. Clement Danes' on October 18th, 1935, by the A.S.C.Y.

Surfleet Double Court Royal.—5,000 at Surfleet on August 23rd, 1919, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Winton Court Royal.—5,000 at Norwich on August 7th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Oxford T.B. Royal.—5,200 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars.

Kent T.B. Royal.—5,760 at Leeds, Kent, on May 15th, 1784, by the Leeds Youths.

Little Albion T.B. Royal.—5,040 at St. George's, Stockport, on February 7th, 1914, by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

London Exercise Royal.—5,040 at Southampton on May 14th, 1955, by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Saltley Delight Royal.—5,040 at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on June 12th, 1952, by the St. Martin's Guild.

The following irregular or unknown Royal methods have been rung to peals.

Grandsire Royal.—5,360 at Fulham on November 26th, 1780, by the College Youths.

Double London Court Bob Royal.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on January 25th, 1756, by the Leeds Youths.

Eastern Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on February 19th, 1750, by the Eastern Scholars.

Morning Pleasure Royal. — 5,400 at Leeds, Kent, on February 2nd, 1756, by the Leeds Youths. Method not known.

Maidstone New Bob Major Royal.—5,000 at Maidstone on April 21st, 1794, presumably by the Maidstone Society. Method not known.

Cumberland T.B. Royal.—5,200 at Shoreditch on December 13th, 1794, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B. Royal.

Canterbury Pleasure Royal.—5,040 at Bromsgrove on September 10th, 1898, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Erith Little Bob Royal.—5,040 at Southend on February 11th, 1939, by the Essex Association. Previously 5,040 'in hand' at Greenwich on April 29th, 1934.

Together with Erin and Stedman Cinques, the total number of Cinques methods rung to peals is only six. There have been no peals of Spliced Cinques and Maximus.

Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on January 19th, 1725, by the College Youths. (1724 old style.) This is the first peal recorded by the A.S.C.Y.

Double Grandsire Cinques. — 5,060 at St. Bride's on November 29th, 1738, by the College Youths.

Kent T.B. Cinques.—5,104 at Birmingham on February 1st, 1832, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Plain Bob Cinques. — 5,060 at Ipswich on October 14th, 1950, by the Suffolk Guild.

The following Plain and Treble Bob Maximus methods have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's, London, on February 26th, 1726, by the College Youths. (1725 old style.)

Double Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 24th, 1740, by the College Youths. (1739 old style.)

Reverse Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's, London, on May 15th, 1769, by the College Youths.

Little Bob Maximus.—5,016 at Newcastle on Tyne on May 26th, 1923, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817, by the Norwich Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Maximus.—5,040 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths.

Kent T.B. Maximus.—7,200 at Birmingham on April 17th, 1820, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Little Albion T.B. Maximus.—5,104 at Ipswich on February 11th, 1933, by the Suffolk Guild.

Grandsire Maximus.—5,112 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on May 7th, 1792, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Maximus. — 5,232 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 9th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths. May have been Kent T.B.

Canterbury Pleasure Maximus.—5,016 at Canterbury on May 24th, 1930, by the Kent County Association.

A few methods have been rung to peals on handbells, and not yet on tower bells, viz.: Single Norwich Court Royal (lapping), Spliced Twelve Plain and Little Plain Maximus, Plain Bob Fourteen and Kent T.B. Fourteen.

To the best of my knowledge, the schedule beginning on page 699, 1958, and continued on pages 767, 67 and the above, contains all those methods rung to peals, Triples and above, with the exception of regular Plain Major and Surprise methods.

If anyone knows of other methods or earlier performances than those listed above, will they please send details to me, in order that the schedule may be concluded, with the regular Plain Major and early performances in Surprise methods.

[To be concluded.]

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AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Cooper 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Olive D. Couchman 3, B. F. Baker 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. E. Downs 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 8. Also 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Olive D. Couchman 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, B. F. Baker 3, M. E. Downs 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, G. Pearson 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Patricia Wardle 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. Poynor 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, B. Warwick 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Terry F. Roper, member of the local band.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Miller 1, L. Wright 2, G. R. Goodship 3, L. Nice 4, C. Snowden 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. L. Lavender 1, Miss E. A. Cooper 2, Miss J. Winchester 3, R. J. Cook (cond.) 4, D. E. Parsons 5, S. F. Kimber 6, L. Reece 7, L. Bance 8. For Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Mar. 7th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Richardson 1, Gillian Bridgford 2, N. Tompkins 3, G. W. Limmer 4, J. Thornley 5, D. Young (cond.) 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrott 4, Miss J. Peacock 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Matins.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Neeus 1, Hilary Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary Marshall 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6. For Mothers' Day service.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): R. Hemming 1, J. Pointer 2, W. H. Raxter 3, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. S. Smith 5, T. A. Sparkes 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 5. Rung on the Feast of St. Winwalloe of Brittany.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, B. Aldridge 2, W.O.2 G. B. Beebe 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, F. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. A farewell to W.O.2 Beebe on leaving for Sierra Leone, West Africa.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, D. Mitchell 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. W. Colley 1, Janet Morgan 2, J. B. Webb 3, Margaret Pritchard 4, C. M. Smith 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob for 2 and 4.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Moon (first quarter) 1, W. Longbottom 2, B. Doyle 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, R. Warburton 5, F. Kennington 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 5. For Confirmation service at which the ringers of 1, 2 and 3 were candidates.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett 1, Miss J. Funnell 2, G. Beeney 3, F. Beeney 4, B. Stenney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A welcome to the Rev. D. E. W. Lockyer, A.K.C., who was inducted at this church the previous Tuesday.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Webb 3, W. Sparkes 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 12th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. K. Whittell 1, C. Shemmings 2, H. G. Jillings 3, G. R. Goodship 4, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 5, J. F. Tillett 6, E. V. Blake 7, Ll. Alum 8. Half-muffled in memoriam H. R. Roper.

LINCOLN.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Broxholme (first quarter) 1, C. Popple 2, H. Hurst 3, A. Melton (cond.) 4, L. Wilders 5, F. Dixon 6. A wedding compiment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bundy, who were married the previous day at Walesby Parish Church.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.— On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Reverse Canterbury Peasure): M. Gregory (13) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, R. P. Bentley (14) 3, G. D. Hankin (15) 4, M. W. Coleman (15) (first as cond.) 5, P. B. Reeves (15) 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in three methods 3, 4 and 5.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Taylor 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Dowse 3, I. Jenkins 4, S. Hough, jun., 5, T. Taylor 6, D. Mottershead (cond.) 7, N. D. Lomas 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas: W. Robson 1, J. E. Anderson (first quarter) 2, D. Papworth 3, E. N. Harrison 4, J. Hedley 5, E. P. Crowdy 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, R. W. Leighton 8. For Evensong.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Goodwin 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, S. Goodwin 3, E. W. Penn 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. H. Williams (first quarter) 6. Farewell compliments to the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Tucker) and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtiss.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Willmington 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Lovell (first on working bell) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, R. Ballam 3, M. Worrall (first 'inside') 4, W. Hart 5, W. Ballam (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, will be heard in the West and North Home Services on Low Sunday, April 5th, prior to the Family Communion Service at 9.45 a.m. Mr. Reginald Hooper is captain of the ringers in this tower. The same day and at the same time will be heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the Home Service. The London veteran, Mr. W. H. Hewitt, is head ringer here.

The footnote to the peal at Twyning, Glos (see page 169) should read 'Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Martyn Hawkes,' and not as submitted. Martyn's brother rang the second and his father the third.

Stratton ringers are still progressing, and for Sunday services now ring three methods — Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major—thanks to an encouraging captain, the ever-popular Charles Sangwin.

Mr. A. G. Clark, of Tadworth, adds to the list of gramophone records 'Victory Day, 1945' (H.M.V. B 9417), which covers five towers and includes some well-struck Triples from Westminster Abbey.

Mr. P. D. T. Cattermole, of Droitwich, who recently climbed Wychbold (Worcs) tower to tighten the bearing bolts, informs us that all the bells are dated 1889. The footnote to the peal rung there on October 19th last is therefore incorrect.

Hackington Imperial Bob Major (C.C.C. Plain Major, No. 239) has been rung to a peal for the first time in the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. The name is appropriate as Hackington is a suburb of Canterbury, which has the only octave in the city. The method is Double Bob with Canterbury places in 5-6 when the treble is at the back.

It is hoped to create ringing history on April 4th when, for the first time ever, a complete band, organised by Mr. Robin G. Leale, are flying to the Channel Islands to attempt peals at St. Anne's, Alderney, and St. Michael-du-Valle's, Guernsey. The other five are Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Deason, P. Mehew, E. J. Munday and J. D. Rock.

Charlton Kings ringers are proud of their pupil, 'Penny' Tyler, whose first quarter was rung faultlessly and is reported in this issue. 'Penny' had her first ringing lesson last October.

The 'Readers Digest' for April has a well-written article, 'The Joyous Ringing of Bells,' by Anne Decreson and Barbara Wace, in which there are many quotes from Mr. A. A. Hughes on ringing in general and bell-founding.

The composition by Miss Stella Hughes, of Walsall, which we give on our back page this week, has the merit of being the first we have published from a woman composer. Have the Ladies' Guild records of other women composers?

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are touring Kent for their week, which starts on April 4th with headquarters at Ye Olde Bull Hotel, Sittingbourne. The party will consist of the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Chittlehampton), E. G. Benson (Presteigne), A. C. Blyth (Cambridge), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), Canon C. C. Cox (Whitechurch Canonicorum), Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster), S. E. Evans (non-resident, Ramsgate), J. B. T. Homfray (Cheltenham), C. J. B. Marshall (Leatherhead), P. T. Robbins (non-resident, Prestwich), G. Ruming (Prestbury), F. A. Sanders (Overton), R. D. St. J. Smith (Astley Bridge), W. H. R. Trewhella (Crantock), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Leatherhead).

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The third session of the 23rd Council (62nd Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1959, at the Palace Hotel, Southport.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 7th, 1959.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

Palace Hotel, Southport; some accommodation still available.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Conducted tour over the 'S.S. Carinthia,' a 22,000 ton Canadian liner, lying in Mersey Docks. Light refreshments will be provided on board. Inspection of the Mersey Tunnel in the afternoon. Early application to Mr. F. Dunkerley is advised, as it was only possible to arrange for 24 people to participate.

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

Two coach tours.

(1) Depart Southport 9.45 a.m., to Tarleton, Whalley, lunch 12 noon at Assembly Rooms; depart 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, Kirkby Lonsdale, tea 5 p.m.; to Billsborough at 6 p.m., arriving back at Southport 8.45 p.m. Approx. cost 24s.

(2) Depart Southport 10 a.m. for Preston, Whalley, Clitheroe, Chatburn, Downham; lunch at Assheton Arms; depart 1 p.m. via Barley and Newchurch-in-Pendle for Burnley, then via Moorland Road to Bacup; light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning to Southport direct at 5 p.m. Approx. cost 17s. 6d.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

Two coach tours.

(3) Depart Southport 9 a.m. for St. Anne's, Fleetwood; lunch at Heald's Café; depart Fleetwood 1.30 p.m. for Lancaster, returning to Southport for 5.30 p.m. Approx. cost 15s.

(4) Depart Southport 9.30 a.m. for Blackburn Cathedral; depart 12 noon via Wilpshire, Langho, Whalley to Downham for lunch; depart 2 p.m. for Haslingden; light refreshments at Duckworth Hall, returning direct to Southport at 5 p.m. Approx. cost 17s. 6d.

It is hoped to arrange ringing at local towers on all four tours. Applications for (1) and (3) tours to Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, and for (2) and (4) to Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

A dinner has been arranged for Central Council delegates and Lancashire Association officials, 7 for 7.30 p.m., to which each representative is invited to bring one guest along.

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

An invitation has been extended to delegates by the Southport Publicity Committee for afternoon tea at 5 p.m.

The Lancashire Association invites all members and friends to a Social (dance and running buffet) in the Palace Hotel Ballroom at 8.30 p.m.

RINGING

Peals and general ringing arrangements for the three branches adjacent to Southport are in the hands of the following, to whom application should be made direct:—

Liverpool.—Miss G. I. Howlett, 10, Green Lane, Seaforth, Liverpool, 21, Lancs.

Preston.—Mr. L. Walmsley, c/o Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland, Lancs.

Wigan.—Miss M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancs.

Ringing outside the above area is in the hands of the Branch secretaries concerned, i.e.:

Blackburn. — Mr. C. W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancs.

Bolton.—Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Lancs.

Furness and Lake District.—Mr. N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.

Fylde.—Mr. J. F. Turner, 3, St. Bedes Avenue, South Shore, Blackpool, Lancs.

Lancaster.—Mr. R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Bare, Morecambe, Lancs.

Manchester.—Mr. G. D. Fearnehough, 14, Belgrave Avenue, Manchester, 14.

Rochdale.—Mr. P. J. H. Hudson, 67, Belfield Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

Rossendale. — Mr. J. Porter, Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham, Bury, Lancs.

Application should again be made to the above, direct.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

SHARESHILL RINGERS DISBANDED

The Rev. E. R. Roe, Vicar of Shareshill, Staffs, has disbanded his ringers, states the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star.' He has taken this action because the ringers, who are all, with one exception, teenagers, do not combine ringing with church worship. There had been no unpleasantness, but for some months he had felt that the position was unsatisfactory.

Last year he had told them of his views, and had given them time in which to decide whether or not they were going to take a more active part in church life. The time was now up and there had been no improvement.

'I feel it is wrong for worshippers to see that the people who have called them to church are not staying for the service. I have no complaints about their abilities as ringers. Indeed, they are probably better than most teams of their age.'

Mr. Roe said that he would be pleased if the head ringer, Mr. H. Butler, about whom he had no complaints, decided to form a new team. In the meantime, Mr. Butler is carrying on by himself.

Ten Bells For Carbis Bay In Completed Tower

WHEN, in 1927, the late Archdeacon Hockley laid the foundation stone of the yet unfinished Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, he referred to the adventure being part of a romantic story. A wooden mission church was then used for worship, but the local committee had rather daringly accepted a plan for a building which would still need for its completion four bays of the nave and the top stage of the tower with battlements and pinnacles. The tower was planned for the south-east corner, over the Lady Chapel sanctuary, and when the plans were submitted to the then Bishop of Truro (Dr. W. H. Frere), he queried the wisdom of spending money on what was to be a part of the tower carried up to a few feet beyond the level for the bells, with a temporary roof. The minute book shows how adamant the building committee was in its decision, although there was no suggestion for bells. The one ting-tang from the mission church was hung to a roof beam.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts was appointed priest-in-charge of the Conventional District in 1940. In 1946 a ring of eight (tenor 9½ cwt.) was installed, on which 26 peals have been rung. Sunday ringing is, of course, regular. In the summer many visitors pay a visit to the tower.

In May, 1957, a gift of £500 was made towards the completion of the tower. The challenge was accepted and the fund built up, but as the church is built of Cornish granite the same plan had to be followed, and it was realised how great the cost would be. At first it seemed to be a stumbling block, but nevertheless the effort continued. A few months ago the four pinnacles on the tower of Pendeen Church, near Land's End, had to be taken down and could not be replaced. These were generously given by the Vicar and Church Council to Carbis Bay. Each pinnacle weighs about 15 cwt. A Penzance firm of coal importers generously performed the major operation of transporting these the 15 miles to their new home. The problem of the high cost of dressed granite was still a real one until there came the wonderful gift of a large disused mine building on a farm at Trencrom, two miles from Carbis Bay Church. This was owned by Mr. J. Lionel Rogers, of Penrose, Helston, a leading layman in the diocese, who gave one of the bells at Wendron when the ring was restored in 1937. He readily consented that the building be demolished and the granite used for the church. This has now been done, and some 250 cubic yards of large blocks are being transported to the church site. This is a quantity not only sufficient to complete the tower but to build the four bays of the nave also.

SOUND CONTROL

The Church Council has recently accepted a tender for the tower. Preparatory work has begun, and it is hoped that the dedication will be in the late summer. All the sound of the bells will escape through the tower roof. The present four sets of louvres are to be reused to form the lantern louvres, and the shutters behind them are to be reused in the lantern also. There are to be no openings in the tower walls. A white Cornish granite cross, six feet in height, will be built into the centre of the east wall, and the clock face raised to the centre of the south wall. It is considered that the experiment for the escape of sound will prove satisfactory as the greater part of the parish rises from the church, and with houses being built both opposite and behind the church the modification will be appreciated. It may well be that the experiment will prove a good example of what a bell tower should be, especially in residential areas. The planning has been most happily carried out, as the architect, Mr. K. E. Rundle, of Truro, was at school with the Vicar.

A further joy is that two trebles are to be added for dedication with the completed tower to make a ring of ten. The order has been placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who provided the present eight. The Church Council is happy to know that the only ten in Cornwall outside the Cathedral at Truro will be in the newest tower of the youngest parish in the diocese. Carbis Bay was created a parish in 1948.

With this work in hand it will mean some curtailment in ringing over the next few months, but due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World,' and it is hoped also to give good notice of the dedication so that those taking holiday in the far west may be able to include the occasion in their visit.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Major: G. Coussins 1, M. Hatchett 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, R. I. Shepherd 4, H. Oxlesby 5, R. E. Dean 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, G. W. Limmer 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. George Gilbert.

A NEW DERBYSHIRE FIVE DEDICATED

The hilly, rather tumbledown region that lies between Burton-on-Trent and the rocky knolls of Charnwood Forest is sometimes called South Derbyshire or just Swadlincote. It is an odd countryside of clay pits, kilns, collieries and tips, shattered in places by mining subsidence, but it has several rings of bells: for example, the eights at Overseale and Netherseale, the sixes at Newhall and Lullington, and the derelict five at Hartshorne.

Church Gresley is one of the bigger centres of industrial population, but the 14th century embattled sandstone tower, standing at the north east corner of the Church of SS. George and Mary, had never held a ring, only three, possibly at one time four, old bells from the Nottingham Foundry. Even they had not been sounded for some years, as the timbers were riddled with death-watch beetle and the tower strained by subsidence; the church stands on a hill top almost surrounded by the great Gresley Colliery.

But at last, through the generosity of several local benefactors, the tower was restored, and Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were commissioned to tune the three old bells and hang them in canon-retaining headstocks in a new steel frame. Two new bells were provided to complete a ring of five: one provided by the church and the treble by Mr. C. E. Robinson. Mr. H. Robinson enabled the tower, and Capt. Cyril Collingwood and Mrs. Frances Collingwood the bells, to be restored.

The long-awaited dedication day came on Sunday, February 15th, when the Lord Bishop of Derby, the Rt. Rev. A. J. Rawlinson, who is shortly to retire, paid what was probably his final visit to Gresley to perform the ceremonies during Matins. After the clergy and choir had processed to the tower, and the Bishop had sounded a bell and dedicated memorial plaques, the bells sounded out for the first time in rounds rung by D. P. Jones (ringing instructor) treble, D. Eames (13) 2, C. Heafield (13) 3, W. Woodward (Netherseale) 4 and J. W. Cotton (Overseale, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild) tenor.

After the service, visitors from Coventry, Lichfield, Burton and other parts of the Midlands had an hour's ringing on the new bells, which all agreed form a very pleasant-sounding and easily-handled ring. The ringers of the second and third at the dedication were two of a dozen or so local lads who have been trained at Overseale, and now ring good call-changes twice each Sunday without assistance. At the Wednesday practice, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m., they are learning the first steps in proper change-ringing: those named can already hunt the treble to Grandsire. In addition, they have put in much work to convert a gloomy and dirty ringing chamber into a bright, clean and well-appointed one.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble.—John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1958. Given by C. E. Robinson in memory of his parents, Benjamin and Sarah. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Second.—John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1958. 'Thanks to God.' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

Third.—'God save our Church.' (Shield of Henry Oldfield, Nottingham, c. 1600.) 5 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Fourth.—'God save the Church.' 1639. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in A.

Tenor.—'I sweetly tolling men do call to taste on meats that feede the soule.' (Shield of George Oldfield, Nottingham, 1639.) 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

At Evensong on February 15th, the Vicar (Rev. K. Roy Upton) enrolled the young band, handing each ringer a membership card.

The following Saturday, February 21st, was the open day for visitors, and many came from as far away as Desborough to ring a large variety of Doubles methods, to partake in a short service conducted by the Vicar, and to enjoy a lavish tea provided by the Mothers' Union, organised by Mrs. Upton. Among those who sat down was the headmaster of the Secondary School, attended by most of the ringers. Ringing continued till 8 p.m.

Sunday ringing is at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice night is Wednesday at 7.15 p.m. Correspondence to the Rev. K. R. Upton, the Vicarage, Linton, Burton, or to D. P. Jones, c/o Castle Gresley Secondary School, Burton, Staffs. D. P. J.

MR. A. SMITH'S NOVEL 100

Mr. Alfred Smith, of Leeds, has an exceptional list for his first 100 peals. It reads:—

Maximus, Plain Bob 1, Cinques, Grandsire 1, Royal, Plain Bob 1, Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 5, Pudsey 1, Treble Bob 1, Caters, Stedman 1.

Surprise Major, Yorkshire 14, Cambridge 16 (c. 2), Pudsey 2, Superlative 21 (1), London 3, Bristol 4, Chiltern 2, Painswick 2, Runnymede 1, Lincolnshire 2, Belgrave 1, Rochester 1, Four methods 3.

Major.—Double Norwich 3, Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 4.

Treble to 7 spliced 1, and 5 spliced 1.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting at Wortley on March 14th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by cups of tea served in the School. The Vicar (Rev. T. V. Robinson) presided at the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the Society. Members stood in silent tribute to the late Mr. Harry Nutt, of Friezland, a member for many years. Mr. Noel F. Moxon reminded the company of the many good services to the Society by the late Mr. Nutt, and expressed sympathy with his family and the Friezland ringers.

Two new members—Carl Hible and Peter Dixon, of Ecclesfield—were elected, and Wragby, near Wakefield, was selected for the meeting on April 11th. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who made the meeting so successful was proposed by Mr. N. F. Moxon. Further ringing followed.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District was held at St. Mellons on February 21st and was well attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Gower-Rees) and Mr. R. Addis read the lesson.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Gower-Rees and her helpers. Mr. R. E. Coles most sincerely thanked these kind ladies on behalf of all present.

Welcomed at the business meeting was the District's oldest member—Mrs. Young, of St. Mellons—who has been ringing at Rumney and St. Mellons for more than 40 years. The secretary gave a favourable report for 1958. During the year ten new members had been elected and there was a paid-up membership of 48.

Miss Dorothy Atwell (All Saints', Newport) was elected vice-president. The secretary, Mrs. J. S. King, was re-elected. Committee members elected were Mrs. F. Bailey, Mrs. A. Whitworth, Miss Marion Davis and Miss Ann Scorrer. General committee: Mrs. R. E. Coles and Miss Dilys Hulbert. One new member—Miss Jennifer James (All Saints', Newport)—was elected.

Llantwit Major was proposed for the next meeting, with Whitchurch as an alternative.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on March 14th, and was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon a service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Frost).

Some 38 members and visitors were present at tea, which was followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected—Miss Margaret Tate and Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden. The officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Parfrey; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. de Jong, Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams.

Members were asked to note the date of the annual outing—Saturday, September 12th.

Ringing afterwards included an all-ladies' touch of Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Taunton Branch

About 40 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Taunton Branch, held at Rockwell Green on March 14th. The Vicar (Rev. L. Naylor) officiated at the Association form of service.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, with the Vicar taking the chair, supported by Mr. A. F. Reed (secretary) and Mr. G. Coles (vice-chairman). Eleven towers were represented, together with visitors from Bridgwater, Cannington, Chipstable, Spanton and Portsmouth. Altogether 14 new members were elected. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to a former member of the Wellington band—Mr. F. W. Slocombe—for the services he had rendered the Branch.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J. Grant, of Taunton, who died shortly after the annual meeting held at Milverton in December.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and to Mr. F. Taylor, of Rockwell Green, who had made all the arrangements. G. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CANON RIDOUT

Dear Sir,—The mention of Canon Ridout in the article 'Let Loose in Africa' recalls happy memories of some pleasant hours spent with him 24 years ago. From 1897 to 1899 he was curate of St. John's, Gainsborough (1), and during that time local records show he did much ringing in and around Gainsborough. It was, therefore, understandable that when Lea bells were to be rededicated in 1935, and the rector, his old friend, being on holiday in England, he should want to come. He wrote to Canon Forbes and was invited to spend a few days with him.

Now Canon Forbes was something of a character and 'ruled' Lea for 53 years. He was a likeable man, never varied his ways, and lived with his charming wife and daughter in a huge, old-fashioned rectory with 2 acres of garden immaculately kept without help.

The day he arrived a short note was sent to me saying would I go down to the Rectory that evening to meet a very famous ringer. This I did but rather nervously, my only attribution being enthusiasm. However, as the writer pointed out, we were on common ground there, and he talked and talked and simply fascinated me with his stories and explanations. After two hours I was politely told by Mrs. Forbes it was time for Canon Forbes to have his supper, but if we liked we could continue our talk the next evening. That night I eagerly looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed. The following night was the dedication service. He read the lesson and took part in the ringing afterwards; and that was the last I saw of this fine gentleman, whose enthusiasm was certainly infectious. —Yours sincerely,

GEO. L. A. LUNN.

Gainsborough.

THATCHED CHURCHES AND TOWERS

Dear Sir,—While reading C. Messent's book on the Round Towers of England, I discovered that the Church of St. Lawrence, Ingworth, Norfolk, has a thatched portion of a round tower. The tower fell in the 1820's, and the base was rebuilt and given a conical thatched roof. The one bell hangs in a gable cote on the western gable.

There are many thatched churches in Eastern England, Hales, Heckingham, Acle (6) being good examples. Perhaps one of the loveliest of these is Holy Trinity, Barsham, Suffolk—a gem of architecture standing in a lovely wooded setting in the valley of the Waveney. The little round tower with spirelet is, in part, pre-Conquest, and considered by Julian Tennyson to be one of the most perfect round towers. It contains a very pretty ring of five (Mears, 1893, with a pre-Reformation 'Alphabet' bell as the fourth), with a 6¼ cwt. tenor in B flat. These lovely bells are now, alas, no longer allowed to be rung, and have only been rung to a peal twice (two methods in 1912 and three methods in 1956).—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Droitwich Spa, Worcs.

MULTI-METHOD SPLICED EXTENTS

Dear Sir,—A peal of Spliced Minor on February 21st, rung at Fryerning, Essex, contained a 720 which was described as being in '14 methods, by C. K. Lewis.' This 720 was a rearrangement of a 720 of mine published a few weeks previous to Mr. Lewis's and was, in fact, thus described by him in the letter which accompanied, and was published with, his figures.

Although there is no doubt that the rearranged version is superior to the original, it would seem more logical to describe it as 'H. Chant, rearranged by C. K. Lewis.'

The whole subject of Spliced Minor ringing and particularly the theoretical aspect of arranging (or composing) is worthy of the closest study, and a thesis by some authority such as C. K. Lewis, under the auspices of the C.C., would make interesting reading. The development of some of the extents is quite fascinating —even exciting. Take, for instance, the one which now contains the greatest number of methods (26).

After starting life as an unassuming extent in a few plain methods it was gradually built up by Mr. C. K. Lewis over a number of years to a 720 containing 19 plain methods, who then by the original concept of combining Treble Bob with Plain reached a total of 22 methods. There it stood for a few years when, by the additional inclusion of Alliance and Little Methods, I managed to push it up to 23, and later to 24 and (by the inclusion of a bob lead) to 25.

C. K. Lewis then made an arrangement based on this to include 26 methods which, although I have not possession of his figures contains, I understand, the tenors coursing the 'wrong way' for a complete course. Working on a plan which owes much to a 720 by A. G. Driver, I made an arrangement in 26 with the tenors the 'right way' throughout.

In view of my expressed opinion on 6-5's, it should be clear that anyone who prefers my arrangement to Mr. Lewis's will incur my eternal displeasure but, in the event of it being rung and published, how should it be described? H. Chant's arrangement of C. K. Lewis's extension of H. Chant's extensions of C. K. Lewis's extent?

It is idle to pretend that my extensions would have been possible without the original 22 or (I like to think) Mr. Lewis's final arrangement without my own efforts. Quite frequently the addition of even a single method requires more thought (sometimes—if there be such a thing—*original* thought) than all the compiling that has gone into the extent before. Sometimes, indeed, quite a lot of hard work, much midnight oil and many sheets of foolscap (singularly appropriate!) are required to turn a bob lead into a plain one. So much we owe to the work of our predecessors that it is sometimes difficult to distinguish that which is original from that which is not, or to tell a transposition from an older extent.

It would, therefore, in many cases probably be better to describe a 720 with two names coupled together in the manner frequently adopted in musical composition: Corelli-Kreisler, Arne-Sargent, etc. In the case of a 720, the name of the person who had contributed most to the compiling of the composition could be followed by the name of the person who had made the final addition, transposition or arrangement.

Where the last person had merely made a rearrangement his name could be placed in brackets, thus: Driver (Lewis), etc. In fact this idea could be extended or adapted to other numbers of bells; e.g., Thurstans (Heywood), Middleton (Johnson), etc., and the procedure more or less standardised.

So far has Spliced Minor advanced that it is reasonable to expect that before long it may be possible to ring more methods in seven 720's than was rung in the present record of nine 720's. In order to achieve this it may be necessary to include extents which contain in certain cases methods with

(*a*) Bob leads only.
(*b*) 'Singled' leads only.
(*c*) 'Singles' in Treble Bob.

The Central Council has no ruling on these points and there are, no doubt, arguments for and against accepting them. Personally, although I am not happy on the subject, I am bound to admit that a method is only decided in the final two rows of the changeover from lead-end to lead-head, and that this must be the criterion in deciding whether a certain method has been rung or not. E.g., Reverse and Double Bob (Minor) are differentiated at the lead-end, lead-head by a 6th and 2nds place respectively, therefore if in the case of an arrangement which contains (say) plain leads of Double a 6ths place 'single' is made, are we entitled to call this lead 'Reverse'? (It certainly is not Double, which has a 2nds place 'single.')

It would be interesting to find out other people's opinions and to get a ruling from the C.C. on these points.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

The Southern District's meeting at Gorseinon on March 7th attracted many visitors, two being from Leeds. The newly-formed University of Wales Guild, the St. David's and Llandaff Associations were also represented.

Mr. D. G. Williams presided at the business meeting; he asked all to stand in sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Frank Gordon. In answer to questions, Mr. A. Hoare assured the company that on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother for the opening of St. Mary's bells there would be opportunities for ringing for all. The vote of thanks to the ladies for the tea was proposed by Mr. Chris Hawkins, and the Vicar was thanked by Mr. A. Hoare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The March meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Great Cheverill. Owing to illness, arrangements for tea had to be cancelled at short notice. Ringing commenced at 5 p.m. and the service at 6 p.m. There was a good response from the members, 30 turning up, with visitors from the Swindon District. Owing to the illness of the Rector, the Guild service was conducted by Sir C. Chitham, who gave a welcome to all present.

It was good to see a large number of young ringers present. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge. S. C.

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CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

MANY ringers today recoil with horror when the words 'a ringing contest' are heard, for memories and stories of misdemeanour in bygone days are recalled. It must be admitted that their misgivings are not without foundation, as the prize ringings of the past century were frequented by men who were not loath to descend to unscrupulous methods to gain the handsome money prizes which were presented to the victors. Alas, many of the contestants were men who although good and consistent service ringers had scant respect for the Church and rarely attended a service. Unfortunately, the ill fame of the prize ringing of last century has been passed down to the present day, and the ringers who now arrange and participate in contests for which there is little or no tangible reward for the winners are still frowned upon by many of our leading ringers; the true reward of our present day contest ringers is the satisfaction that they are promoting good striking, an art which is sadly neglected in many towers.

The earliest record we have of a contest is in 1786, when on September 22nd the ringers of Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne competed at Leeds Parish Church for a wager of 40 guineas, the test piece being Holt's peal of 5,040 Grandsire 'Tripples.' Oldham rang the peal in the forenoon in 2 hours and 46 minutes, and Ashton followed on with the same peal in 2 hours and 30 minutes. It was discovered that the last peal was some 400 changes short, so victory was pronounced in favour of Oldham. The Oldham and Ashton rivalry lasted into the next century, for these two towers rang against each other in 1808 at Flixton, near Manchester, for 40 guineas. The test was the same, Holt's Grandsire 'Tripples,' and Oldham were again the winners, the Ashton conductor making a miscall. Prior to the contest each team had rung four peals at neighbouring towers as a preparation for the great event.

Although there appear to be no more records of contests in the 18th century, such functions were fairly common, as a biographical sketch of Barnsley describes some rivalry. 'A public house in Barnsley now known as "The White Hart" was once "The Six Ringers," but was usually called "The Darfield Ringers." In 1787 the host, Thomas Kenyon, was a native of Darfield, a nearby village, and being a zealous ringer of that place did not care who knew it. He erected a massive sign, on which were gaily painted the portraits of the Darfield ringers, and proved a powerful attraction to the votaries of Bacchus but a sad annoyance to the Barnsley ringers who regarded it as a menace, there being warm contests between the Barnsley and Darfield ringers for the palm of superiority.'

BARNSLEY CONTESTS

The earliest recorded contest at Barnsley took place on April 28th, 1810, when ten bands competed for two silver cups. This was a 6-bell contest, the test piece being three extents of 720 changes. The first prize was won by Wath St. Ann's College Youths, with Holmfirth as runners-up. Darfield, Birstall, Royston, Huddersfield, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Horbury and Darton also competed.

On June 5th, 1815, a prize ringing took place at Horbury, near Wakefield; the first prize a silver pint tankard and the second prize half-a-dozen silver spoons purchased by subscriptions by the gentlemen of the town. Thirteen companies assembled and took turn by ballot to ring 'two treble peals of 720 changes each.' Teams taking part with faults incurred were: Elland 47, Holmfirth 75, Birstall 43¼, Darton 126, Silkstone 51¼, Calverley 130, Dewsbury 21, Wath 26, Mirfield 90, Royston 72, Almondbury 136, Sandall 123, Darfield 30. Dewsbury were awarded first prize and the second to St. Ann's Youths, of Wath, near Rotherham.

AN 8-BELL CONTEST

Eight-bell contests were also held in Yorkshire, for on August 25th, 1819, Birstall staged a contest to celebrate the opening of their new ring of eight bells, when the following seven companies attended on the occasion and took their turn by ballot in the following order to ring 2,496 or 2,528 changes of New or Oxford Treble Bob: 1, Sowerby and Halifax, a joint company, took the ropes and jumbled out; 2, Liversedge, rang 2,528 changes; 3, Otley and Keighley, rang 2,528 changes; 4, Bradford, rang 2,496 changes; 5, Huddersfield, rang well 2,300 changes but by a mistake lost the peal; 6, Leeds and Wakefield at the conclusion of the day and by candlelight brought round 2,496 changes; 7, Halifax concluded the opening with ringing 2,400 changes and lost the peal. When these elegant performances were over (near 12 o'clock at night), the first prize—a silver tankard value 12 guineas—was awarded by the umpires and censures, after summing up the faults, to the Leeds and Wakefield company. The second prize, a silver pint value 5 guineas, was awarded to the Bradford company.

ALL-ENGLAND CHALLENGE

Prize ringing contests were not always open to all and sundry, for on October 7th, 1812, Birstall and Darton competed for a silver cup at Royston, each team ringing three 720's; the prize was awarded to the Birstall ringers. Challenge contests at this time must have been held frequently, and culminated at Wragby in 1826, when on January 15th Wath ringers issued a challenge to all England for £30 a side. Darton accepted the challenge and won the prize. In the Darton team was John Senior, who died in 1861, having rung for 60 years and helped to win more than 30 prizes. Also in the team was William Johnson, of Mapplewell, nailmaker, who rang at Darton for 50 years; he died in 1845, aged 71. He was the proud possessor of a silver cup awarded for the champion tenor bell ringer of England, and his services were greatly in demand by various companies. Darton had a good team of ringers during the early part of the last century, ringing peals of seven different Minor methods and taking part in contests.

Many years ago a contest was to be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, and Darton were competing. One of the team, Andrew Briggs, was not selected for, being the secretary of a local Friendly Society, it was understood that he would be engaged at the Lodge meeting which was to be held on the day of the contest. Andrew, however, was annoyed when he heard he had been omitted from the team, and on the day of the contest walked to Sandal, a distance of six miles. When Darton were ringing their test piece Andrew, who had secreted himself near the ringing chamber door, called out 'Bob' in a loud voice, thus bringing the ringing to grief. It took some little time for the ringers to realise what had happened, but Andrew had escaped during the confusion and walked back to Darton.

The then Vicar of Darton was constantly making efforts to persuade his ringers to attend the services but without success, one excuse put forward that ringing made dirty hands and no washing facilities existed. The Vicar therefore had placed in the centre of the ringing chamber a wash bowl on a stand; the ringers used this bowl frequently—as a cuspidor!

The prize money for contests appears to have been considerable in the early days, and was usually collected from the gentlemen of the town at which the contest was held; a case in point being one at Wath-on-Dearne on October 14th, 1822, when eight companies assembled, each ringing three 720's. Birstall were awarded the first prize, a silver tankard value £7, with Ecclesfield second, receiving £3. Other teams competing were Horbury, Penistone, Barnsley, Darton and Darfield; Kirkheaton received a money prize, having come the greatest distance. This contest must have occupied the greater part of the day or even two days, and ringers had often to take lodgings in the town.

THE BROKEN WINDOW!

A story from George Lewis tells of the Ecclesfield team who had to spend the night in an hotel, where accommodation being limited two ringers had to sleep in one bed. During the night one, being asthmatical, awoke gasping for breath and begged his bedmate to open the window to allow fresh air to enter the room. The man located the window in the dark but could not open it as there was no catch to be found. In despair, the suffering man cried: 'Break it, I will pay the damage in the morning.' Nothing loath, the glass was broken by means of a boot, and the gasping man immediately found relief. However, when next morning arrived the window was intact but the dressing table mirror was smashed to atoms!

When a new ring of bells was opened, the occasion was often marked by a contest, as was the case on May 10th, 1824, when the bells of Pudsey New Church were opened. Each company, on entering the town, rang a practice touch of 224 changes, and at 11 a.m. 11 companies competed for the prizes, the test piece being 1,728 true changes of Oxford or Kent T.B. Major, the time allowed being 62 minutes, with a forfeit of 10 penalties for each minute over or under the time. The contest concluded after 3 the following morning, when the first prize of £10 was awarded to Halifax—58 minutes 99 faults; Huddersfield were second with 58 minutes 111 faults, and received £5.

On April 8th, 1827, eight teams competed in a contest on the noble ring of ten bells in the Parish Church of Halifax, the winners being Oldham and Outram United, with Leeds the runners-up. This may have been a 10-bell contest, although some of the teams competing did not come from towers with more than eight bells.

A new name appears in the list of towers patronised by the prize ringers—High Hoyland, where on May 26th, 1828, eight companies met in a competition. Prizes were awarded to Holmfirth (£5), Darfield (£3) and Silkstone (£1). High Hoyland Church, near Barnsley, stands well away from the village—an ideal venue for peal and contest ringing. Unfortunately, the light six are unringable; several wheels are broken, the third bell is cracked, but the frame appears good. In 1875 a new church in the next village, Clayton West, became the parish church in place of High Hoyland, but ringing continued, as a code of rules dated 1900 hangs under the tower, and as one of the rules refers to intoxication, etc., this seems to point to misdemeanour by the ringers. All six ropes are now attached to the clappers, the being being chimed by 'clocking,' a situation which needs attention, although the Church Council are not prepared to spend money on the bells.

A time factor contest was held at Liversedge on December 28th, 1829, with a test piece of 2,528 changes of New or Old Treble Bob. Out of eight companies the final placings were Dewsbury, Birstall, Huddersfield and Elland.

(To be continued.)

NORTHAMPTON.—On Mar. 1st, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Finch 1, G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, Miss N. G. Williams (covering) 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Mar. 7th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): Miss P. Curtis 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, M. R. Bennett 4, E. Billings 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, R. A. Eldridge (covering) 7.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS JOHN FOWLER

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Thomas John Fowler, of Cookham, Berks, on March 9th, in his 71st year. John had been failing in health for several months, and on February 21st he had a severe heart attack. He was admitted to Maidenhead Hospital, where he appeared to be making satisfactory progress. He had another heart attack on the morning of his death.

John Fowler was known to us all as 'Uncle John,' and no man had so many affectionate nieces and nephews as John, for he was loved,

T. J. FOWLER

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respected and held in very high esteem by all who were privileged to know him.

Born within the sound of Bow Bells, he came to the Berkshire village of Cookham with his parents when young, and at the age of 10 years joined Holy Trinity, Cookham, choir. Last year he achieved the wonderful record of having been a member of the choir for 60 years. For many years he was a member of the Parish Council; he was secretary to the Parochial Church Council and sat on many committees. During the First World War he served in the Army Ordnance Corps and held the rank of Warrant Officer. He was mentioned in dispatches.

Starting to ring in 1912, on his return to the village in 1919 he was elected tower captain, an office he held to his death. Cookham was a call-change band in those days, but in spite of strong opposition he introduced method ringing. It was due to his efforts that in 1926 the ring of six was augmented to eight as a memorial to Cookham ringers who lost their lives in the two world wars, one of which was his own son.

A staunch member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he was Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for more than 25 years. For this and his devoted work for the Guild he was elected a vice-president in 1954, an honour well earned and of which he was justly proud. He was also a member of the College Youths.

John Fowler rang 62 peals, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major, not many peals at present day standards, but he much preferred to attend Branch practice meetings and to help and encourage those that needed it than to stand in a peal. John was a gentleman of sterling character and very sincere in his views. His advice to all ringers was —handle your bell correctly, listen to your striking, and attend Sunday service ringing and practices punctually and regularly. This he always did himself.

THE FUNERAL

On the Wednesday evening John was received to his beloved church by his Vicar, the Rev. Michael Westropp, where he rested the night.

Many ringers were in the large congregation who attended the funeral service on March 12th, which was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. M. Westropp. Three of his favourite hymns were sung, including the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God who liveth.' In his warm tribute, the Vicar said: 'The guiding principle in John Fowler's life was his faith in God and his faithfulness to God, the latter expressed in a lifelong devotion to his church, in the choir, and in so many other ways; but his great love in service was the church bells: he was never happier than when ringing, teaching young people to ring, or servicing the bells themselves, or after a practice, just discussing them over a pint of beer. It is faithfulness such as this that Christ looks for in His followers, which is such an inspiration and example to others.'

At the interment, after the committal prayer, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. D. Barker 1-2, D. Dean 3-4, W. Lee 5-6, E. D. Poole 7-8.

Before the service the bells, half-muffled, were rung to well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by many ringing friends. After the service a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by ringers from his own and neighbouring towers.

Among the many floral tributes were ten from ringers, which included one from the officers of the Oxford Guild and one from the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

A quarter peal, half-muffled, of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Slough, on March 12th, and on March 18th at St. Giles', Stoke Poges, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of John Fowler. E. E. G.

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the sudden death of Thomas John Fowler has come as a great blow to me, as I was closely associated with him as a bell-ringer and church worker during my nine years' residence in Cookham in the 1930's.

At the monthly practices of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch he was ever ready to help and encourage beginners and stand behind them, if help was needed. A stranger or a shy and self-conscious person was always made to feel that he (or she) was welcome and needed.

In those days Tuesday practice nights in Cookham tower were, under his foremanship, something of a social occasion. Two or three ringers from Boyne Hill used to come over, and everyone—young and middle-aged—appeared to be enjoying their ringing immensely.

About the year 1933 Tom was responsible for the introduction of unpaid ringing at Cookham. He was untiring in his efforts to get new subscribers to 'The Ringing World,' for the ringer's *own* benefit, one felt.

'May he rest in peace.' F. M.

MR. GEORGE H. HEAD

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Mr. George H. Head came as a shock to me because we became ringing friends in 1900, when he resided at Poltimore, near Exeter. Before coming to Devon he was a keen ringer in the Eastbourne District, where he took part in some good class peals, so he was an asset to bands in the Exeter District who were struggling to advance in method ringing. We stood in many peal attempts together, including two which came to grief after over three hours, and it was quite by accident that we were invited together in a peal—the only one we remembered scoring—back in 1902.

Mr. Head was fond of flowers, and being an expert he often helped to beautify the approach to a church by planting something which would please the eye. As a ringer he was quiet and unassuming, keen on good striking, and a good, faithful churchman. He generally greeted me with the motto of the City of Exeter, 'Semper Fidelis' ('Always Faithful'), and this could truly apply to George Head. R.I.P.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Walklate (15) 1, Patricia A. M. Halls 2, M. R. Blore (15) 3, C. W. Walklate 4, S. Walklate 5, G. A. Halls 6, H. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. B. Stennitt 8. For St. David's Day. Also on Mar. 5th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Freebrey 1, H. Taylor 2, Patricia A. M. Halls (cond.) 3, F. R. Lowe 4, G. A. Halls 5, R. Pocklington 6, C. W. Walklate 7, M. R. Blore (15) 8.

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CONWAY—PARKER.—The wedding between Mr. A. C. Conway and Miss P. M. Parker will take place at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, April 4th, 1959, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4062

MINCHIN—KIRKMAN.—The marriage between Peter and Jean is arranged to take place at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, on Thursday, April 2nd, 1959, at 11 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4065

DEATH

DIGBY.—At Fulham, on March 3rd, 1959, in her sleep, Alice Kate Digby, wife of Frederick C. Digby and mother of C. W. Roberts, in her 82nd year. R.I.P. 4063

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Report for 1958, containing 40 different compositions, available to non-members, price 2s. 6d. Also Reports for following years (with numbers of compositions) at 1s.: 1957 (47), 1956 (53), 1955 (44), 1954 (22), 1951–53 (86) and 1950 (197).—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hill, Leicester. 4049

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bath, Easter Monday, March 30th. Service 12 noon, St. Michael's. Luncheon, Red House Café, 1 p.m., followed by meeting in café. Luncheon tickets available, on receipt of S.A.E., from secretary. Luncheon will be 9s. 6d., but send no money now. Ringing times: Newton St. Loe, 10 to 11; Keynsham, 10 to 11; Corston, 10.30 to 11.30; St. Michael with St. Paul's, 10.30 to 12; St. Mark's, 4.30 to 5.30; The Abbey, 4 to 5; Twerton, 5.30 to 6.30; Weston, 6 to 7; Bathwick, 7 to 8; St. Matthew's, 7 to 8. 4031

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 30th, in St. Paul's Vestry, Bedford, at 2 p.m. Bells available: St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (8), Bedford, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3.30 to 5.30 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Hall. Names by 25th, please, to Miss A. Amor, 100, Denmark Street, Bedford.—John W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 4022

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, March 30th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Eynesbury (6), 10 to 11.30 a.m.; St. Neots (8), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Paxton (5), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Buckden (5), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Great Staughton (6), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Spaldwick (6), 12.30 to 1.30; Leighton Bromswold (5), 1 to 2; Winwick (5), 1.30 to 2.30; Alconbury (6), 1.30 to 2.30; Brampton (5), 2.30 to 3.30; Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4; St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3 to 4.15; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 4 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, 5 p.m. Godmanchester and both Huntingdon towers available after tea.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 4026

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Easter Monday, March 30th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4052

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 30th. Service in All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12.15 p.m. *prompt*. Coffee obtainable in College Hall 1.15 to 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8) and St. Swithun's (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4036

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, April 1st, 6.30 p.m. Joint meeting with London County Association, Saturday, April 11th; details next week. 4081

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of five restored bells and dedication of new treble bell on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. 4057

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 4th, 6 p.m. Ringing at Christ Church, Southgate, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Nearest station Southgate (Piccadilly line), thence by 29 bus to the Cherry Tree.—John Chilcott. 4066

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Keysoe, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names by Wednesday to Mr. G. Seth, Brook End, Keysoe, Bedford.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 4078

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 4067

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Brailles, Saturday, April 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 4079

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 4th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 and 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4074

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—Meeting at Huntsham, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. Davey, Hayes Cottage, Huntsham, Tiverton. 4047

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to R. C. Heazel, Tye Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex. 4059

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Madeley (8), Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 1st, to J. Stanier, 8, West View Terrace, Madeley, Salop.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 4061

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 4th. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Peter's Institute to follow. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 to 11 a.m.; Harpenden (8), 10.30 to 11.30; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 4.30; St. Michael's (8), 3 to 4.30; St. Peter's (10), 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) and city churches in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mrs. R. W. Darvill, 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, April 4th. Please note change of tower for this meeting. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 1st, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4070

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham Town Hall, Saturday, April 4th, 2.15 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45 p.m. Names essential by April 1st to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel.: Miserden 232. Service, Cheltenham Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's (12), Bishop's Cleeve (8), Charlton Kings (8), Leckhampton (8), Prestbury (8), available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ringers please contact David Marshall, 19, Royal Parade, Cheltenham.—W. F. Scudamore, Assoc. Gen. Sec. 4050

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual District meeting at Saxilby, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 30th, to Miss P. Cox, Trinity House, 5, High Street, Saxilby.—A. Richardson, Sec. 4037

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by Thursday, April 2nd, to Miss J. Robson, 6, The Grove, Gosforth.—N. I. Lea, Sec. 4073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Saturday, April 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, April 4th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 4075

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4 and 8 to 9; Cathedral (12) 3 to 4.10. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Important business includes election of president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and four Central Council delegates, and important amendments to rules affecting voting rights of junior members and non-recognition of peals rung on meeting days. Names for tea (price 3s. 6d.) *must* be sent to undersigned by Wednesday, April 1st. Please note that the caterers will only provide for those ordered.

and that I shall be away all day on April 2nd. General committee meeting, Wednesday, April 25th, 7.45 in St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall (corner of Humberstone Gate and Vestry Street).—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. Tel.: Wigston 3244. 4053

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Ringing at Rousham (6) after 7 p.m. Names for tea by March 31st to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 4041

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Kelmarsh, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. M. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4072

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Addington, Saturday, April 4th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 4083

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Sutton Coldfield. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify by April 1st for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by April 1st I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 4082

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 31st, to B. Cheeseman, 3, Rectory Road, Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 4043

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next monthly meeting, Harthill, Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by 2nd to Mr. H. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill, Sheffield.—J. Seager. 4077

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—A.G.M. at Southwell Minster, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Trebeck Hall 5 p.m., with business meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss R. Cooling, 14, Allenby Road, Southwell.—J. W. Raithby. 4042

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. Mary-le-Tower, 2 to 3.30 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.: St. Margaret's, 3 to 4 p.m. and 7.15 to 9 p.m.: St. Matthew's, 7.15 to 9 p.m. It is hoped to have St. Clement's during the afternoon. Service, St. Margaret's, 4. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5 p.m. Business meeting, Diocesan House, following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 1st, to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 4080

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth and Buckland on Saturday, April 4th. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate. 4048

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 4th, Pevensey. Look up London Minor. Westham after tea. Names early, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Practice meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, April 4th, 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire. —H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 4034

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Dagenham, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Woods, 72, Broad Street, Dagenham. 4084

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, near Rochester.—P. Barton, Hon. Sec. 4087

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hucknall, Notts, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 9th to Mr. B. Lewin, Cranford, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. Everyone welcome. 4086

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Johnson, 4, Albert Walk, Holbeach, Lincs. 4071

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MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing meeting on recently restored and augmented bells (6), Saturday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th to Mr. G. R. Finch, The Lodge, Marlesford Hall, Woodbridge. 4056

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Bircham on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Tovell, Bircham Post Office, King's Lynn. 4076

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by April 7th to Mr. F. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom. —W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4068

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Earlsheaton, Saturday, April 18th. For teas please notify by April 11th H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4060

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Worcester, Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing at Evesham, 11.30 to 12.30. Lunch, followed by business meeting, 1.15. Ringing: Cathedral, 3,15 to 4.45; All Saints', 5 to 6.15. Lunch (6s. 6d.) at the Hopmarket Hotel (near Foregate Street Station) will be reserved for those who notify by April 20th Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited.—John Chilcott. 4045

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST GLADMAN

There were many friends and parishioners at St. Leonard's Church, Heston, on March 10th, to pay their respects at the funeral of Mr. Ernest Gladman, who died on March 5th at the age of 82. Wreaths were laid for the Heston band and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. After the interment in the churchyard, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by H. J. Eldred (Ealing), F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon) and A. W. Coles (North Mimms), all of whom were old friends of 'Ernie,' as he had been affectionately known for almost countless years.

Ernest Gladman's family have been living in Heston for over 020 years, and during his lifetime of service to the church both as chorister and bell-ringer he always displayed great zest for life and never showed his years. He was always the life and soul of any party, as many will remember who have attended Heston outings and the 'Heston' suppers of the South and West District of the Association.

He was one of the two surviving founder members of the Middlesex Association, formed in 1897, and before that was a member of the old West Middlesex Association. He had been a ringer at Heston since 1898 or 1899.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gladman who, badly crippled, relied much on her husband's devoted care and attention. Together with her, his friends will reflect in sorrow on the passing of Ernest Gladman. But, they will remember also with reverence and gratitude his particular quality of life and great service to the Church and ringing.

As a last tribute, on March 10th the Heston band rang a touch of Grandsire Triples half-muffled, and on Sunday, March 15th, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung open.

G. W. G.

MR. MAURICE WATTS

Wadhurst has lost an outstanding personality by the death on March 9th of Mr. Maurice Watts, who sang in the choir for 70 years and rang in the belfry for 56 years.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by April 2nd.—M. E. Ridyard. 4088

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Chieveley (6), Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 7th, to F. Tuffley, Kelston, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury. 4089

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Leek on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, April 1st, to E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4090

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rivett 1, P. Payne 2, Mary Tysoe 3, R. J. Harrison 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Mann 6. A compliment to Colin Payne and Jean Fuller on their engagement.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt (first of Stedman) 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Ethel Clear (first of Stedman) 3, Mrs. P. Cross 4, T. A. Cross 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, B. Read 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman on the bells for at least 50 years.

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MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on Mar. 1st, 1,284 Spliced Plain, Little and Gainsborough Little Bob Royal: F. A. Leeson 1, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannering 3, Olive D. Couchman 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, M. E. Downs 6, H. S. Wickens 7, J. Wallis 8, B. F. Baker 9, T. Cullingworth 10. For evening service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. R. Hobbs 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, A. W. Fry 8. For Confirmation.

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