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A MATTER OF TEMPERAMENT

RECENTLY we have seen a few spots of bother appearing in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' One ringer was called temperamental, perhaps with very good reason, but there have always been temperamental ringers. Let us quote a few examples. As far back as 1733 William Laughton wrote about 'Snarling Criticks' in his account of the Rambling Ringers' Club. Laughton was being taken to task for disloyalty to the College Youths. Mr. Ernest Morris, in his book, 'History and Art,' humorously says: 'We have these critics today (1931).' Another prominent ringer of the 1730's was Benjamin Annable. He is described by Mr. J. A. Trollope as domineering, ambitious of leadership, and possessed of a sharp tongue. Still, the things he did stamp him as a great ringer, and his name persists to this day in the Minor method Annable's London Surprise.

In 1899 we had the two greatest exponents of change-ringing the Exercise has ever known, viz.: Mr. W. Pye and Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Pye had called a 15,072 of Double Norwich on April 3rd at Erith in Kent, and in May the Oxford Guild announced their intention of beating this with Mr. Washbrook conducting. Mr. Pye journeyed to Kidlington to hear the ringing, and when the figures were published later he declared that some courses were never rung. This was tantamount to saying that the peal was a fake, and a long and bitter correspondence began in the 'Bell News.' Neither side would give way, but eventually the Oxford Guild said they would recognise the peal and the correspondence stopped. These two men met each other for the first time in Ireland several years later. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, recording this some years later, 'We were a bit uneasy as such bitter words had been used, but when the two men were introduced they smiled and shook hands.' Mr. Goldsmith added, 'which is as it should be.'

Our last example was the most temperamental of all—the Rev. H. Law James. A skilled ringer, conductor, composer, and a master of theory, he was an eccentric but lovable character. There must be many ringers who will remember him. One of the big 'clangers' he dropped was when Cambridge Maximus was being taken up and practised. He declared that there was no reason why a Cambridge Minor ringer should not ring Cambridge Maximus. He was promptly told by one well-known ringer to take two Cambridge Minor bands into a 12-bell tower and try it. Needless to say, he never did.

Most ringers have heard of Arthur Knights as a composer, but in his younger days he was also interested in method construction. Arthur had got what he thought was a good new method, so he sent it to H. Law James for his opinion. The reply was: 'Your method is like a pig with one ear.' A. K. laughed as much as anyone over this unusual reply. Law James suffered a setback at the C.C. meeting in 1912 held in Manchester. One of his pet theories was that Stedman as rung was wrong and that the quick six was the bob. He held forth at length and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson supported him. The late Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, eventually got up and proposed that 'we ring Stedman as our fathers rang it.' This was seconded, and on being put to the meeting was carried by an overwhelming majority.

In conclusion, let us be fair in our criticism of others, and keep personalities out. One of the finest things about the Ringing Exercise is its good fellowship: let us keep it so.

M. R. P.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE DEVON GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 4 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	6
*SHEILA WALLACE	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	7
*ARTHUR FOXALL	3	*GEOFFREY HARRISON	8
†ROGER HAZELL	4	*DAVID A. CORNWALL	9
‡SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. ‡ 50th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MRS. G. W. HUGHES	*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	6
M. JILL FISHER	2	MICHAEL ELSON	7
STELLA HUGHES	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	8
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
DAVID W. FRIEND	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH B. SCOTT	*Treble*	JACK SCOTT	6
†KENNETH LAWSON	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
†GEORGE S. DEAS	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	8
THOMAS M. COX	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	9
REV. C. GORDON GRAHAM	5	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	HUGH NEILL	6
PETER J. EVES	2	HARRY TURNER	7
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	8
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	TERRY EARLE	9
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. PRIME	6
MARY C. PAYNE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	3	JOHN A. SMITH	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
BRIAN MARTIN	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
A farewell peal to the Rev. E. N. Devenport, former Succentor at Leicester Cathedral, and for his induction as Vicar of Shepshed, Leics, on April 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY RICHARDSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	6
DAVID W. JAMES	3	ALAN J. FROST	7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Scorrer to the benefice of Raunds.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 27 cwt.

ROBERT V. HUGHES	*Treble*	†THOMAS YEOMANS	5
TREVOR LEWIS	2	†WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
*WILLIAM H. HARFORD	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW	4	D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together.
Rung in memoriam Mr. William Richards, Builth Well, late of Cardiff.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH	*Treble*	ALFRED LITTLE	5
HENRY PRATT	2	CHARLES BURTON	6
KEITH WILLIAMSON	3	*ALAN R. ELLIOTT	7
FRANK ROPER	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal of Major.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. COOPER	5
MRS. B. HOLMES	2	KENNETH RUTLAND	6
*GEORGE HANCOCK	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	7
†CAROLINE COLYER	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.
A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth Rutland.

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BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*HELEN M. THODAY	*Treble*	†DAVID J. KIRBY	5
†DAVID J. R. MARTIN	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
RALPH BIRD	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Major on the bells. Mr. R. Bird's 100th tower in Kent for a peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEONARD GOODALL	*Treble*	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
TREVOR TAYLOR	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
FRANCIS BIBBY	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 105 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 100th peal together.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
IAN N. HOLLAND	2	JOHN SEAGER	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	*DAVID G. FRENCH	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., April 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
IAN H. ORAM	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of a peal of 15,072 changes in this method by the same composer on these bells, conducted by William Pye

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM DIXON	5
FREDERICK SEAGER	2	PERCY WHITAKER	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ALLAN WEAR	7
JEFFERY P. COOPER	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson for the 49th anniversary of their wedding, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield for their 19th wedding anniversary. Also a 60th birthday compliment to W. Dixon, and birthday compliments to Barbara, grand-daughter of the treble ringer, and Judith, daughter of the tenor ringer.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

*BENJAMIN H. THOMPSON	*Treble*	*CHARLES P. YATES	5
WILLIAM WILLS	2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	6
CHRISTOPHER WEBB	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
FRANK WILLS	4	GEORGE SKINNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Harry Mitchell and Ingrid Damschen, who were married at Krefeld, Germany, this day.

HOLBORN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5056 HOLBORN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
LESLEY HAWES	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN HILL	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*JOHN K. SMITH (14)	*Treble*	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	5
*RHODA HEMMINGS	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	*DAVID W. BRUNNING (15)	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of T.B. Major.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., April 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HOLBORN SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—14—56—36. 14—14. 58—34—58.
2nds place lead-end: 4ths place bob. Tipler's F 8/1.
Composition used is a peal of Ealing, published in the 'R.W.' of December 20th, 1957 (page 822).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN GROOME .. .. .. *Treble* | FRANK E. CROSIER 4
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 2 | ALAN J. FROST 5
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 3 | DAVID W. JAMES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, all called in singles. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. HINMAN .. .. *Treble* | J. HARRY COOK 4
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. 2 | ROLAND H. COOK 5
F. WILLIAM PINCHBECK .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson on their 19th wedding anniversary.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE G. R. BUTLER .. *Treble* | *JOHN WILSON 4
*FREDA P. GREAVES.. .. 2 | T. A. BEVIS 5
*JOHN V. TEMPLE .. .. 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to George G. R. Butler and John V. Temple.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., March 28, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*JENNIFER S. SAUNDERS .. *Treble* | IVOR J. DICKIN 3
†JULIE M. SAUNDERS .. 2 | JAMES PATRICK 4
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. First 'inside.'

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Anthony J. Baker and Josephine E. Crow.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., March 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two differently called extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three differently called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MERYL J. ALDEN .. .. *Treble* | LEONARD J. MINNS 4
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2 | PAUL CATTERMOLE 5
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 3 | L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., March 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. *Treble* | MICHAEL J. PALMER.. .. 4
ELSIE K. HART .. .. .. 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | ARTHUR D. BARKER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method in the diocese, for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. *Treble* | *JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4
*MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
*RICHARD G. OUSTON .. 3 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*RAYMOND C. D. FLETCHER *Treble* | DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK.. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 2 | COLIN F. MCGILL 5
LEONARD A. TIDY .. .. 3 | RALPH BIRD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN F. MCGILL.

* First peal. First as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH.. .. *Treble* | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2 | WILLIAM R. PARKER.. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Arranged for Mr. J. Martin Thorley, this being the 100th tower in which he has rung a peal.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., March 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN L. MELVILLE .. .. *Treble* | DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 2 | ROY W. SPENCER 5
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 3 | RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
A PEAL OF 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

RAYMOND G. SMITH .. *Treble* | *†DENNIS LAUD 4
WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN.. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | †JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal on these bells. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, one extent each of Spliced St. Remigius' and Hascombe Slow Course, Winchendon Place and Thornborough Slow Course, St. Nicholas' and Longford Slow Course, St. Osmund's and Merton Slow Course, St. Martin's and Slapton Slow Course, St. Simon's and Rugby Slow Course, eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and two extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*DAVID M. HIBBERT .. *Treble* | HERBERT A. BRADBURY .. 4
DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW 2 | MICHAEL HATCHETT 5
SUSAN J. SLADE .. .. 3 | JOHN R. LLOYD.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL HATCHETT.

* First peal. First of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. First peal ever rung by ringers from St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

Rung within the octave of Easter, and for the christening of the second son of the ringer of the fourth.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court Bob, and 1,440 each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; all different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Hunt	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
David Urquhart	2	*Percy D. Baldock	5
Richard Webster	3	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* 150th peal.

Rung after the wedding of the Rector's daughter, Hilary Linda Margaret Chappell, to Grahame Alexander Thomas.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Joseph J. Batchelor	*Treble*	*Nicholas J. Davies	4
Elizabeth Rogers	2	Ralph Bird	5
John R. Cooper	3	Crawford T. Hillis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.'

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, six each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's, and four each of New Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Paul D. T. Cattermole	4
Gordon Brown	2	Leonard Mills	5
Colin B. Longmore	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.

A wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

Albert Scott	*Treble*	L. Blanchard	4
*Eileen Walpole	2	D. Martin Thorley	5
W. R. Marsh	3	J. H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. Musson.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. F. Thompson, lay reader and people's warden for 14 years.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Frederick G. Huckstepp	*Treble*	David Staples	4
Crawford T. Hillis	2	Ralph Bird	5
Alexander Waddington	3	John R. Cooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Tom Bush	*Treble*	M. Rowland Reed	4
Freda P. Greaves	2	T. A. Bevis	5
R. W. Spencer	3	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. Bevis.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter L. Westerman	*Treble*	Robin Wilson	3
Dawn V. Elson	2	W. John Kinchin	4
Michael F. Amos	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Michael F. Amos.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Rhona Constance Pebody to Mr. Richard Samuel Holland, both members of the Guilsborough Branch of this Guild. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUNWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 24 *Minutes,*
At 1, Mandeville,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Anthony R. Mann	1—2	Richard J. W. Housden	3—4
		W. John Couperthwaite	5—6

Each of the band conducting two extents with one extent non-conducted.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 23, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5—6
W. Eric Critchley	3—4	*Stanley Birdsall	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Major.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 1, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Elizabeth Wilcox	1—2	Alfred Ballard	3—4
		Alfred Jordon	5—6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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ABSON, GLOS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gloria M. Newton 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. S. Sprules 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tebenham (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, Miss M. Nursey (first 'inside') 3, H. G. Arthur (cond.) 4, P. Parfree 5, C. Bailey (first on cover bell) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. F. Synge, Rector for 11 years.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Martin 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Christine Wakefield 3, C. Powdrill 4, J. Poynor 5, Rev. P. Blackman 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, T. Roper 8. Rung fully muffled for Good Friday Evensong. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, C. Powdrill 2, Christine Wakefield 3, Patricia Wardle 4, J. Poynor 5, T. Roper 6, Rev. P. Blackman 7, R. Morris 8. For Easter Sunday Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. H. Ivings (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, Miss A. E. J. Lester 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Mar. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (720 Stedman and 540 Grandsire): A. Ashton 1, A. Smith 2, Janet Brook 3, E. H. Simpson 4, F. A. Munday (cond.) 5, T. Pedder 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,300 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): T. Proffit 1, F. Box 2, P. Gaisford (first 'inside') 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, Maureen Bennett (first quarter) 6, J. C. V. Edwards 7, L. Painter (first quarter) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Thoday 1, Brenda Claridge 2, Frances Threlfall 3, Maria Kirby 4, D. Martin 5, D. Kirby 6, T. Newman (cond.) 7, P. Spice 8. For Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Mountague 1, B. G. Key 2, W. J. Leach 3, Mrs. P. Wright 4, G. H. Harrison 5, B. H. Dawson 6, A. Wright 7, P. Foster 8, D. W. Brunning (first of Caters as cond.) 9, B. Deakin 10. For Evensong.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, A. Jackson 2, W. C. Chandler 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, M. J. Martin (cond.) 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. Rung after Evensong.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Lock 1, W. J. Harvey 2, C. J. MacKie (first quarter) 3, R. Blackler 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. J. Garbett 6. Rung as a third wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss A. Banks 2, J. Eagles 3, G. Gray 4, J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. To celebrate the first service taken at St. Mary's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Roberts, R.D.).

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. P. Selway 1, F. Welch 2, W. E. Turner 3, G. Gaylard 4, G. E. Monckton 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, A. W. Dyer 7, W. H. G. Monckton 8. Rung as a compliment to T. J. Locke, captain of the tower, on the occasion of the birth of a grand-daughter.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss P. Bird 2, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, W. Selley 5, C. Dyment 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Lee (a local ringer) and Mr. Roy Culliford, who were married at this church on March 28th.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary March (first quarter) 1, R. March 2, Margaret Dewe 3, Bridget Sanger 4, J. Badman 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, C. Davis (first quarter) 8. Also on Mar. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Dewe 1, A. J. Sanger 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Marian March 4, D. Hill 5, J. R. Badman 6, R. G. Field 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. To mark the 10th anniversary of the new ring of ten.

QUARTER PEALS

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Hall 1, C. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, R. Rogers (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pickett 1, Miss K. M. H. Branson 2, A. W. Lloyd 3, E. Boumphrey 4, A. Best 5, R. W. Sear 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. Haynes 8. As a farewell to R. W. Sear and Miss P. Darnell, leaving Glasgow for Bletchley and London respectively; to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire; and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Hutchinson, of St. Mary's.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. E. Cooper 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, C. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For the weddings of John T. P. Thorpe (ringer) and Miss Pamela Johnson (chorister) at St. Swithun's Church.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Yardley (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth M. Yardley 2, D. J. Harrabin (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Michael F. Hall 4, I. D. Thompson 5, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 6. For the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, D. F. Murfet 2, M. J. Dyer 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. Ransome 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. For family service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, R. Fuller 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, P. Thomnson 6. For Evensong.

HEREFORD.—On Mar. 30th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, H. Scott 2, G. Davis 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. Read 5, W. E. Thompsett 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, W. Cittins 8. Rung for the baptism of Adrian Moreton, son of the conductor, the godfathers ringing 2 and 6.

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HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Webb 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Baker 4, D. Salter 5, J. Real 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind): O. Griffen 1, C. Manley 2, W. Webb (cond.) 3, C. Webb 4, W. Baker 5, W. Harris 6, D. Salter 7, J. Real 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of Mr. A. Hodge, a local ringer.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, D. F. Gain 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For morning service.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): R. W. Stapleford (first away from tenor) 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, B. Davis 5, Susan Whetherly 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Rowe 1, Miss M. Cork (first 'inside') 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, H. Harper 5, R. A. Southwood 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Richardson (first quarter) 1, B. L. Marks 2, Mrs. G. W. Critchley 3, Miss P. M. Bourn 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, A. W. Childs 6.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wiggins 1, J. Wiggins 2, A. Lynes (cond.) 3, F. Hawke 4, Peggy Wiltshire 5, A. Wiltshire 6. For Holy Communion.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Naylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, M. R. Rose 3, C. Salmon 4, D. Hoare 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. A wedding compliment to Daphne Keeley and Lindley W. Baker.

MANCHESTER.—On Mar. 26th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Bennett 1, Mrs. M. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, Miss C. B. Clayton (first on 10) 4, J. Nelson 5, H. Reynolds 6, G. Pye 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8, R. Longden 9, H. Longden 10. For Confirmation service.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Sherwin 1, E. Ford 2, Esther Hambly 3, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 4, O. Gittens (first 'inside') 5, B. J. Soper (first quarter) 6. For Palm Sunday.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Russell 1, Mrs. R. H. Morris 2, Mrs. P. Cross 3, A. F. Cheasley 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, B. A. Edgely 6. For Evensong.

MOORSIDE, LANCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hodson (first in method) 1, C. Ashworth 2, J. Fielden 3, P. Schofield 4, H. Hamer 5, P. Hudson 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, F. Reynolds 8. Rung half-umffled in memoriam Mr. H. Hoyle, late Vicar's warden and previously P.C.C. secretary.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE.—On Mar. 31st, 1,380 Doubles (600 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, J. R. Hough 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, A. Jackson (first in three methods as cond.) 4, M. J. Martin (50th of Doubles) 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Jacqueline Mills.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman (first as cond.) 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 5th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, F. Burgess 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, C. F. Roome (cond.) 7, J. C. Rainbow 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Miss N. G. Williams and Mr. T. Johnson on their engagement.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: B. Priestley 1, D. Wright (cond.) 2, J. King 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin 5. First quarter in method by all.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Millington (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Warrior 2, A. Woodhall (first quarter) 3, T. M. Cox 4, W. Ellerington 5, P. Wishart 6, R. Jackson 7, C. Oldfield 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pugh 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, P. André 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribbans 6. For morning service. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss H. Pugh 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Southon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Philpott 2, J. Stockbridge 3, C. Beeching (first quarter) 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. Phillimore 6. Rung to mark the retirement of the local captain, ringer for 50 years.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. Crawford (Radley College Society) 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, A. S. D. Graham (first 'inside') 3, M. Turner 4, Miss D. J. Pollard (cond.) 5, Miss C. M. Smewin 6. First quarter by 1 and 4. The ringers of 3 and 4 are members of Cuddesdon Theological College. Rung for the wedding of the following: Mr. M. H. Chamberlain and Miss M. J. Steptoe. Mr. W. J. Butcher and Miss E. M. Steptoe and Mr. D. N. Lavton and Miss M. Andrews.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, R. Whitworth (first quarter) 4, L. Priestley (first quarter) 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, F. Swan 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major: A. House 1, H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. Gant (cond.) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, L. Woods 8. For Matins.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wand (81) 1, Eileen Walpole (first quarter) 2, Margaret Jepson (first quarter) 3, A. Scott 4, J. H. Musson 5, W. Marsh (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. R. Hobbs 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. G. D. Northway (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, R. C. B. Smallman 6, H. J. Page 7, D. Greenlaw 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Woodward 1, Pat Walker 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Susan Chaddock 4, D. G. French 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, P. Walker 7, F. Fisher 8, G. S. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Royal by 1 and 2. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, G. Muggridge (first quarter) 8. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dean 1, R. Pond 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, H. Bungay 4, R. Welch 5, K. Welch 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. S. Lock and Miss J. Pittard, a former ringer; and as a compliment to the Rev. A. T. Stephens on his completion of 50 years as a priest.

SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: R. Spray (13, first quarter) 1, J. W. Perkins 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. C. Warburton 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, T. Griffiths 6. First in method by all the band.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Theresa Rose (first quarter) 1, J. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless 3, R. Stoddard 4, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 5, R. Lambert 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, J. Maple 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, G. Mercer 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Miller 1, R. Channon (first of Major 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Pack 4, Ann Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong, also an 82nd birthday compliment to W. J. Bowden.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. J. Hall 1, B. Davis 2, D. J. Barnett 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. W. Stapleford 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Geeves 1, G. W. Edwards 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, H. Shire 4, Audrey M. Bailey (cond.) 5, D. S. Harris 6. A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hitchins 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, J. Lucas 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, F. S. Slatford 6, G. H. Harding (cond.) 7, F. A. Penn 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Patricia Burt 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, C. Barrable (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Barbara Clarke (first quarter) 6, R. W. Stapleford 7, T. V. Pitt 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ladd 1, Mrs. D. Ladd 2, P. J. Rye 3, M. Hawkins 4, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, F. A. Rye 7, K. Reed (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 5th, 1,280 Little and Plain Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, D. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Cherritt (first of Triples) 1, E. F. M. Samson 2, C. T. Brown 3, F. Haysom 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Triples) 5, A. M. Cunningham 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, B. G. Bishop (first of Triples) 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging. For Evensong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Monk 1, J. Powell 2, P. Delaney 3, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 4, J. Ferris 5, S. Clark 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. Albert Nicholls, who was interred this day and was for some years churchwarden.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Eye, Suffolk, church bells are awaiting removal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have been given the job of overhauling them and recasting the Miles Graye tenor which has a 'hair' crack in the crown. The bells fund, organised by Supt. Claude Rush, now stands at £1,354. Of this £722 has been realised from the sale of 132 tons of salvage, mostly paper. The salvage drive ends on May 5th—the end of its second year. Then, after a few weeks, Mr. Rush will retire from the Police Force and take up residence at 31, Foxgrove Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

Bishop Latimer's bells, Birmingham, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Aston on Monday, April 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

Seventeen-year-old Gordon Brown, who rang the second to a peal at Offenham, Worcs, struck his first blow in six of the methods. The way he rang impressed the band and was proof of how good a ringer he will one day become.

A welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Kingsbury on Saturday was Mr. A. J. Pitman, who came specially to hear a tape-recording of his peal of Scientific Triples.

The Bedfordshire Association have a new general secretary in Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. The Association at its annual meeting on Easter Monday decided to raise subscriptions to 1s. 6d. for members under 16 and 3s. for those over 16.

The band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Heavitree, Devon, would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Arthur Mitchell who, but for influenza, would have been a member of the band. He is the father of Harry Mitchell, for whose wedding the peal was rung. Both are members of the Heavitree band.

Mr. Harry Shire, in honour of whose 75th birthday a quarter peal was rung at Tewin, Herts, learnt to ring 61 years ago at Ilminster, where his father was tower captain. He has been associated with towers in Somerset and South Wales, and served for four years as assistant tower captain at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth. He is now a regular member of the Tewin band.

Never go to a meeting unless advertised in 'The Ringing World.' If this advice had been followed there would not have been disappointed ringers at Wonersh last Saturday. The meeting appeared in the Guild fixture card, but not in 'The Ringing World.'

With the ringing of a quarter peal on Easter Day at Godshill, Isle of Wight, the late C. H. Denness was remembered. He was one of the band who opened the bells when augmented to six in 1887. He assumed the captaincy of the tower from his father-in-law. His son is the present captain. A daughter and a grandson are also ringers in the tower.

The Chester Diocesan Guild are submitting a motion to the Central Council at Southport as follows: 'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

The band who rang in the peal at Leicester Cathedral on April 6th, as a farewell to the Rev. E. N. Devenport (Succentor), wish to associate the names of Peter J. Staniforth and Dick Grant with the peal. Peter was taken ill on the day of the peal and Dick kindly stood down. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung and all were pleased to see Dick Prime ringing again after his illness.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A YEAR OF PROGRESS REVIEWED

DESPITE inclement weather, a large company of ringers assembled at Bath on Easter Monday for the 69th annual general meeting of the Association. Preceded by a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the service was held at the Church of SS. Michael and Paul and was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Rowe, chairman of the Bath Branch. A most appropriate address was given by the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Association.

Following the service, members adjourned to the Red House Cafe, where, after luncheon had been taken, the business meeting followed. Opening with prayer, the Master asked for silence to be kept while those who had been called to greater service during the past year were remembered. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of Taunton, the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry and D. G. Yeo.

The Master said that, due to an indisposition, he regretted that he had not visited all the Branches. The newest addition to the administration of the Association was the introduction of a Standing Committee, which had already proved invaluable in the compiling of the Sunday service survey.

The survey showed many bright spots and many towers where help is needed. He challenged members to give their full support to the work of the Association and so prove wrong the comment which was recently made by a misguided cleric to the effect that ringing was a dying art.

'RINGING A BELL'

He then paid tribute to the work which Mr. H. J. Sanger had done in producing the publication, 'Ringing a Bell.' Being of a somewhat different character from any other book in print, it was enjoying a heavy demand by not only members of the Association but by ringers generally. It was an excellent booklet which could be commended to the use of all. In closing, he said how deeply touched he was when, on the occasion of his wedding, three peals and six quarter peals were rung to mark the happy event. 'This is an honour which I did not deserve but which I value very greatly,' he said.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. D. Hoare) thanked members for their excellent support during his first year of office. The Diocese, he said, had been the scene of much activity during 1958. Sampford Arundel bells had been augmented from five to six, and the fine ring of six at Publow was once more in full ringing order. Another restoration was also contemplated in a parish where the bells had been silent for over 40 years. Broadcasts had taken place featuring certain rings of bells and the all-round standard that had been achieved was very pleasing.

The secretary reminded members of their duty and of the fact that they should keep their ringing in its right perspective, placing churchmanship first. 'By so doing,' he said, 'we shall acquire that team spirit which is so necessary in our service to the church.'

Mr. G. Salmon, the treasurer, reported that, compared with last year, the accounts showed a decrease in the balance of £34, but that this was entirely due to the purchase of badges. Although peal booking fees were considerably down, the Branch returns, which were increased greatly on 1957, helped to swell the income. Certain changes had been made affecting the investments and these included the conversion of the 2½ per cent. Defence Bonds into the 5 per cent. issue and the reinvestment of the National Savings Certificates. The Bell Fund had benefited by three collections but no grant had been made.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS' SUPPORT

Mr. Salmon said that the committee had forwarded a circular letter to all Parochial Church Councils suggesting an increase of affiliation fees to a more realistic level so that the Association could do something of a more definite nature so far as instruction and more substantial grants were concerned. The response had so far been excellent and as a result many towers had allied themselves to the Association although they had never previously been affiliated. This meant that the Association would at least be able to make a start in the large task with which it is faced.

The meeting then passed on the report of the peal secretary, Mr. H. J. Sanger, who said that the peal total was considerably lower this year, 58 in all having been rung. However, the standard had been well maintained and the highlights were two peals of Bristol by diocesan bands and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung by a resident band. The Cheshire men had also rung the first peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association at Wells Cathedral. Remarking that 1958 had only produced two new conductors, Mr. Sanger said that the Association was very short of prospective leaders and he commended conducting to the younger members as a very interesting and useful occupation.

He was pleased that he now had in his possession details of all peals which had been rung between 1890 and 1904 and would in due course have the records up to date.

Mr. R. H. Gardiner, the tower advisory expert, then told members of the work which he had carried out during the past year. He had received one inquiry from outside the diocese concerning the installing of a synthetic bell-recording apparatus. He had referred the matter to the committee, who without any hesitation recommended that one or two bells would probably cost no more than the recording apparatus, would cost virtually nothing in maintenance, possibly have a clearer sound and, what was more important, would call people to worship in a sincere manner as was intended.

The adoption of these four reports was then proposed by Mr. E. Naylor and seconded by Mr. V. Roberts and carried with acclamation.

The general secretary then read a brief summary of the Sunday service survey. It was in two parts. The first, which consisted of factual information and comments relevant to the diocese, had already been forwarded to the Central Council. Part II. constituted the proposed future policy of the Association and laid out in detail plans for the introduction of organised courses of instruction. Coupled with this was the suggestion that the Association should have certain persons available, who, uopn request, would be prepared to speak at youth clubs and similar functions.

SELECTION OF INSTRUCTORS

It seemed quite evident by the survey that, generally, capable bands of ringers exist in towers where a competent person is in charge.

Commenting on the proposed arrangements for introducing organised instruction on an Association level, the secretary said that rather than appeal for instructors, the committee would be advised to invite persons whom they considered suitable. So many times in the past men had set themselves up as instructors without the necessary qualifications and the result of this had been that ringing had deteriorated to a deplorable level in one or two areas.

After several points had been clarified, Mr. M. White proposed the adoption of the survey in both parts. This was seconded by Mr. E. Naylor and carried unanimously.

The Master then told the meeting that Mr. Fry wished to resign from his position as Central Council representative. He therefore asked for a nomination to fill the post for one year. The name of Mr. D. Hoare was proposed by Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. S. G. Coles, and carried unanimously.

The meeting elected the following officers: Messrs. R. A. Gardiner and W. A. Osborn, advisory experts; Mr. H. J. Sanger, peal secretary; Mr. G. Salmon, treasurer; Mr. D. Hoare, secretary; and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master.

Under 'Any other business,' Mr. Woodburn proposed that the Association should in the future deviate from their past policy of holding the annual general meeting in only six Branches. He felt that all the Branches should be visited in alphabetical order. After discussion, Mr. H. J. Sanger seconded the proposition, which was then carried.

Mr. Woodburn then proposed that the annual grant of £20 be made to help cover the Central Council representatives' expenses. Mr. E. J. Chivers seconded and the motion was carried.

CLOSWORTH BELLS

Mr. W. Osborn said the bells of Closworth were in an unsafe state and very soon something would have to be done for their safety. He wondered if, in view of the fact that they had such a strong link with ringing (the tomb of Purdue being in the churchyard), the Association could take a lead in launching some appeal. After discussion, it was agreed that the Association could do nothing until formally approached by the Parochial Church Council.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then proposed, and Mr. D. Hoare seconded, that the Master should write to the incumbent of Closworth offering to co-operate at the appropriate time. This was also carried.

Members requested the secretary to write to Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. L. Derrick, both of whom were indisposed, expressing regrets at their absence and sending the best wishes of all present.

Mr. H. J. Sanger then proposed, and Mr. D. Hoare seconded, that a slight amendment be made to the printed form of Admission Service for Ringers, as this was technically incorrect. This was carried.

To conclude the meeting, the Rev. N. E. Mitchell, chairman of the Frome Branch, proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. E. H. G. Sergent (Rector of St. Michael's), the organist, the Rev. E. J. Rowe, the Master and to Mr. S. S. Woodburn (secretary of the Bath Branch) for the excellent way in which he made all the local arrangements. D. H.

ANOTHER RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Mr. Stephen Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, gives notice that an attempt at 40,320 Plain Bob Major will be made at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Saturday, May 2nd, starting at 6.30 a.m. The composition will be the same as used in the previous attempts at Loughborough, as follows:—

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456	W	V	M	H
42635	—	3	—	
65234		3	S	—
26534		3		—
52634		3		—
62435		3	—	
36425	—	3		
45362	—	3	S	—
34562		3		—
53462		3		—
42365		3	S	—

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, and calling single for bob at every third part-end. Arranged by Dennis Knox.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Hillsborough, Co. Down, on Easter Monday, when good reports of progress in the District were received and 20 new members elected. Next year's annual meeting will be at Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, with Canon G. Clements as chairman.

The outgoing District officers were elected as follows: District secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); assistant secretary, Miss J. Stewart (St. Donard's, Belfast); treasurer, the Rev. J. J. Fielding (Holywood); Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); trustees of Bell Repair Fund, Messrs. W. Pratt (Holywood), R. G. Nelson (Hillsborough) and R. P. Hatch (Hillsborough).

After the meeting Canon J. Barry (Hillsborough) conducted a short ringers' service in St. Malachi's Church. Following lunch, the Cunningham Cup Competition was rung off with Miss Yong (Carrickfergus), Mr. Pratt and the Rev. F. J. Fielding acting as judges. Nine teams took part, the result being: 1 St. Donard's, Belfast, 12 faults; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, and St. Mark's, Belfast, 18 faults. After tea the Rev. E. G. Parke presented the cup to Mr. Walkington, of St. Donard's. The bells were later put to good use by mixed bands.

J. T. D.

Southern District

Almost 90 bellringers and friends and V.I.P.'s, viz, Messrs. Fred Dukes, John Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart, attended the annual meeting of the Southern District in Waterford on St. Patrick's Day. The same number sat down to lunch before the meeting; both functions were held in the Adelphi Hotel.

All towers in the District were well represented and all entered teams for the R.R. Cherry Challenge Cup. The 'V.I.P.'s' were judges and were greatly relieved when the meeting at tea (also in the Adelphi Hotel) 'brought the house down' after the Ringing Master (Mr. Robert Walsh) announced the result in the following words: 'After 11 years, Bandon is the first team to take the cup out of Limerick.' Bandon's striking could be said to be almost perfect and their six-bell team has been knocking at the door for a few years now and it has at last been opened. The holders, Mount St. Alphonsus', were only seven points behind and their striking, too, was very good. In fact, all teams struck well in general.

The chairman (Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith), in his address, paid tribute to the committees, towers and individuals whose work brought a successful conclusion to the Central Council's visit to Ireland last year.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Cyril Galbraith (Limerick); Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Walsh (Doneraille); secretary, Mr. George Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, Mr. Paddy Hanley (Limerick); vice-president and Executive Council, Mr. Fred Hogan (Cork); representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith, G. Bingham and H. Ellis.

The bells of the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity were rung before lunch, i.e., 10.30 to 11 p.m.; during competition, 3 to 5.30; and after tea from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The theme was good striking, and 'fancy' methods were sacrificed accordingly. Nevertheless some touches of Bob Minor were rung.

On the previous night a team consisting of Cyril Foster, Cyril Galbraith, Jean Stewart, John Dunwoody (conductor), Tom Marsden, W. Cox, G. Bingham and N. Benson scored a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. At tea, in Waterford, demonstrations of change ringing on handbells were given by the 'V.I.P.'s.'

Eastern District

The best meeting since the District was formed was held on a beautiful Easter Monday at Arklow. The bells, the surroundings, the weather and the famous Arklow tea all added up to the success of the day. All towers were represented.

The honours, however, must go to Bobby Bruce, of Holywood, Co. Down, who left Belfast that morning and found on arrival in Dublin that his train to Arklow had left. However, he got a bus to Bray and there found a bread vendor who was going south. The vendor delivered bread 'here, there and everywhere' and eventually delivered Bobby in Arklow at 3.30 p.m. To compensate for his trials he got a lift back to Dublin in comfort and was offered hospitality for the night.

The business meeting started in the Malborough Hall and finished in the residents' lounge of the Royal Hotel. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. James McManus (Dublin); Ringing Master, Mr. Paddy Mills (Dublin); secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Drogheda); assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber (Drogheda); treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham (Drogheda); vice-president and Executive Council, Harry Johnson (Bray); representatives on Executive Council, Miss Rita Dukes, Mr. James McManus and Mr. George McGregor.

Six teams competed for the Lindoff Cup—St. George's, Dublin, had two, one of which consisted of the 14th Dublin Company, Boys' Brigade, Bellringing Class. A very keen contest resulted in Drogheda winning the cup for the fifth year in succession, with Arklow close behind. Drogheda's team included 14-year-old Sandra Dukes.

The Ringing Master, Mr. William T. Shaw, acted in the tower and announced the result at tea in the Malborough Hall, where about 100 people sat down to the tea of cold ham and cakes provided by the Arklow Society. The judges were Messrs. Henry Ellis and George Bingham.

Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire were rung by the change ringers and 'Churchyard Bobs!' by those outside that category.

50 YEARS AGO

'BELL NEWS,' APRIL 17th, 1909

Peals recorded: Treble Bob Maximus 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Grandsire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 5, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 7, Minor 2, Doubles 1. Total 28.

Handbell Peals: Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 1. Total 3.

One letter on 'Peals of Doubles' suggests 'A little space in "The Bell News" occasionally devoted to five- and six-bell methods would certainly make the paper more popular to these ringers.'

THE SHARESHILL DISPUTE

Society Upholds Vicar's Action

In regard to the controversy arising between the Vicar of St. Mary's, Shareshill, and his ringers, we are informed that a meeting between the Vicar (Rev. E. R. Roe), three officials of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the entire bell-ringing team has resulted in the Society upholding the Vicar's decision to disband the ringers.

Mr. Fred Bennett (secretary of the Society), of Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, said that after hearing both sides of the story the Society decided that the Vicar had not been unreasonable in asking the ringers to attend church services, and had treated them fairly before making his decision.

'He did not ask much of the ringers. All he asked was that they should attend a proportion of services. He did not, by any means, intend that they should attend all the services every Sunday,' Mr. Bennett said.

Mr. Bennett added that the ringers should be expected to take some interest in the church's affairs, and Mr. Roe had given his team every chance. At the meeting, each ringer was asked if he would be prepared to attend some services at the church, but each declined. Mr. Roe had no alternative but to stand by his decision.

Although the church now has no ringing team, an apparatus at the foot of the tower enables the Vicar to ring the bells himself. He cannot ring a peal, but is able to chime them.

Mr. Bennett said his Society would be prepared to send an instructor to Shareshill to train another team, but it would take at least 12 months' training before a new team would be capable.

MANCHESTER RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

The fifth annual outing of the Manchester Young Ringers took place on Easter Monday, when 35 members set off by coach to visit Yorkshire. Some of the founder members no longer fit the description 'young,' but the average age was still only 21 years 8 months.

The first stop was at St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield (8, 25 cwt.), where these humming bells were rung to standard methods and Bristol. At Sheffield Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.), Cambridge on the back eight and Stedman Cinques were most successful on the day's most awkward bells.

Lunch was arranged at Doncaster, and afterwards at St. George's, Doncaster (8, 30 cwt.), the really fine bells were not rung ideally, possibly due to the long, exhausting climb.

At All Saints', Pontefract, we rang at the strange tower between a ruined church and a modern chapel, where we found a very pleasing light eight (tenor 12¼ cwt.). The evening meal came next, and was in itself so satisfying and exhausting that even the tower-grabbers had not the energy to visit an extra 6-bell tower only two miles off the route, and we finished the day's ringing on the excellent ten (tenor 18 cwt.) at St. Giles', Pontefract, where Grandsire Caters and Bristol gave the best striking.

Our thanks are due to all the clergy and ringers for letting us make use of their bells, and to Joan and Alan Ward for once more organising a very successful tour.

D. O.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORLD TOUR IMPRESSIONS

Dear Sir,—Some while ago (possibly two years) letters appeared in 'The Ringing World' about the bells of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.

During a recent cruise I was able to visit the Cathedral and view these bells, which were cast by Gillett and Johnston and given by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and installed as a carillon (or 'chime') of eight—the heaviest is 25 cwt.—to commemorate the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was decided that the tower was not strong enough to carry a ring hung for ringing, a decision with which I think most would agree. They are operated electrically and set in motion by a press button on the ground floor. There is also a keyboard which is used for hymn tunes, set changes, etc., with cards provided.

About a year ago I wrote to the Dean of Hong Kong (Very Rev. F. S. Temple), and in reply I received a warm invitation to come and 'try the bells' and to call on him on arrival. The curate (Mr. Foster) met me at the tower and gave every assistance: he is interested in bells and acquainted with the Loughborough foundry and staff. It was a great pleasure to meet both the Dean and Mr. Foster. When the bells are being played it is difficult from the foot of the tower to decide what the changes are, and on ascending the noise becomes almost deafening, and this is also the case near the tower outside: but it could be a plain course of Triples. A practice at the keyboard is the nearest I managed to get to ringing on the Asian continent.

Earlier on, at San Francisco, I visited the Episcopal Cathedral of Grace, where permission was readily given by the bursar, Mr. Lampen, late of Romney, Kent, and the tower keeper, Mr. Mosley, late of Bolton, Lancs, to go up and view the carillon of 44 by Gillett and Johnston. Owing to space openings on all sides of the upper part of the tower, the carillon is (more or less) 'open to the wide,' so that several of the bells can be seen from outside at ground level. All I heard from them was the quarters and hours struck on the back bells.

The Cathedral stands on one of the highest points of San Francisco, and one can imagine the effect of the sound pouring down over the city from this carillon.

In the Philippines, a few miles from Manila, at the village of Las Pinas is the ancient church in which is installed the famous bamboo organ, 350 years old and still in use. It was built by a Catholic Father whose repeated requests for a pipe organ went unheeded by his superiors in Spain. Finally he decided to construct the pipe organ from bamboo himself—a task which took four years. The keyboard is in a box similar in shape to a harmonium and stands on a nearby gallery. Higher in the tower (open to all and sundry) are four bells—heaviest 2 to 3 cwt. approximately—hung in open spaces in the walls of the tower, with the lip of each flush with the outside of the wall, clocking system used for chiming. Inscriptions were beyond me, but probably Spanish.

I came across three other R.C. churches in the Philippines with bells similarly hung, one a cathedral with eight at least, as best seen from ground level outside.

Among the several calls in the Far East (including eight days ashore in Japan) was Shanghai, where it is necessary to observe the old slogan, 'Watch your step.' To wander around after midnight in Communist China is an easy way to qualify for a 'pair of bracelets.'

Travelling in four ships, including stops, it took a week short of four months to circumnavigate the globe—much less time than that occupied by Drake in 'windjammers.'—Yours,

Woodbridge, Suffolk. J. BENNETT.

RINGING AND CLERGY

Dear Sir,—I am sure ringers generally will be glad to know that a few of our theological colleges are taking an interest in bell-ringing.

Whilst many clergy are quite reasonable about granting permission to ring, many parsons feel shy at entering the ringing chamber and at a disadvantage because their ringers know so much more about the art than they do. How often does one hear the comment passed that the vicar very seldom visits his ringers? Whilst parochial clergy often give a good lead in the various church organisations, the tower is in many cases regarded as a watertight compartment.

One obvious solution to this apparent anomaly would be to include some knowledge of bells and ringing in the curriculum of the theological colleges. This possibility may be further extended at this year's Central Council meeting, and perhaps our regional Associations will take some responsibility. I think, however, the Central Council of Training for the Ministry would sympathetically consider suggestions from the Central Council to put bell-ringing on the syllabus.

One thing is certain, that a clergy better informed on bell-ringing matters would prove of immense help for the future prospects in the 'Ringing Isle.'—Yours sincerely,

Elland, Yorks. PAUL BIRKETT.

Dear Sir,—I should like to take Mr. Fry up on one point which has received some consideration lately in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, namely, that the clergy often expect too much from their ringers in attendance at services. For the ringers to be marching out as the choir file in does give a bad impression: but we cannot expect them to make their Communion frequently as well as arriving at least half an hour before the other services on Sunday.

The only general rule one can make, I think, is that ringers should be treated in this respect like the rest of the laity, and until we have two or three bands in each parish, to ask them to come to every service for which they ring is to have them in church as long as the clergy.—Yours sincerely, A. S. D. GRAHAM.

Cuddesdon College, Oxford.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that my 5,056 Glasgow Surprise Major, published in the 'R.W.', March 13th, 1959, is internally false. I must therefore withdraw the peal rung to this composition on November 22nd, 1958, at Warfield, Berks.

I give my sincere apologies to all the band.—Yours faithfully, N. J. DISERENS.

Reading.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—It is encouraging to read of the ringing activity at Salisbury Theological College, referred to by Mr. Roger O. Fry in his letter on page 223 of 'The Ringing World.'

Whilst I do not wish to anticipate the report of the Central Council Committee now in preparation, I may say that the report devotes some space to the need for action along the lines suggested by Mr. Fry. The report will also refer to action we have already taken in contacting Association officials in whose areas theological colleges are situated, and several of these officials have already replied to me promising to co-operate and let us know what progress they have been able to make.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
C.C. Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.

SPRING CLEANING AT CHESTERFIELD

Most ringing rooms could do with a good spring clean, and at Chesterfield this was recognised by Sam Scattergood and his willing helpers. After several years of activity by the builders who were working to save the famous crooked spire, and whose trapseing through the ringing room had left their unmistakable mark, Sam thought it was time something should be done to clear up the mess; and so it was that one day recently he, together with Elsie Silcock, appeared at the church armed with buckets, etc., and started on a job which took them a whole day, with Sam and Malcolm Phipps fetching and carrying water up the stairs, and the lady on her knees scrubbing for dear life. A recent visit to this famous tower revealed a most gratifying state of affairs, and the ringing room was found to be spick and span and very comfortable — indeed, a model to be copied.

Chesterfield now possesses a very fine ring of ten bells, certainly the best in Derbyshire, and a ringing room equipped with a large set of beautiful handbells.

Whilst the work on the spire was going on Sam was quietly investigating what was underneath the ugly plaster on the ringing room walls, and began patiently chipping it off. He discovered some ancient arches, and was encouraged to remove all the plaster. The stonework was all cleaned and pointed, and is a great improvement on the old plaster. It is no wonder that after months of painstaking work many visits were paid to the Ringers' Retreat for refreshments.

It may not be generally known that Sam Scattergood is a direct descendant of the famous Samuel Scattergood, who was Master of the College Youths nearly 300 years ago.

JAFUS.

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BELLS HEARD BY MILLIONS

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S, EVERCREECH

By HARRY SANGER

(Continued from page 240)

RESTORATION OF 1853

Nothing more of interest appears till 1853, when a general restoration took place as indicated by the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Paid Cary for rehanging the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th bells in new brasses	8	8	0
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The bells recast were the treble and fourth, and this means that with Cary's work the whole ring was rehung. According to a document written in 1902, the treble, second, third and sixth bells were again rehung in 1895 by Llewellin and James, of Bristol.

In 1906 the wooden frame in which the bells were hung had got into such a bad state of repair that it was condemned, and in addition to this the second had become cracked. It was therefore decided to rehang the whole ring in a new metal frame and recast the cracked bell. At this time, some friends of the village, the Misses Cox, of Bruton, offered to give two additional bells to increase the ring to eight. The offer was accepted and the work entrusted to Messrs. Llewellin and James. It was completed in 1907 and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

PEALS ON THE EIGHT BELLS

Whilst there are no records of any peals being rung on the six bells, those on the eight are complete and numbered 21 in all. The first of these was 5,040 Stedman Triples on December 26th, 1907, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and from then on peals were rung in a variety of methods, probably the most noteworthy of which was a 5,056 London Surprise Major, rung by a band resident in the diocese and conducted by J. T. Dyke, one of the foremost ringers of our time. The last peal on the eight was of Grandsire Triples, on April 26th, 1948, conducted by the writer.

Although the new frame and 'go' of the bells now left nothing to be desired, it was but few years before it was realised that what had been a reasonable ring of six, although of mixed origin, had by the addition of the new trebles produced a poor octave. In 1928 there was a move to retune all the bells, but nothing came of it, and it was nearly 20 years later before any vigorous effort was made to improve matters. By then, 1947, the tenor needed rehanging and other work was necessary, so the ringers decided that if something could be done in the way of recasting the bells they would make themselves responsible for one of them.

A RING OF TEN

A scheme was put before the Church Council and estimates obtained; it was then agreed to recast the whole ring. The Diocesan Advisory Committee objected to the recasting of the 1530 bell on antiquarian grounds, and a new bell had to be provided to replace it in the ring. The farmers of the parish undertook to do this. John Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work to include rehanging on ball-bearings. The response to the appeal for funds was remarkable, added to which came the wonderful news that two generous donors had come forward and offered two additional bells to increase the ring to ten. With diocesan approval this offer was accepted and the bells were soon removed to the foundry.

It seemed strange for the next few months to hear no bells pealing for service, but the ringers occupied themselves visiting nearby towers and teaching new recruits on handbells and at the little tower at Maperton, by kind permission of the Rev. W. T. V. Langley, till in February, 1949, the bells were back in the tower with their new companions.

The service of dedication took place on March 12th and was performed by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Bradfield, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, before a large congregation which included ringers from many parts of the West Country. They had come to take part in the service and to hear what has since proved to be one of the finest examples of the bell-founders' art to be found in the West. In addition to dedicating the bells, two tablets were dedicated—one a mural recording the general restoration, and the other, cast in bell metal, recording the recasting of the ringers' bell. The inscription on the latter reads:—

The seventh bell in this tower bears the inscription. Recast by ringers of this tower and the West Country. H. J. Sanger, Captain.

All the bells have their original inscriptions reproduced and in addition new ones denoting those responsible for recasting. The new trebles, the gifts of Douglas Bown Martin and Mrs. S. White, are family memorials.

The new inscriptions provide a lasting record of the wholehearted support given to this great work by every section of the community.

NEVER MISSED SERVICE RINGING

Following the dedication a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by a representative band selected from the visiting ringers. The first peal on the new ring was performed on October 1st, 1949. It was of Grandsire Caters and was conducted by J. T. Dyke. Since then a number of peals have been rung in various methods, and the local band to date has never once missed ringing for both morning and evening services every Sunday, with additional ringing on the great festivals.

Looking back over this story of our village bells can but make us realise what a tremendous privilege we have enjoyed. We of this generation of Evercreech folk have by our united efforts raised a ring of bells of which we can be justly proud, as without doubt were those good folk of Evercreech who built the magnificent tower, in which they are hung, 500 years ago.

BURGATE BELLS RING FOR EASTER

At the request of the Rector, the ancient ring of five at St. Mary's Church, Burgate, Suffolk, rang out on Easter Sunday for Evensong. This was the first time for 30 years that these lovely bells have sent out their Eastertide message echoing across the Waveney Valley.

The usual intrepid assortment of ringers set out in 'Sputnik III.' and arrived at Burgate at about 2 o'clock.

The bells were rung, amidst a slow shower of miscellaneous debris, to Plain Bob Doubles, and, just before service, almost perfect rounds were rung for five minutes at about 15 whole pulls per minute. After the service the congregation were rung out and the back four lowered in peal, the treble meriting a solo item.

The return journey was accomplished safely, the party splitting up at Dickleburgh, two of the band to take part in Evensong ringing on the fine new six there. P. D. T. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society took place at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on March 21st. St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had been scheduled for this meeting, but when this proved impracticable Mr. B. G. Key and his ringers stepped nobly into the breach with an invitation for the Society to pay another visit to Burton-on-Trent. It was a most enjoyable meeting and attracted an attendance of 106. Most of those present attended the fully-choral Evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar of St Paul's (the Rev. W. Willis Price). In an excellent address Mr. Price reminded his listeners that ringers have obligations to the Church beyond the regular ringing of the bells.

Mr. and Mrs. Key and their helpers had provided a bountiful tea and it speaks wonders for their arrangements when they were able to cater for an additional 25 beyond those who had sent in their names. Altogether 140 sat down to tea, this figure including members of the choir and the churchwardens. Following the meal the company stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Herbert Knight, formerly of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening on the lovely ring of ten (tenor 28 cwt.) at St. Paul's with the Ringing Master (Mr. Clive Smith) in charge. Well done and thank you all at St. Paul's for this very fine meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Hoar Cross on May 9th. F. B.

A 60th ANNIVERSARY AT ERITH

On Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1899, a record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Maior was rung at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, Kent, in 9 hours and 24 minutes, conducted by William Pye. The record did not stand for very long but was a great achievement, particularly in a belfry with no daylight or fresh air and lit by gas jets.

The ringers were Harry Flanders, George R. Pye, Charles Wilkins, Isaac G. Shade, Edgar Wightman, John H. Cheesman, Ernest Pye and William Pye. Incidentally, the same eight men rang at Erith the following Sunday a peal of London Surprise Major, being the first in the method for six of them, including the brothers Pye. This again was an historic peal, being the first in a method which William Pye was, in later years, to make all his own.

The 60th anniversary of the Double Norwich was commemorated with a peal in the method by Edgar Wightman, a member of the famous Suffolk ringing family, who migrated to Erith and was the composer of the long peal.

The 1959 peal is a happy link with the long peal, as the ringer of the treble, Edwin Barnett, when a lad of 14, heard most of the long peal. Indeed, he was appointed 'look-out' during the period when his father the late Edwin Barnett sen., and John Garard the Erith steeplekeeper, went off for the dinner. Of the 1959 band, five had rung peals with William Pye, including Herbert Audsley, who was in the 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at Bow.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,2 Grandsire Doubles: Selina Stephens (first quarter) 1, Monica Barrett 2, A. Fortin 3, W. D. 4, A. Hammond (first 'inside' and as conc 5, Sheila Howard (first quarter) 6. For Eve song.

CONTEST RINGING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND

By NOEL F. MOXON

(Continued from page 238)

Looking at the prize-ringing days in retrospect, one may be somewhat bewildered by the outlook of the organisers, the ringers and the general public. Dealing with the organisers who staged the contest and therefore had to collect money from generous residents in the town or village, it is difficult to imagine what they gained from the affair as there was apparently no entrance fee paid by the competitors and they received no gate money from the listeners, so monetary gain was not possible. Of the ringers taking part, many would lose two days' work, for contests were not always held at holiday times, and also incur travelling and subsistence expenses, so even a team collecting £5 to £8 would not result in 100 per cent. profit.

The people who lived around the church where the ringing was taking place must have been long-suffering to be able to bear the sound of bells from early morning until after midnight, often on successive days, but our newspapers carry no word of complaint. Probably the only non-ringers to derive any tangible benefit from the contest were the innkeepers who dispensed food and drink to the participants and their friends.

A PLAINTIVE PROTEST

However, one plaintive protest is handed down from 1848 when the Rev. Alfred Gatty, in his book 'The Bell,' writes of his experiences at a contest at Ecclesfield. 'Reader, has it ever been thy lot to be within close earshot of a ringing match, at which 8 or 10 sets of ringers contended for a silver cup or a purse of gold. We were awoke at day break one fine summer's morning by a steady course of Plain Bobs . . . . We rose early determined to combine an enjoyment of what we ascertained was a ringing match with our usual study avocations; but we found that we were not as steady as usual at our work and as time went on we became less so . . . we resolved to ride far away into the woods, and to be at peace . . . we returned in the early evening in the hope that the match would be over but before the Church was in sight, the peal came. . . . Night came; but locks, bars and shutters did not exclude the sound; bed curtains could not shut it out. No hope arose from inquirey, for the Darfield and the Silkstone sets had still to ring. . . . Peace came at last but will it be credited that daylight had scarcely broken in the east, before the ringers were again at their task.'

Taking stock of the contesting teams, some well-known towers are still operating, with Silkstone and Liversedge reaching farthest back into the last century and others with 100 years of service to good striking still 'going strong.' A few have fallen by the wayside; one we regret, Holmfirth, with 150 years of good ringing—a grand record. This tower until ten years ago was manned by a team of elderly men who, it is said, ate sparingly at the Sunday tea table and would afterwards ring a perfect 6040 or 5040 of Oxford. Alas, in a short time, all but one were carried away, leaving no replacements. Recently a team of young ladies are learning to 'man' this fine ring of bells.

The all-conquering Dewsbury team have faded away; Darton, once a tower noted for peal ringing and prize ringing, is silent, as is Darfield, worried by coal mining subsidence. Barnsley ringers have for many years kept aloof from contest ringing but came back into the picture last year when they won the Hoylandswaine Cup. The finest record must go to the Wath-on-Dearne band, who combined multi-minor method ringing with prize ringing, and even in pre-war days were still a power in both spheres but now have withdrawn from the lists.

LADIES COMPETING

We have heard little in recent years of the Batley band who scored many wins in the pre-war era, but last year they made a sensational entry into the Halifax Cup with a team consisting of five girls and Mr. David Atkins, the tower captain. How the old prize ringers would have stared to see a bevy of young ladies approaching the tower to do battle for 'a purse of gold.'

Batley Carr, once the home of a fine ringing team, is now reduced to the unhappy state of 'chiming only.' Earlsheaton and Almondbury have lapsed into obscurity, temporary we hope. Kirkheaton and Kirkburton, although ringing regularly, have not competed for many years. A few towers are loath to enter competition ringing on the grounds that they would be outclassed by the skilled teams, and some years ago a system of handicapping was suggested but rejected on the grounds that it would not improve the striking of the weaker teams.

Year by year the contests continue to be held and we look forward to sunny days, when small groups of ringers congregate around the church listening with critical ear to the striking, some as unofficial judges noting faults in a small book, others with butterflies fluttering in young stomachs as their turn draws near, for the test of trying each bell 'three whole pulls' still causes the stoutest heart to quail.

If you are drawn last you ascend the tower with desperation, mindful of the fact that earlier in the afternoon the champions have rung an impeccable '720' and that the judge, locked away in an upper room at the Vicarage, will be reserving his most critical judgment for your performance.

In conclusion we must admit that one quality our forefathers possessed was keenness and in spite of the bitterness which occasionally crept into the prize ringing, we must not too hastily condemn them, and out of the subterfuge and chicanery of the last century there has emerged the contest ringing of to-day, during which we have made and maintained true friendship with many ringers.

I am very grateful to all my friends who have sent me details of contests, of which I have now nearly 60 up to the beginning of this century, and I shall be pleased to hear of any others which may be known to readers of this journal.

Many anecdotes have been handed down from the prize-ringing days, one from an old Cawthorne ringer, who gives his father's story of a contest at Penistone when the Cawthorne team rang so well that even the church organist marvelled at the music which poured from the belfry but, alas, a team from the Huddersfield district was awarded the first prize. Cawthorne ringers were angry at the apparent duplicity and even more infuriated when they later heard of the Penistone ringers each receiving a suit-length!

A tale is told of a contest at Bradfield, where it was arranged between the judge and a certain team that when it was their turn to ring a man was to go down to the Town Gate shouting 'Hot chestnuts ten a penny,' so that the judge would know who were ringing and mark accordingly!

(Concluded)

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Shuttlewood 1, G. Northwood 2, D. H. Baker 3, R. Bowles 4, P. R. Johnson 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. For Communion service.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Moorhouse 1, Sheila McDougall 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, R. Skerratt 4, A. D. Cook 5, R. Smith 6. Rung for family service by the Wychbold Sunday service band.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM BELL

The West Country has lost an outstanding personality by the death of Mr. Charles William Bell, of Bath, who died on March 29th, one month short of his 93rd birthday, at the home of his elder son, Mr. Joseph Bell, 2, Homelands, School Lane, Batheaston.

For about 30 years he was tower master of St. Saviour's Church, Larkhall, Bath, and on November 15th, 1924, with a practice band and one additional, conducted a peal of Bob Major, the first and only peal of Major rung on the bells to date. He also arranged for the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Colerne, Wilts, on July 25th, 1927, when Mr. Warren Sturgis, first assistant Master, Groton College, Mass, U.S.A., and his son, rang their first peal, being Parker's One-part of Grandsire Triples, and conducted by Mr. Arthur Prince. It was only through Mr. Bell's magnificent effort in keeping the seventh going that this peal was obtained.

In the early period of his career as a ringer, and with the encouragement of the late Mr. Henry Brown, of Bath, he at times took a day off, and would walk to Bristol to meet the Bristol ringers on festival days when all church bells were rung. Mr. Bell was a Bath Abbey ringer for many years.

On the evening of April 1st the body was received into Batheaston Church by the Rector (Rev. R. A. Evans), who took the funeral service the following day. A. P.

[It is interesting to recall that Mr. Bell was the grandson of a famous Bath ringer, Mr. Joseph Bell, who rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James' Church, Bath, on Oct. 2nd, 1833. It was the grandson's privilege to conduct a peal in the same church, but it was not until after the peal that he discovered details of his grandfather's feat.]

MR. F. M. BLUNDEN

Friday, April 3rd, marked the passing of another stalwart of Sunday service ringing in West Sussex, when Mr. 'Freddie' Blunden died at the age of 63.

Until he retired two years ago, Mr. Blunden had faithfully served as tower master at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, for 36 years and, with Mr. 'Bill' Curtis, whom we laid to rest just over a year ago, was instrumental in maintaining a good regular service band of ringers over that whole period. Their splendid work is now being carried on by Miss J. Horton and Miss G. S. Smith.

Mr. Blunden was buried on April 8th, when the bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral service and later that evening to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

R. G. B.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free*.—Alexander J. Martin. (Tel. Claughton 5192.) 4218

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4184

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Monken Hadley, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, District Sec. 4221

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Appledore, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 4168

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. J. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 4188

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing. Practice, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), Wednesday, April 29th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Special meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Details to follow. Please make a note of these dates. Everyone welcome. All tastes catered for.—Bullock, Sec. 4171

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Tutbury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. —J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec. 4177

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th, Winterslow. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Odd Fellows' Hall, 5 p.m. St. Thomas', Salisbury, available 7 to 8 p.m.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 4161

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham and Newark Districts.—Meeting at Lowdham, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 4145

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea. — Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4191

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice. Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m., Turner's Hill (8). Special method: Double Norwich. 4146

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Quarterly meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —David H. White. 4196

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Templecombe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 4217

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bollington (8), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 21st to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses from Macclesfield. 4197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Heanor, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, 29, Short Row, Belper. 4219

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 25th, Barnard Castle, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd (important) to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 4200

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint monthly meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Thursday previous to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, A. B. Cooper, Hon. Secs. 4199

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch. — Meeting at Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting follow. All members please attend.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 4211

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Longney (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea names not later than April 21st to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 4204

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4152

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. E. Goodchild, 2, Sunnyside Cottages, Guildford Road, Ash, Aldershot. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Sec. 4224

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 21st, to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley.—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 4158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous, please, to Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leics. The District ringing contest will take place during the evening. Copies of rules and full details may be obtained upon application to the secretary.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chapter House 5.15 p.m. for those who inform by the Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Bells of the Cathedral and city churches available afternoon and evening.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4144

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 25th, Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Numbers for tea by April 20th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 4170

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd, certain, please, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Hon. Branch Sec. 4147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Windsor (8), Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 20th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 4127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please by Wednesday, April 22nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4212

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Glinton (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by previous Tuesday. Evening ringing at St. James', Deeping, 7 p.m. onwards.—G. Bush, Sec. 4173

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Cogenhoe, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to R. Moore, 107, Station Road, Cogenhoe.—E. B. 4209

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, April 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 4198

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, London, Saturday, April 25th. Amended arrangements. 11 a.m., visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, Whitechapel Road. 12 noon, ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney; 3 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; also for one hour, between 12 noon and 2.45 p.m., at Southwark Cathedral. Tea 4.30 p.m. in the Fan Makers' Hall, followed by meeting. Further ringing, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Davies, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12. All ringers welcome—no closed shop.—W. Frank Stenson. 4134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival, Devizes, Saturday, April 25th. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 4 p.m. Address: Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts. Meat tea in the Town Hall, 5 p.m. (price 5s. per head); *admission by ticket only*. Tickets obtained before Wednesday, April 22nd, from Mr. F. Saltford, Hon. Asst. Sec., 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, Wilts. Bells available: Trowbridge (12), 6 to 7.30; Devizes—St. John's (8), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; St. Mary's (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Southbroom (6), 12 to 2, 6 to 8; Melksham (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; North Bradley (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Longbridge Deverill (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Warminster (8) 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Westbury (8), 6 to 8; Bradford-on-Avon, H.T. (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Urchfont (8), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Seend (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8; Bratton (6), 12 to 1.30, 6 to 8 p.m. Other towers affiliated to the Branch available by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 4154

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea *only* provided. Good attendance, please.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 4208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4215

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Stonham Aspal, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 22nd, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 4214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special business to discuss.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4194

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Putney, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, S.W.15. Bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4150

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 25th, at Heathfield. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Names by 22nd to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4216

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 21st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 4183

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), Sunday, April 26th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Breakfast in Church House.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4123

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

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AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 15 Societies have not yet been received. Secretaries are reminded that, under Rule 7, such fees become payable on January 1st each year, and those concerned are requested to forward the amounts due without delay.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Great Totham (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4192

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. It is hoped to have Clandon available after tea. Please send numbers for tea by previous Thursday to Miss V. Bundy, 1, The Firs, Mount Browne, Sandy Lane, Guildford. 4223

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 2nd, Hadlow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Thursday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 4213

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Launton, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Monday, April 27th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 4210

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 4205

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Rothwell on Saturday, May 9th. Committee meeting in the Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, C.B.E., D.D. (Rector of Cottesmore). Tea 5 p.m. in the Labour Hall, Rushton Road. Tickets at 3s. each (C.W.O.) to be obtained not later than May 2nd from Mr. M. Colman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell, Kettering, Northants. Towers open for ringing: Kettering, 2 to 3 p.m.; Rothwell, 2 to 4, 6.30; Desborough, 11 to 1, 7; Isham, 12 to 2; Cranford, 11 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3, 6.30; Corby, 1 to 3; Weldon, 1 to 3, 6.30; Warkton, 11 to 1, 6.30; Geddington, 11 to 1, 6.30; Barton Seagrave, 1 to 3, 6.30; Pytchley, 11 to 1, 6.30; Orlingbury, 12.30 to 3 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 4206

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual festival will be held on Saturday, July 4th, instead of Saturday, July 18th, as originally advertised.—M. R. Cross. 4141

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—ST. THOMAS' CHURCH. Bicentenary of the bells. Ringing Festival, Saturday, July 11th. All ringers welcome. Bells at Dudley (10), Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Cradley, Lye, Oldswinford, Stourbridge (8's), Wollaston (6) available during the day. Programme (S.A.E., please) from D. H. Watson, 23, Gregory Road, Stourbridge. 4222

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

A record number of 120 members attended the 66th annual meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday. An encouraging feature was the predominance of young people, who kept the bells going in various methods until 4 o'clock. The Dean (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas) conducted the service. After the service the visitors were invited to the hall, where the Bishop of Llandaff (the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon) was waiting to receive them.

After partaking of tea the Bishop gave a short address of welcome and encouragement. Mr. D. J. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided and served the tea.

The Dean presided at the business meeting which followed. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. S. J. Richards, Mr. N. James (the local leader) and Mr. L. Malings. The company stood in silence for two members—Mr. E. Phillips and Mr. F. Gordon—who had recently passed away.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. T. Roderick presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £6 19s. 4d., but pointed out that there would have been a debit if officers had claimed their full expenses. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary read the report he had sent to the Central Council Committee for the survey of Sunday service ringing. He then reported that 33 peals had been rung during 1958, which was above the average number.

Mr. G. I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

Mr. D. King reported on the restoration of Chepstow bells; it is hoped the bells will be ready for Whitsun. Mrs. D. J. King reported good progress at Caldicot and Usk, and Mr. Hoffman on the young band at Whitchurch. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at All Saints', Newport.

Twelve new members were elected. The secretary read a circular letter from the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow regarding ringing lectures and instruction at the Theological College, Llandaff.

Mr. J. Lovett moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for all that he had done to make it such a pleasant meeting.

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STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 1st, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, A. Grant 5, M. G. Lane 6. For afternoon service.

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