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PROFESSOR DODGE

An exclusive interview by our Special Correspondent.

A wide range of subjects was covered, and although we shall be unable to include them all, we feel sure that those mentioned here will be of particular interest to many of our readers.

H.C.: I heard your investigations on the Interest Factor described by one ringer as 'Tripe!'. Have you any comment to make on this?

D.: Only that it is impossible to please everybody. Preconceived notions, like bad habits, once formed are difficult to eradicate, and any person who attempts to do this is deemed either a fool or a liar. I am, I hope, neither.

H.C.: Are you in agreement with the suggestion that a charge should be made for peals published in 'The Ringing World'?

D.: No! It would result in less peals being rung. You yourself, for instance, could not afford to ring more than one peal every three years if the charge was more than 3d. a rope. Moreover, some peals would remain unpublished; all of which would cut down the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

H.C.: Have you, then, any alternative suggestion for improving the circulation?

D.: Yes, several.

H.C.: Would you be kind enough to give *one*?

D.: Certainly. Each Society, or at least each one that is affiliated to the C.C., could have one meeting a year set aside for the distribution of extra copies of the 'R.W.' These could be ordered in advance from the Editor (say ten or 20 copies) by some responsible person who would undertake to sell them to non-subscribers. No one could cavil at 6d. per annum, and many young ringers would receive, perhaps where the Society could afford it, their first copy free, and therefore be encouraged to become regular subscribers.

H.C.: It sounds feasible.

D.: All my ideas are! It may even be possible to persuade the Editor, on occasions, to publish certain items of news or interest connected with a particular Society when he knew it was its distribution day.

H.C.: Wouldn't that entail extra work for the Editor?

D.: Not necessarily. It would mean holding back the report of a meeting, or some item of news or an article or letter, one or two weeks. I wouldn't like to think that any idea of mine caused the Editor any extra work.

H.C.: What do you think of the new publication of the C.C., 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners'?

D.: The photographs of Mr. W. F. Moreton are very good! The book is worth 1s. in order to possess these reproductions of this very fine ringer and teacher. The girl looks intelligent; I am afraid, therefore, that she is doomed to become a good ringer and so waste the best years of her life. Some lady ringers, however, are sensible enough to secure a handsome ringing husband—and most male ringers are handsome—and so combine most happily the joys of ringing and wringing.

H.C.: How do you rate the marriage mart in ringing circles as compared with other forms of time-wasting activity?

D.: The hazards are neither greater nor smaller. Some frustration must be taking place, otherwise a certain advertisement would not appear week by week in the 'R.W.'

H.C.: What is your opinion of the remainder of the book?

D.: It is a useful companion to Snowdon's 'Ropesight,' and embraces many things in small compass. I like particularly Part I, Section 2, on 'Learning to handle a bell,' and Part IV (brief and succinct), on 'The Duties of a Ringer.' Armed with these two books most learners would succeed in spite of well-intentioned instructors.

H.C.: Have you any comment to make an anything that has attracted your attention of late?

D.: Yes! I have noticed that there have been several peals of Minor during the last 12 months or so, rung in order to be able to claim the first peal in a given method. Now peals of Minor in single methods are all right for those incapable of ringing anything else; indeed, some ringers lack opportunity, or desire, to learn more than one, and 'first pealers' frequently ring one method; but acknowledged experts should make a point of ringing at least seven different methods.

H.C.: I don't see anything wrong in these peals.

D.: Oh, there's nothing wrong, but many old Minor ringers would have disdained ringing a peal of Minor in one method in order to claim a 'first in the method.' I think it was George Bolland who attempted to introduce a rule into the Yorkshire Association that any peal of Minor in less than seven methods should not be recognised or printed in the report! Now, of course, this measure is going to extremes, but I can well imagine that the comments of ringers of George Bolland's class, on the peals I have mentioned, would be unprintable. H. CHANT.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	6	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal on 12 bells. 100th peal in the tower.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	*GERALD C. HEMMING	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	PETER BERESFORD	9
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	EDMUND MALIN	10
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5	DENNIS BERESFORD	11
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY T. HEMMING.
* 125th peal. First touch of Cinques as conductor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35¾ cwt. in C sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	*J. HENRY FIELDEN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	6	†WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 700th peal.
Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford T.B. Major at Heptonstall, Yorks, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins.

TEN BELL PEALS

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	*GRAHAM T. BALL	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	8
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
ALFRED BALLARD	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY (No. 24).
Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal on ten bells. First of Surprise in the tower.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

*JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	*N. DAVID ROBINSON	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	*‡JOHN HILL	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
†MICHAEL J. PALMER	4	*ALFRED E. RUSHTON	9
*BRIAN BLADON	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 200th peal. First of London Surprise Royal in the county, and for the Association.
Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Francis, daughter church of this parish.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*HENRY LAWRENSON	*Treble*	‡D. KENVYN WALTERS	6
MIKE HATCHETT	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	7
†SUSAN J. REED	3	‡FRED E. TURNER	8
CHARLIE COLES	4	GEORGE S. WIGGINS	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday (April 21st).

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ILKESTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JAMES H. PAILING	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
J. DESMOND PAINTER	4	PETER BORDER	9
JOHN A. ANDERSON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
PERCY STONE	2	HARRY V. SEAR	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
*ROGER HARRIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. MICHAEL CALLOW.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method as conductor.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	DONALD R. MARSHALL	5
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
FRANK A. BARRETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

ILKESTON SURPRISE ROYAL
-50-16-1270-38-14-58-16-70-18-10
2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob, c.p.s.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal together for the brothers Holland.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
DENNIS C. BOWEN	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL E. LEWINGTON.
First peal as conductor.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
M. HELEN WRIGHT	2	JOHN NELSON	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	KEITH ABBOTT	7
DONALD T. C. MALLOCH	4	ALAN WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss M. H. Wright, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mike Marshall, of Farmborough; also the birth of a daughter (Rebecca Ann) to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cattell, of Leicester.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS	*Treble*	*EDWARD M. THRESHER	5
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	ROBIN WILSON	6
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	3	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	7
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	4	MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
GEORGE A. SPENCER	3	HUGH NEILL	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	DESMOND PAINTER	5
GEOFFREY DODDS	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
JOYCE DODDS	3	STANLEY HUCKLE	7
WALTER AYRE	4	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth. First peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	*ROBERT E. DAY	6
*GEORGE E. THODAY	3	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
LEONARD B. SCOOT	4	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Margaret Vivien Shaw to Mr. Mark Aiden Kenyon, son of the Vicar.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ROY WILMORE	*Treble*	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
HARRY POYNER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

*GILBERT COWLIN	*Treble*	FRANK BAKER	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
HERBERT GOAKES	3	FRANK NEWMAN	7
TREVOR BEVIS	4	ALBERT J. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung for the 37th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goakes, who were married at this church.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK ROSS	*Treble*	*KENNETH CHEESEMAN	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal in the method on a working bell.

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KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	4	CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. M. J. May, Mr. A. Gunn and Mr. Vincent, who were all regular worshippers at Kea Church.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

The composition is rung for the first time.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
FRANK W. LEWIS	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

YATTENDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	4
STELLA DAVIS	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

* First peal of Minor.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

EILEEN E. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	4
JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	MARTYN HAWKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who was going to Canada on April 22nd.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

SHEILA A. SHACKELL	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
DAVID J. BARBER	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
RICHARD F. VERRALL	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. C. W. H. Story, who was inducted on March 18th.

ALDERNEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.
THE INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

This is the first peal ever rung in the Channel Islands, and is also the first occasion on which these bells have been rung in changes. The inaugural peal for the Association.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 240's each of Morris's and Lindoff's, and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*OLIVE JONES	*Treble*	JOHN NEWMAN	4
JOHN HOPE	2	FREDERICK HARRIS	5
ROBERT HATCHER	3	*RONALD LANGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. F. Willford, on his institution to the living.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one spliced extent of St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	4
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	5
RAYMOND A. BROWN	3	PETER H. LANGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.
THE INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHEL DU VALLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
JOHN D. ROCK	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	A PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells, and in the island of Guernsey. First in more than one method for the Association.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHERRY WITHEL	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	4
HARRY BADGER	2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	5
TOM SMITH	3	DAVID WOODWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN TREBILCOCK.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of William David Smith, belfry captain for several years until 1939, also vicar's warden for many years; buried April 7th.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*IVOR H. HUGHES	*Treble*	STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
*MARGARET S. N. ALDERMAN	3	GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B., and two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PETER J. WOODCOCK	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	4
PETER NEWING	2	EDWARD HOWES	5
JOHN S. BARNES	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

HEATHER HOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	4
SIDNEY SKINNER	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
MICHAEL D. S. HOOD	3	PETER H. LANGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob and Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*RONALD TULLETT (15)	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	4
ALBERT HARMAN	2	*BARBARA SHELDON	5
HANNAH PENFOLD	3	*PETER EDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4
*EILEEN M. FEARN	2	BERNARD GROVES	5
*CHRISTINE MACNAIR	3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* First peal in four Minor methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALAN GRUNDY	*Treble*	*RONALD R. WARFORD	4
*BARBARA HALL	2	*PETER MUSTILL	5
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	THOMAS H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FOSTER.
* First peal. First as conductor.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

E. JOHN WELLS	*Treble*	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	4
*BRUCE C. PIPER	2	*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	5
PETER A. BIRD	3	†DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of St. Clement's Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*JAMES MAPLE	*Treble*	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	4
E. JANE LANGTON	2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP	5
RAYMOND A. BROWN	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung to mark the birth of a third grandchild to the Master of the Association.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	†ERIC ROBERTS	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JAMES A. HILL	5
*DAVID LEE	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to James Draycott, of Nuneaton.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

COLIN PAYNE	*Treble*	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JOHN B. LONG	5
ROBERT L. PIRON	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

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HANDBELL PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 6, 1959, in 2 Hours,
IN ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in E flat.
*GEOFF. R. CRISP (1950-58) 1—2 | P. H. LANGTON (1952-57) 3—4
W. L. WELLER (1947-51) 5—6
Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.
* First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal by an 'Old Collyerians' band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tues., April 7, 1959, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.
*JOHN POTTS .. .. .. 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. .. 3—4
†KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5—6
Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
* First peal away from 5-6. † First peal conducted of Minor.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., April 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 18 in G.
*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 1—2 | *TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4
†E. CHARLES BAILEY .. 5—6
Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.
* First peal on handbells. † First of Doubles.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*HEATHER HOOD .. .. 1—2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 5—6
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS
* First peal on handbells.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT 39, STONECROSS ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14 in D.
GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5—6
STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 3—4 | JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 7—8
*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER 9—10
Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5—6
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3—4 | JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
First peal in the method for all the band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | *JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On April 4th, at Quex Park, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: E. Milsted 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. G. Baldwin 3, H. Luck 4, J. A. Russell 5, D. C. Chatfield 6, A. Hinkley 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kerley 1, Desmond Kerley 2, F. Rowsell (cond.) 3, D. Evans 4, David Kerley 5, B. Harford 6, G. Kerley 7, M. Edwards 8. To commemorate the centenary of the bells, also the departure of David Kerley.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, A. Leggett 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, L. Scoot 4, C. Harwood 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. First in method for 4 and 6 and by an all-local band.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. E. G. Smith (first of Royal) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, S. A. Read 5, J. W. Owen 6, J. Hallett 7, W. H. Hurford 8, P. W. Weeks 9, R. O. Fry (cond.) 10.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, F. Leggott 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dewey on the occasion of their golden wedding.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes (cond.) 4, R. J. Lumley 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson 7, W. Lee 8. For Confirmation service, at which the conductor and treble ringer were candidates.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Morris (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Farrington (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On April 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. de N. Lucas 1, J. D. Barlow Poule 2, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, M. J. Turner 4, A. S. D. Graham 5, O. P. Harvey 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6. All but the conductor are members of Cuddesdon Theological College.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrott 4, A. Grainger 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, L. Woods 8. For Matins.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Walklate 1, Clive Walklate 2, P. Rigby 3, P. J. Skinner 4, J. B. Stennit 5, S. Walklate 6, V. Horton 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8, H. Taylor 9, Charles Walklate 10. For morning service.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dean 1, G. Case 2, G. Parting 3, D. Clays 4, J. Tilston 5, J. Hughes (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for Mr. Jos. Wainwright, for 50 years a member of St. Mary's Church choir.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Stitfall 1, D. Cobb (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, C. M. Bennett (first quarter) 4, M. Horseman 5, E. Light 6. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. D. Batt (first on a working bell) 1, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, S. Jenner 5, E. C. F. Rogers 6, J. E. Warner 7, L. Fox 8. For Matins.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary March 1, Marion March 2, Margaret Dewe 3, Bridget Sanger 4, D. Hill 5, A. J. Sanger 6, J. K. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger 9, P. March 10. For Matins, and in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of Fred Reakes, an esteemed member of the local band.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor cover): Miss J. Underwood (first quarter) 1, P. E. Wells (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. A. Witney 4, C. L. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. W. Henson tenor. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: P. G. W. Newstead 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, J. Soanes (first quarter) 3, A. Fulcher 4, A. J. Moy 5, A. W. Bird 6, S. J. Merry 7, W. B. Duncan 8. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On April 8th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Helen Nevin 1, K. Wakefield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, C. Payne 4, R. L. Piron 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled to the memory of the Rev. J. A. MacWilliam, late Vicar of Harrold, who was buried on April 6th. Requiescat in pace.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. E. Turner 1, R. P. Selway 2, S. W. White 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells and for 1-4.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On April 19th, 1,349 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: R. E. Price 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, F. C. Price 3, T. G. Bannister 4, N. D. Robinson 5, M. G. Palmer 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, A. Gogle 9, C. Ashpool 10. First of Caters in the method by all. For Evensong.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, J. Shorto 2, Mrs. D. M. Wright 3, F. Hilliar 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, E. C. Chant 6. Rung half-muffled.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, D. Bacon 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and also the christenings of Sarah Louise Hunter-Jones and David Joseph Elliott. Also on April 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, A. Beckwith 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Elliott (tower captain).

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ann F. Gartell (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding (first of Minor) 2, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Minor) 3, A. G. Clark (first quarter) 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Freda M. Hankey and Alan Streeter on their engagement.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, A. A. Upton 4, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 5, A. Tringle 6. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Sinfield 2, Miss A. Grainger 3, E. Conquest 4, B. Whitney 5, B. Grainger 6, J. Sinfield 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8, K. Spavins 9, R. Woodruff 10. A 47th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conquest.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, A. Mogg (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. Vacher 3, B. Mogg 4, W. J. Foote 5, P. W. Mogg (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On April 21st, at the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Maddocks 1, G. Rumney 2, E. M. Quinn 3, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 4, B. Rumney 5, J. Robinson (first in method) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin (14, first 'inside') 2, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, O. Gittens 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. B. Scatliff, organist, and a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss I. Piper 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, L. Rodmell 3, Miss J. I. Porter 4, H. Rodmell 5, I. Glenton 6, J. A. Broughton 7, R. Ducker (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Revs. J. H. B. Andrews 1, P. T. Robbins 2, S. E. Evans 3, E. B. Wood 4, C. J. B. Marshall 5, E. G. Benson 6, J. B. T. Homfrey 7, R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung during the tour of the Guild of Clerical Ringers.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,564 Bristol Surprise Major: I. Tilling 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, M. Fowler 3, A. Smith 4, H. Scott 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Smith 7, N. Chaddock (first of Bristol as cond.) 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Grey 1, E. Hunt 2, Miss C. Eustace 3, P. Hawcock 4, R. Gibbons 5, C. Underwood 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, J. Underwood 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss P. Murden to Mr. J. Shorthose.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 600 Violet Treble Bob): F. R. Brook 1, J. W. Buxton 2, H. Holbrook 3, S. Ramsden 4, A. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, T. Tarbatt 6. In honour of the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society; also a 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of 4 and the silver wedding anniversary of the 3rd ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Ivings (first of Major) 1, L. Forster 2, Miss A. Lester 3, R. E. Lester 4, H. D. Lister (cond.) 5, C. Snowdon 6, F. Sterry 1, E. A. Cracknell 8. For morning service and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Snowdon.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, B. T. Phillips 2, F. Newton 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. E. Cobb 5, D. J. Hunt 6, F. G. Wilton 7, E. J. Hitchins 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, E. H. Langley 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, F. Harvey 3, P. W. Mills 4, W. Downs 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. Daphne Stuteley, member of the local band, on the birth of a daughter.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davis (first quarter) 1, H. Davis 2, Freda Phillips 3, F. Phillips 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, N. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also on April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, V. Williams 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Also on April 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. Hales 3, J. M. Steele (first in method) 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray (first in method) 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spliced Court and Oxford and 540 Oxford): C. Scott 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Bonas 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, M. Ginn 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on April 12th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. Thoday 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. A. Trindall 1, Miss S. Trindall 2, Miss J. M. Addicott 3, I. C. Maycock 4, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 5, P. A. Oram 6. For morning service.

WING, BUCKS.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. Sinfield 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, J. Hulme 3, R. Dove 4, A. E. Rushton 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Surprise on the bells.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, Susan Rawlings (first of Stedman) 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, G. Goodman 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, M. Sinden 8. For Evensong.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. Thornley 1, W. Tompkins 2, J. Ashcroft 3, A. Tomlinson 4, L. Clement 5, H. Worrall 6, H. Parker 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8, D. Vincent 9, C. Raddon 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On July 14th, 1956, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton brought his peal total to 600 by turning in Wakefield Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. By a coincidence, an identical performance there on April 18th produced his 700th peal. Only three repeats needed for the 1,000, Wilfrid!

Hoxne, Suffolk, has opened a bell restoration fund estimated to cost £1,100. The fund has been started with a legacy of £100.

Playford Hall, Suffolk, an historic moated Elizabethan manor, which is in the auction market, has a house bell cast in 1595 by Richard Bowden.

Miss Susan J. Reed (14½), of Newbury, has made a good start in peal ringing with a peal of Plain Bob Royal in her own tower. Many more peals, Susan!

Another all-ladies peal has been scored, at Balderton, Notts. It was rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and is the first by a ladies' band for the Guild.

Before the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Newbury the band observed a moment's silence to the memory of Ralph W. Atkins (79), of Marlow, and Edward Markham (81), of High Wycombe.

Worthy of note was the quarter peal at Wentworth, Sheffield, on April 15th, in which five of the band were ringing their first quarter peal. It was also Mr. T. Senior's first as conductor.

Saturday, April 18th, was a great day for Stockbury, Kent, when the new village hall was opened by the Bishop of Dover. Chairman of the Parish Council is the well-known Rochester District ringer Mr. Albert Dunk, and at his invitation a peal of Doubles was rung at the Parish Church. Wonderful hospitality followed the ringing.

The Masonic Ringing Festival will be held at Manchester on June 6th. Local arrangements are in the hands of Bro. Richard Benson, 43, Highbank Drive, East Didsbury, Manchester, 20. Ringing will be at Worsley (10), Manchester Town Hall (12) and Manchester Cathedral (10). There will be a dinner and social evening at the Nag's Head Hotel, Jackson's Row, Albert Square, Manchester, 2.

The Hertford County Association are holding their 75th anniversary dinner on October 24th at St. Albans.

Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day has been postponed until July 11th. Owners of Ringers' Notebook and Diary please note!

Having been rung at Sutton on April 1st, we looked with suspicion on the footnote to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise: 'In memoriam Marmalade Cannon.'

The footnote for the peal of Coldstream Surprise Minor rung at Langleybury on April 1st, 1959 (see page 248) is partly incorrect. A peal of Coldstream was rung at Offley, Herts, on February 18th, 1958, and credited to the Hertford County Association.

Down Evercreech way there was a happy event on April 19th when a quarter of Caters was rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. Fred Reakes. At 84 he is regular in his Sunday morning ringing and has been a staunch service ringer here for more than half a century.

Rev. A. H. Davies was waiting at Hernhill Church to greet the visiting peal band on April 18th. After the peal he and Mrs. Davies had a cup of tea waiting for the band, and this kindness and the friendly welcome were much appreciated by the visitors. Incidentally, Mr. Davies has a parishioner whose hens are allegedly put off laying by the bells!

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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS' RINGING WEEK

IT appears to the writer that this event has three main objects. First and foremost to ring — some of our members minister at churches with only one bell! Secondly to enjoy a good 'natter'—ringers talk about towers and bells, clerics talk about their parishes; clerical ringers do both. Thirdly, to make or renew acquaintance with churches and scenery in this England which is so rich in both.

The 1959 week in Kent fulfilled all three of these objects admirably. Among the 27 towers visited there were many that possessed fine bells and many that were interesting for their setting or associations. The writer will risk disfavour by selecting in the former class St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Sittingbourne (8), All Saints', Maidstone (10), Canterbury Cathedral (12), Rainham (8), Bobbing (6) and Rochester Cathedral (10). There were so many interesting and historic churches that it is hard to make any selection, particularly as the discipline of a tour makes one go 'in quick' and 'out quick.' Amid a welter of memories one remembers the dignity of the setting of All Saints', Maidstone, hard by the Elizabethan bishop's palace and standing above the river, the interest of Faversham which boasts an unusual spire and a memorial to King Stephen, the charm of Chilham in church and village, and the dominating sense of age and tradition associated with Canterbury and Rochester Cathedrals.

Life was not without its lighter moments. Our Guild has lady associates, members of what are now called 'clergy wives' (a horrid term). Two of these are enthusiastic ringers, and their presence in the belfry gave our reverend president cause for apprehension. One male member who shall be nameless seemed to be in grave danger of causing embarrassment because his nether garments lacked visible means of support. However, in view of THE EVENT (of which more later), a pair of braces was bought and all was well.

Our communal journeys were by coach, and despite an order for a 20-seater we were sent a colossus of a coach with 40 seats. This gave comfort and isolation to those who wished to relax after the labour of climbing stairs, raising bells and ringing them. At Chilham our driver took his enormous vehicle into the narrow street and turned too near to a house, omitting to observe a large stone set in the road to prevent precisely this. There was an alarming bump, the sleepers awoke and the course of Bob Major 'in hand' at the back of the coach came to an abrupt halt. Three of the ringers claimed to have suffered slight injuries, one of them even having an abrasion of his handsome chin. With the calm that is characteristic of their kind, one of the clergy wives (see above), who was a trained nurse, was at once busy with first aid and all was well.

THE THREE CLASSES

The reader may well wonder when anything will be said about the ringing. Our members fall into three classes: (1) experts who are in practice, (2) experts who are out of practice, and (3) the others. Some of our class (1) members were unavoidably absent this year, but despite this there was some good ringing. Cinques and Royal were felt to be beyond our powers, but Grandsire Caters was rung at Maidstone (where we failed to do justice to a fine ring), Canterbury, Leeds and Rochester. Some pleasant Stedman Caters was rung at Leeds, where the enormous size of the belfry was a revelation to those of us who ring in more restricted quarters. We were fascinated in this tower by a hand-drawn inscription on the plaster wall commemorating the end of the 'Great Boer War.' Another huge ringing chamber at Milton Regis was the scene of a successful course of College Bob IV. Delight inspired by a current copy of the Maidstone and District's admirable quarterly magazine. It gave rise to the observation that some seemed to ring the methods they did not know better than those they did. Apart from this our methods on six and eight bells were what might well be termed orthodox and respectable—as might be expected from a Guild of parsons. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge were all successful; not so London and Superlative. The peal attempt at Rainham was for Cambridge but this broke down. A good quarter peal was then rung in the method. The standard of this and the presence of several younger ringers in the band was a good augury for the future.

We were given a wonderful welcome wherever we went. In some of the towers local ringers had raised the bells for us. In all we were met by the incumbents or their representatives. It was delightful to see vases of flowers in a number of towers—evidence of care for them by their ringers. At Milton Regis and Rochester Cathedral we were to be the last visitors for some time. In the former workmen were to begin the next day on tower repairs, while at the latter the bell-hangers were beginning work the next week. We achieved a record by breaking ropes at two successive towers, Linton and Waterbury. At the former C. C. Cox called 'Catch' at the end of a good fall. S. E. Evans, our newest recruit, 'caught' with such firmness that he broke the rope and subsided suddenly on the seat behind him.

Material hospitality was given in the form of tea arranged at Tunstall by Mrs. P. T. Robbins (better known to the Exercise as Betty Spice) and her mother. We were delighted to meet representatives of one of the great ringing families of this area and to enjoy a splendid tea. Our technicians had to eat theirs in haste as they were due to replace a rope broken during the previous Sunday's ringing. This proved difficult as the ceiling holes were rather small. After much fishing with a long pole, passing ropes up and down through the hole while instructions were shouted by all and sundry, it was done, and a pleasant ring followed. Morning coffee was most kindly given at Minster-in-Sheppey by the mother of S. E. Evans and by the Vicar of Newington-on-the-Street (in absentia). At this tower a local electrician was in evidence with a tape-recorder. The play-back of our efforts convinced us that we had set no new high standard of ringing. Our faults were in glaring evidence, and it seems that such an instrument might well help any band to improve their striking.

WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY

What made this year's tour noteworthy was publicity in a big way, not in any way of our own choosing. We were photographed by the Press four times in all and local papers carried news of our coming to Kent, one paper even giving a list of those present. THE EVENT was, however, that the B.B.C. took notice of us. We were televised in the belfry at Canterbury, with recordings made of our ringing and of interviews with our president and E. G. Benson. The result of all this was a radio report in the B.B.C.'s South Eastern News and a short note in 'Town and Around' on T.V. By kindness of the proprietor of the Bull Hotel, Rochester (of Pickwickian fame), we had the exciting experience of seeing ourselves ringing the bells of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. E. G. Benson and E. V. Cox were teased on their T.V. stardom, both being the subjects of close-ups. Although the reporters would refer to the 'handles' of the bells and although their chief interest seemed to be why we were prepared to travel so far at our own expense to ring them, we hope that this publicity will be of service to the Church and to ringing in general.

Our usual annual meeting was held on the Wednesday evening, presided over by C. C. Cox, who has been associated with the Guild since its formation. Before it was formed he was one of a party of clerical ringers who visited Canterbury in 1911! It is good to report that he will be president for yet another year. The other officers were re-elected, including J. H. B. Andrews (Chittlehampton Vicarage, Umberleigh, N. Devon), our secretary and treasurer, who will be delighted to hear of prospective new members.

So ended our 1959 week. The only thing lacking in a thoroughly enjoyable tour was that we were a week or so too early for beauty of cherry blossom. We are grateful to the deans and incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells, to all who made us so very welcome, and to J. H. B. Andrews who, with the help of P. T. Robbins, arranged the tour. F. A. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

ON a very wet afternoon, nearly 80 members were present at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association held at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th. Following a service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. E. Robins), and tea, organised by Mr. F. Oakshott, the business meeting was held.

The committee's report showed an improvement in membership to 379 and indicated that only a small percentage were in arrears with subscriptions. The treasurer was able to report an increase in the general fund balance but a slight decrease in the Belfry Repair Fund account.

All the retiring officers, except the secretary, were re-elected. Mr. W. F. Oatway decided to resign, partly because of other commitments and partly from a belief that offices should not be monopolised by one person indefinitely when that of Master is limited. Mr. R. I. F. Parsons (4, Brookside, Carshalton) was elected general secretary. The retiring secretary was warmly thanked for his services, and in reply Mr. Oatway said it was not his intention to lose interest in the Association and its welfare because he was no longer an officer.

Due to difficulties in fixing the meeting (which was originally arranged for March 21st) a proposal was submitted to alter rule 3 to read '. . . meeting shall be held on second Saturday after Easter Day.' Many speakers voiced opinions, but on a vote being taken the proposed amendment was passed. The annual meeting in 1960 will therefore be on April 30th at Croydon, St. John-the-Baptist's.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Oakshott and his helpers, and Mr. C. J. Champion for acting as organist were passed with acclamation.

Unfortunately, due to tea having to be served in two sittings and the meeting being fairly long, it was not possible to return to the tower in the evening, but good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and during the tea periods, ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FOR their 75th annual meeting, held on April 4th, the Hertford County Association returned to St. Albans, where the Association was formed on October 29th, 1884. There was a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the county, the Northern District providing a coach party which rang also at Kimpton, Wheathampstead and Harpenden. Hatfield's fine ten were also available in the morning.

Before the service at St. Peter's there was ringing on the new six at St. Stephen's and also at St. Michael's and St. Peter's. The Vicar (Rev. A. M. Ferguson) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Rev. C. G. Woodhead. A local band rang a course of Grandsire Triples during the singing of Psalms 149 and 150, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 17s. 4d.

The wives of local ringers served tea in St. Peter's Institute, and from the proceeds Mrs. R. Darvill handed over £5 towards the cost of the Association's 75th anniversary. In his welcome the Vicar hoped it would not be another 60-odd years before the Association visited St. Peter's for its A.G.M.

The president (Mr. John Welch, of Benington) opened the business meeting with a reference to the loss by death of Messrs. Bernard H. Swinson (St. Albans), F. W. Leach (Berkhamsted) and Geo. N. Price (conductor of the famous Oxhey band).

A recommendation regarding the winding up of the Benevolent Fund from the sub-committee for a postal ballot was lost. Mr. C. W. Woolley then proposed that the fund be wound up at the next annual meeting after proper advertisement, and this was carried.

The sub-committee's report on the Voluntary Bell Fund, recommending its division equally between the five Districts was carried. New members elected were: Ringing members, Mrs. Norton (Cathedral), Miss C. Bond and P. Atkinson (St. Peter's); non-resident members, M. J. Palmer (Hillingdon), Miss Freda Clayton (Harrow Weald) and A. G. Spreadbury (Wood Green).

THE SURVEY

The committee's report stated that the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing showed that in the county the Association had a long way to go. While the Association might have fulfilled its objects in belfry reform and social intercourse between members, the promotion of change-ringing was sadly neglected in many towers. In some parts of the county there were towers with a full complement of ringers but only one or two members of the Association. Many bands reported lack of recruits and difficulty in keeping them. Several would welcome instructors but could not get them. 'It would seem that District meetings alone cannot solve these difficulties and that unless we really get down to the problems they will remain with us. . . . We are pleased to find that several of the clergy take part in ringing, and if this leads to better understanding and co-operation on both sides then it will be better for our work, our Association and our church.'

Mr. B. C. Johnson presented the peal secretary's report which showed that 86 peals were rung last year against 71. Leading peal ringers were: J. R. Castledine 33, J. S. Dear and K. R. Dunstan 26, D. P. Jones 23, G. W. Critchley, Mrs. G. W. Critchley and P. Mehew 20. Leading conductors: D. P. Jones 20, J. R. Mayne 12 and G. W. Critchley 10.

TREASURER RETIRES

The accounts, which were presented by Mr. G. W. Debenham (hon. treasurer), showed the following balances on accounts: Benevolent Fund—£32 7s. 10d. current, £74 16s. 10d. deposit; Voluntary Bell Fund, £71 14s. 7d. (no applications for grants received); General Fund balance of £9 0s. 9d. on the year. Total assets of Association, £358 7s. 7d. Mr. Debenham was thanked for his work as treasurer during the past nine years.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. W. Debenham; hon. general secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. J. Plummer; assistant secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; peal secretary, Mr. B. C. Johnson; librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer; auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

The meeting rejected a resolution from the Northern District that the amount of money to be spent on printing the annual report should not be more than two-thirds of the previous year's total annual subscriptions.

The hon. secretary reported that the Bedfordshire Association had accepted the invitation to hold a joint summer festival at Hertford on June 13th, and that tickets were now available for the Association's 75th anniversary dinner to be held at St. Albans on October 24th. A vote of thanks from the chairman to all concerned in helping towards the success of the meeting concluded the business. The Cathedral bells were available after the meeting.

Derbyshire Association's Record Year For Peals

THE weather was favourable for the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association held in Derby on April 4th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Peter's, and an informal service at St. Peter's was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Shaw), who is an honorary member of the Association. Tea was provided in St. Peter's Parochial Hall by Miss Wickman, parish worker, and wives of the ringers at St. Peter's.

The president (Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby) was present at tea and took the chair at the business meeting. Approximately 45 members were present, and it was encouraging to note the percentage of younger ringers, particularly from the Derby District.

In his opening remarks the president appealed to members to give consideration to methods by which the activities of ringers could be brought more forcibly to the notice of the general public. He suggested that more use should be made of handbells in public places, as in modern times people are more likely to be influenced by things that can be seen as well as heard. In dealing with comments about difficulties in obtaining permission to ring at certain towers, the Provost assured members that he would not easily be persuaded to withhold permission to ring at churches under his control.

NEW SECRETARY

After a period of eight years as general secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper had indicated that in his opinion the time was opportune for a change, and reported that notice had been received from the Derby District nominating Mr. B. P. Morris, of Ashbourne. The president and other Association officers paid tribute to the excellent work performed by Mr. Cooper during his period of office as general secretary, and Mr. Morris was unanimously elected to the position. Mr. Cooper acknowledged the comments and promised to assist the new secretary in every possible way.

Mr. Francis Lowe (trustee) and the three vice-presidents, Mr. F. Adams (Chesterfield), Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston) and Mr. J. Bailey (Derby), were re-elected for a further period of two years. It was also unanimously agreed that Mr. A. B. Cooper should be elected as an additional vice-president.

The Association printed reports were available for distribution, and the hon. secretary was complimented on the completion of the copy for the printers. The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and hon. treasurer were formally presented and approved. The number of peals rung in 1958—90—was a record for the Association. Reference was made to the large variety of methods rung for the first time for the Association, and tributes were paid to the young members in the Buxton District led by Brian Woodruffe, whose performances, particularly in peals of Doubles, were really fantastic. Two members of the Association, Mr. D. P. Jones and Mr. B. Woodruffe, were the leading peal ringers in the country during 1958, and Miss P. A. M. Forster was the leading lady ringer. Mr. Gordon Halls mentioned the valuable assistance given by non-resident life members in many of the peals rung during 1958.

FINANCES SATISFACTORY

For the first time for many years the hon. treasurer was in a position to report the financial position as reasonably satisfactory. The increased subscriptions in 1958 had resulted in a marked improvement, and unless there were unforeseen items of heavy expenditure the future income was likely to be sufficient to meet requirements.

Mr. Gordon Halls reported on the very successful annual dinner held in Derby on February 7th, and a profit would be handed to the treasurer for Association funds. A large number of people were unable to obtain tickets for the dinner, and members were urged to make early applications in future.

There was some discussion about the Association handbells, and it was decided that they should remain in the custody of the Derby District secretary. It was also agreed that the handbells should be appropriately insured.

Three young lady ringers from Etwall—Rosamund Bull, Noreen Whickham and Deborah Wilson—were elected members.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Scattergood to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting and tea. Mr. W. Robinson was thanked for making the long journey to Ireland to represent the Association at the Central Council meeting, and for insisting on accepting only the normal amount of expenses.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORDS AND REASON

Dear Sir,—It was a good thing the Chester Diocesan Guild publicised their motion regarding record peal attempts in order that those who will have to vote upon it may have time to reflect upon its proposals.

It is the most stupid and unrealistic motion put before the Exercise for a long time, and seems to have a 'dog-in-the-manger' attitude about it. This attitude seems to emanate—at least I have found it so—from the old hands whose 'long-length' days are over. Because they didn't have to take any form of nourishment when record lengths were shorter they wish to ban refreshment for all time. As records become progressively longer and more exacting, complete abstention becomes absurd. The band attempting to ring 40,320 changes are trying to make a change-ringing record, not participating in a 24-hour hunger strike!

Why should not they take nourishment, when it is clearly sensible to do so? I have seen ringers take food in a standard peal. Who hasn't heard of certain well-known ringers eating raisins! No one in his senses would question the propriety of a Channel swimmer receiving nourishment, or one of those fanatics who attempt to play the piano for over 100 hours to surpass someone else's record, or a marathon runner.

If the 40,000 is rung there is little doubt that ultimately some band will try to ring, say, 45,000 Caters or Royal. Now that one has to persevere for over 12 hours to capture any worthwhile record, surely it it time that such unrealistic and narrow-minded notions as complete abstention from food were revised, and commonsense and humanity allowed to prevail.

Long lengths are not bell-ringing as we know it, but stunts, as so many other so-called records are these days, and should not be regarded as normal feats. Nobody would suggest that a long peal attempt should sink to the level of a protracted tea party but, as with most other marathon performances, rationality should permit the taking of a reasonable amount of nourishment—as to how much, the performers would very soon find out!

Away with these selfish, outdated, inhuman ideas. Human beings are only trying to ring bells in a certain manner longer than anyone else has done. There is no suggestion in a record length that it is a hunger strike.

As to the second part of the motion, commonsense decrees that people near the tower should not have to suffer such inflictions. We have enough trouble over the standard 3-hour peal, without trying to make things eight times worse! And why should not records be created within soundproof walls? If this resolution were carried, no one could attempt a record handbell peal—except in the middle of a field or street! In this matter what is acceptable in handbell peals should not be forbidden to tower bell peals. They produce the same result. —Yours sincerely,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

P.S.—It's bad enough having imbecile zanies disturbing sleeping villagers in the middle of the night without asking a national *Church* body to decree that folk must be obliged to endure torment day and night continuously. A better resolution would be one insisting that the bells be *not* heard outside.—W. B.

DILLINGTON COURSE

Deir Sir,—As one who finds change-ringing difficult, even in the early stages, may I say how grateful I am to those who went to so much trouble to bring about the weekend course at Dillington House? I was particularly impressed by the way Mr. York-Bramble has disentangled the technical jargon, which is a distasteful but necessary thing to do in any science which has grown up haphazardly over many years.

Although I am only a beginner myself, I have had to teach bell handling to quite a few people, and I have followed the principles set out in 'Ropesight' and those used by Mr. H. J. Sanger. In addition, I have found many valuable points in the Manual of Ringing Training, the applications of which are now much clearer to me since the course.

Mr. Sharpe's lecture and exhibition made me even more anxious than before to learn more of the history of bells and their founders.

I admire particularly the enthusiasm of Mrs. Grabham and those who did all the work behind the scenes, broke down all the obstacles, and brought the course into being.—Yours faithfully,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Nazeing, Essex.

AMENDMENTS TO 'DOVE'S'

Dear Sir,—Those members of the Exercise who keep their copy of 'Dove' amended may care to note the following points of interest, which came to light on a tour of Essex last year.

Firstly, just over the border in Cambridgeshire, the five bells at West Wickham are derelict. One is not confronted with the usual collection of twigs and rubbish, as there is no floor directly under the bells, but most of the wheels and stays are missing. Two of the bells are clocked, a third being chimed by means of a rope attached to a wheel spoke. The tenor is by John Thornton, of Sudbury, dated 1720.

Back in Essex we found the five bells at Navestock unringable, though after an inspection we did succeed in raising three of the bells. Local reports say they have not been rung for 25 years.

The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Moreton, has six bells, not five, the treble being added by Gillett and Johnston in 1934. They are quite a melodious ring, but we experienced the utmost difficulty in getting the back three to go up right, much to the Vicar's surprise.

Several comments have appeared in the 'R.W.' about the ring at Manuden, but may I point out there are six, not five, bells here. The tenor is about half a tone sharp and casts an air of abject gloom over an already sleepy village.

Finally, turning for a moment to my native county of Berkshire, the sixes at Shinfield and Purley have both been unringable for some years. In neither case though is it beyond hope that restorations might one day take place.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K RUSS.

Reading, Berks.

THE TRAGEDY OF BELFRY DISPUTES

Dear Sir,—The story of disputes between clergy and ringers, of strikes and dismissals, makes very sad reading. To hear the reported facts concerning the dismissal of the band at Shareshill leads one to think that there has been an avoidable and chronic failure on both sides which has now come to a head.

The ringers were, of course, wrong never to attend services and to refuse ever to do so: few right-thinking people—and they must be in that category if they form a church ringing team—would be so oblivious to God as to refuse to attend a service ever again: I assume, therefore, they said this because the Vicar had got their backs up by issuing an ultimatum, thus ignoring the services they had rendered to his cause by ringing the bells hitherto.

I note they were young people. A high proportion of young people today have no religious background whatever, and while they might enthuse over ringing as a hobby, it is a work of the Holy Spirit to interest them in the true purpose of their ringing, and to create an allegiance to God's House that cannot be forced upon them by regimental methods. The Vicar, in banning them from the tower, can now hardly expect to exert any further good influence over them, and so has failed in one of his paramount duties, that of evangelisation. How many young people in his parish are under his godly influence? Most ministers long to reach the youth of today, but this one has decided that as far as he is concerned God can dispense with this group, which was already under his influence. 'Judge not . . . !' One can only hope that they will go to ring at another church and fall under godly influences again there.

What if the ringers were wrong and setting a bad example in church attendance? To attend worship is a sign of healthy Christianity, but to neglect it is not a mortal sin. Christ told Peter to forgive his brother who wronged him 'seventy times seven'—490 times!, and it was such forgiveness—and prayer—that we needed here. On balance the situation was on the whole for the good: the bells were sounding their message and the young ringers were in a healthier place than some they might have resorted to. Now both are lost: it may be years before the tower recovers from this slur, and a loyal team rings the bells again regularly and well. Training a team from scratch is a formidable task at the best of times, let alone when an unhappy history is attached to the tower.—Yours sincerely,

D. P. JONES.

Linton, Burton-on-Trent.

SIGNATURE TUNES

Dear Sir,—A suggestion was made recently for the adoption of 'signature tunes' in ringing. I would suggest that in many cases this already is in operation where the bells are lowered in peal before the evening service. It is our custom at Chester-le-Street to lower the back six in peal, and I know that many parishioners have observed that 'last bit where you ring very fast,' although probably not knowing exactly what is happening. — Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

New Membership Rule

THE 13th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Southwell on April 4th. The bells of Southwell Minster were available for ringing from 2.30 until 8 o'clock, with a break for Evensong and tea.

Approximately 120 ringers rang at the Minster during the afternoon and evening, one enthusiast coming from Birmingham. Seventy-two ringers attended Evensong in the choir, slightly more sat down to tea at the Trebeck Hall, and 90 were present at the business meeting.

The meeting was one of the most successful annual meetings held at the Minster and fully justifies the action of the Guild in holding it at the Minster in alternate years.

At the business meeting the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson presided. A brief silence was observed in memory of twelve deceased members.

THE SURVEY

In his report, the hon. general secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby, stated that membership totalled 349 which, judged in isolation, appeared a satisfactory figure. However, when this was set against the 559 Sunday service ringers revealed by the Central Council Survey in the diocese it would be seen that there was much to be accomplished before they could indulge in self-complacency.

The returns completed for the Survey revealed that help was needed on a generous scale throughout the diocese. Towers without ringers, towers with ringers and no instructor, towers in urgent need of funds, towers where apathy was rife. This was a field where much useful service could be performed by the stronger bands and to a very great extent by competent instructors.

Ringing throughout the diocese was generally at a low level. Towers where the standard of ringing was high were all too few and could immediately be called to mind, but what of the struggling bands and the bands who had given up the struggle?

Mr. Raithby continued: Here was a challenge for 1959, to bring all ringers into the ambit of the Guild and to help their weaker brethren and to try and get silent and near silent towers ringing again. They could not stand still: they dared not go back: they must go forward.

During the year under review a fourth district had been created centred on Mansfield. This was principally carved out of the North Notts District, with towers from the Nottingham and Newark Districts. The new district had shown itself vigorous and enthusiastic, and the membership had already reached 53.

Warsop were the winners of the Crawford Cup Competition.

The Guild had lost many staunch members by death, continued the secretary. They must remember the part they had played in building up the Guild and in establishing the art throughout the Diocese. Might their example and zeal be remembered with gratitude.

Parochial Church Councils were respectfully advised to see that their ringers were insured against accident, and also that the bells and other valuable equipment were adequately insured.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols, presented his statement of accounts and balance sheet showing a very satisfactory financial position. The excess of income over expenditure amounted to £28 17s. 7d. After making grants of £15 each to North Wheatley and Hucknall Torkard, the balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £95 13s. 6d. A sum of £5 5s. had again been donated to the Bishop's Appeal Fund for the Restoration of Ancient Churches. The balance of capital account was £156 17s. 4d.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

In the absence of the hon. peal secretary, Mr. Brian Buswell, the report of the Peal Committee was read. This showed that 74 peals were rung during 1958, which was a record for the Guild. New methods rung for the first time were Double Oxford Bob Major, Little Albion Treble Bob Major, Ipswich Surprise Minor, Oswald Delight Minor, Wath Delight Minor, and Plain Bob Triples. The conducting was shared by 14 members, W. L. Exton, of Newark, heading the list with 23 peals. First peals were rung by 24 members. The only black spot was that for the third successive year no peals were rung 'in hand.'

All the officers were re-elected en bloc.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

The meeting then considered the most controversial item on the agenda submitted by the Newark District:

> 'That in view of the large number of ringers in the Newark District who were capable of ringing with some regularity for Sunday services but who were not eligible for membership of the Guild, some consideration should be given with regard to the amending of Rule 2 (b) to either permit ringers who could only ring rounds, or to the starting of a junior section to include those ringers.'

Rule 2 (b) in question stipulated that ringing members must be able to ring either the treble or the covering bell in 120 changes on tower bells or two handbells, retained in hand, through the plain course of any method on five or more bells.

As was to be expected opinion was divided into two main groups. First, those who thought the proposal was a retrograde step which would lower the standard of the Guild and do nothing to enhance its prestige, and secondly, those who maintained that the majority of towers only functioned for Sunday service with the assistance of round ringers and call changers and saw no good reason for barring them full membership of the Guild. It was also stated that if admitted as members of the Guild fresh interest would be stimulated and round ringers would probably aspire more readily to becoming change ringers.

The chairman allowed a considerable discussion on the subject, and members on both sides expressed themselves with commendable directness. Those speaking in favour of the proposal included Mr. B. A. Sollis, Mr. J. P. Wright, Mr. H. Denman, Mr. H. T. Rooke, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, Mr. C. W. Reed, who advocated probationary members, and Mr. J. W. Raithby and the chairman. Those against included Mr. A. J. Brown, Mr. F. A. Salter, Mr. F. C. Hooper and Mr. S. W. Fossey.

On the chairman putting formal resolutions to the meeting to amend Rule 2 (b) by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following: 'Ringing members must be able to ring a bell in rounds,' and to change the title of the Guild to 'The Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' they were carried by 59 votes to 7.

The question of quarterly meetings, which the committee recommended should be abandoned, was then considered, and this too evoked a lively discussion, but was carried by a large majority on a show of hands.

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business' the hon. general secretary stated that Mansfield District considered very strongly that a new badge was needed in place of the existing one which was thought to be too large. The question of obtaining a fresh badge of a new design was left to the committee with power to act. A collection for the Bell Repair Funds realised £1 19s.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and the chairman then declared the meeting closed.

J. W. R.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Open Handstroke Leads

A beautiful day gave the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Ipswich on April 4th, a good start and turned out to be one of the best-attended meetings for some years.

The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Clement's were all available and were put to good use by the members and visitors. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Visitors came from Nottingham, Canterbury, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire, as well as many old friends from Essex and Norfolk.

The Guild service was held at St. Margaret's and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Marks), who extended a warm welcome to the Guild and made reference to his joy in having a newly-restored ring of bells in his church. Mr. E. H. Bugg acted as organist.

Tea was served at the Ipswich Co-op, followed by the business meeting at Diocesan House with Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) in the chair. After extending a welcome to the visitors the chairman urged new conductors to call a first 720 or peal. On the subject of striking he said that there appeared to be a national tendency to ignore the open handstroke lead. He hoped that all the members would strive to maintain the old tradition and ensure first-class striking. The 1958 report, he felt, was a first-rate production and he congratulated the general secretary on his achievement.

The reports of the Ringing Master and the general secretary revealed a satisfactory year. Membership had been maintained and meetings held throughout the Diocese. Eighty-two peals were recorded including some good performances. The finances were sound. The sales of badges had continued and the outlay had been justified.

The committee had drawn up a plan for the reorganisation of the Districts, which had now been circulated to District secretaries and should have been studied by all the members. Restorations had taken place at Eriswell, Oakley and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, and further restoration work was coming along this year.

The technical adviser (Mr. R. W. M. Clouston) was unfortunately unable to attend, but besides his detailed report he had prepared a new tower directory, which had been printed in the annual report. This is the first time a tower directory has been printed since 1939 and was a most valuable piece of work. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Clouston and his helpers. Everyone appreciated the many hours of travel and research involved in this project.

Mr. G. E. Symonds presented the report of the Pearson handbell trustees and revealed that four sets were out on loan and being put to good use.

The principal officers were all re-elected:—Mr. L. G. Brett, Ringing Master; Mr. J. W. Blythe, general secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. W. H. Preastner, auditor; Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, technical adviser. The existing committee was re-elected with the one exception that Mr. L. Wright replaced Mr. K. G. Brown.

The general secretary reported that the committee had promised £5 5s. to Marlesford Bell Fund, and as the work had now been carried out he proposed that a further £5 5s. be added. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. L. Wright proposed that the question of the new Districts be put to the vote at this meeting rather than call a meeting for this purpose, as had been the plan. After some discussion and minor adjustments they were unanimously approved to go forward for ratification at a general meeting to be held at Stowmarket on July 25th. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements, the chairman being thanked by Mr. S. G. Twitchett.

CHENIES (BUCKS) RINGERS' OUTING

On Easter Monday the ringers and their friends from St. Michael's, Chenies, together with ringing friends from Little Missenden, Chalfont St. Peter and King's Langley, spent an enjoyable day at six-bell towers in the four counties of Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

The first stop was at Elstow, where we were greeted by Mr. Huckle, whom we would like to thank for so speedily replacing a rope that broke. Unfortunately, we did not do justice to these bells, the draught being somewhat longer than most of us are used to.

At All Saints', Huntingdon, young Aubrey Powell was waiting for us and we enjoyed ringing on these light bells. Our next stop was at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman was parish clerk in 1670. A good touch of Stedman Doubles was rung before leaving.

After lunching in the city we were delayed by losing one ringer and this caused us to be late at St. Peter's, Fordham.

On, then, to St. Mary's, Newmarket, where two of the local ringers met us. These fine, heavy bells were enjoyed very much and after our ringing we had a good tea. Our last stop was at St. Peter's, Duxford, where we were met by the Vicar (the Rev. V. Fletcher) and Mr. Halls. We had a good hour's ringing on these odd-weighted but pleasant bells.

Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Our thanks go out to all who helped to make our day so enjoyable. D. R. B.

A TOUR OF FOUR COUNTIES

On Thursday, April 9th, a gathering of ten ringers left Packwood, Warwickshire, in glorious sunshine for a most enjoyable day's ringing, which took us into the counties of Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.

Our route took us to the six-bell tower of St. Mary and Holy Cross, Alderminster, followed by another six-bell tower, St. Edmund, Shipston-on-Stow. Both of these lie within the Warwickshire boundary.

We then moved on into Oxfordshire to ring on the eight bells at St. Mary-the-Virgin at Chipping Norton. On into Gloucestershire, to the recently restored eight at St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh. Then to the left-handed ring of six at St. Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Hill, also in Gloucestershire.

In Worcestershire we visited the six-bell tower St. Eadburgha, Broadway. On the return journey we rounded off the tour with a visit to St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire (6).

A wide variety of methods were covered. Double methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Minor methods ranged from Plain Bob and Little Bob, through Double Court to Kent Treble Bob. In the eight-bell towers touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

P. M. T.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

In recognition of his services as Branch secretary, Mr. H. Badger was presented with a cheque at the annual meeting of the South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch, held at Benson on April 18th. As Mr. Badger has left the District, Mr. Godman was elected secretary. Other officers elected were Mr. Wells, of Benson, chairman; Mr. Bowles (Great Milton), vice-chairman, and Mr. Absolom, Ringing Master. The Vicar (Rev. G. Palmer) conducted the service, and ringing included Cambridge Surprise Major.

DEDICATION

Bishop Latimer, Birmingham

The eight bells from the demolished Church of St. John, Deritend, have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, into seven new ones, and the existing bell in the tower of Bishop Latimer's Church has been retuned to form a very pleasant octave, with a tenor of a little over 14 cwt. in F sharp.

The bells hang in a massive square tower rising to a height of 100 feet, and the ringing room is light and spacious. The installation of the bells was a memorial to those of the parish who died during the last war, and the dedication took place on April 20th by the Bishop of Aston before a crowded congregation.

From a ringer's view the Bishop's address was not very helpful, displaying a lack of understanding of present day ringing practice, and of the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers, his opinion being that bells should not be rung at all during Advent or Lent. Let us hope that no such restraining notions are allowed to hold sway at Bishop Latimer's! The bells are good, and if rung well and regularly will give pleasure to many of the parishioners. If they are too noisy for those living near, the annoyance should be minimised by blocking the louvres, not by the curtailment of ringing: in fact, a little less noise outside the tower and a little more clarity inside would be an improvement in quite a number of towers.

Immediately after the prayer of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds by the following members of the St. Martin's Guild: H. H. Fearn 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, J. Pinfold 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, A. Ager 5, J. A. Anderson 6, N. J. Goodman 7, G. E. Fearn 8.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, and to give the opportunity of ringing to all visiting ringers, the 'opening touch' after the service was restricted to a course of London Surprise Major by the same ringers, after which several touches in various methods were rung by other bands.

The bellfounders were represented by Messrs. P. L. Taylor, J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Landewednack, the parish church of The Lizard, possessing the most southerly ring of bells in the British Isles, was the scene of the spring festival of the Penzance Branch on April 11th. It was a festival in every sense of the word. An afternoon of beautiful sunshine to enthuse the more than one hundred ringers from the Branch who attended, including several clerical ringers—the Revs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bray, Branch secretary), W. E. Minors (S. Mawgan in Meneage), W. G Revill (Gwinear), W. J. K. Harris (Vicar of Mullion), E. J. Saunders (Vicar of St. Keverne), and A. J. Vincent (Vicar-designate of Kenwyn). Also present were Mr. D. Burnett (Diocesan Ringing Master) and Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president). Ringing on the six bells began early in the afternoon, and continued throughout the evening. Some present also visited Mullion and Cury to ring at those towers also.

The Rector (Rev. E. H. Hodges) conducted the new Guild Office, which was used for the first time, and also gave an address of welcome to all present, mentioning his special joy in doing so, as he understood it was the first time that such a festival had been held there for 21 years. He also mentioned that he had recently taken up ringing. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

A splendid tea was served in the Church Room. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his welcome, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nicholls, who organised the local ringing, were specially thanked.

OBITUARY

MR. RALPH W. ATKINS

All Saints', Marlow, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild lost one of their older and highly-respected members in the death on April 14th of Mr. R. W. Atkins, at the age of 79.

He started ringing at High Wycombe at the age of 12 and came to Marlow in 1900, since when he had been a regular and faithful member of the band. Until his recent illness he was belfry secretary, and many visitors to Marlow will remember his friendly welcome and willing assistance in their outing arrangements. He was a very keen church worker, being a reliable sidesman and church councillor.

On the evening of April 17th his body was received into All Saints' Church by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes), who took the funeral service on the following morning. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service by the local band, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Hughenden and High Wycombe towers were represented. E. D. P.

MR. JOHN E. EATON

Mr. 'Jack' Eaton, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, died on April 16th, aged 75. Although Jack was not a renowned ringer, he was a very familiar and well-known personality in South Birmingham and Worcestershire, where he had moved about and rung regularly since a young man. For some time previous to his death he had been unattached to any particular tower, though taking an active interest to the last, but had been a member of several bands from time to time in former years.

Jack was a character in every sense of the word, and many ringers have been entertained by his colourful reminiscences of such great men as, for instance, Bill Short, Bill Barber and George Hayward. Of equal fascination were his (no doubt deliberate) malapropisms and slightly exaggerated accounts of certain of his experiences—both in and out of ringing.

Without a doubt, Jack Eaton will indeed be missed by those who really knew him.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Guilsborough Branch At Kelmarsh

The Guilsborough Branch meeting, held at Kelmarsh on April 4th, was attended by members representing 13 Branch towers, together with visitors from Desborough, Rothwell, Kingsthorpe, Roade, Kislingbury, Heyford and Daventry, making a total company exceeding 60

Before the First World War, the Church of St. Denys, Kelmarsh, was a favourite tower for peals of Minor by members of the Central Northants Association. According to a local story, it was during this period that ringing in this tower disturbed the local foxhounds, or vice-versa (does anyone know the correct story?), and ringing was discouraged. Since that time the bells, which are a fine-sounding light six, have been little used, and have received even less attention, until the past 12 months, and their present condition is the result of many hours of hard work 'upstairs' by John Kinchin, to whom all are most grateful, especially those who have suffered at Kelmarsh in the past.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. J. Hepworth) and was followed by an excellent tea in the Village Hall, served by Mrs. Storey and her helpers.

At the business meeting, arrangements were made to attend the Guild A.G.M. on May 9th.

Ringing was continued during the evening until 9 o'clock, rounds and a variety of methods up to London Surprise being rung. E. G. O.

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CANCELLED MEETING

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—There will be no Branch meeting in May. Time and place of next monthly meeting will be announced when arranged. — T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 4303

MEETINGS

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 Mr. D. Beacham, The Old Manor, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, accommodation being limited. — John Chilcott. 4045

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. 4223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 4243

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Graveley, May 2nd, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Special method. London Scholars' Pleasure.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4286

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, May 2nd, 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 4256

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Hickling (5), Saturday, May 2nd, 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vicarage. Evening, Cropwell Bishop, 5.45 p.m. 4237

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing after tea), Saturday, May 2nd. Tea 5 p.m. 4254

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual Ringing Service, Sunday, May 3rd. 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder, Hon. Sec. 4232

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, May 4th, 7 p.m. 4291

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice meetings: Wednesday, May 6th, Ripley (8); Tuesday, June 9th, Shirland (5); Tuesday, July 7th, Clay Cross (6). Please note dates and venue. 4302

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4245

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. John R. Brearley, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. 4283

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, High Ham (5), Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 4308

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Southill (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods, Double Bob and Hull Surprise. All ringers welcome.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 4299

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxton on Saturday, May 9th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Storeton Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea (obtainable from Branch secretaries) 3s. if purchased before May 2nd; 3s. 6d. afterwards. Towers available: Oxton (8), to to 4 p.m.; Bromborough (8), 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Port Sunlight (8) and Bidston (6), after the meeting.—J. W. Clarke, Master. 4268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 4310

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Fenham, Newcastle, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Committee 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 7th to Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Park, Newcastle, 5. 4277

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), Saturday, May 9th. Tea at the Castle Inn, 4.30 p.m. Names early, please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4281

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Ickleton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4293

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea at the Red Cow Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4260

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. — Crusader meeting, Bentley, May 9th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus from Brentwood (20 min. service). Brentwood bells (8) will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. Doone, 28, Harewood Road, Bishops Hall Estate, Brentwood. 4258

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Brinkworth (6), Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 4279

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Dedication service (new fourth), Cromhall, Saturday, May 9th, 3.30 p.m. Ringing 2.30, 4.15 and evening. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 6th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twyning (6), Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 6th to Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury. 4285

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential, by previous Tuesday, to Miss Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey. 4252

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis., Sec. 4190

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, May 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4288

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES' GUILD (Trent Branch).—Combined meeting, Ospringe, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea (cash, please) to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, Kent, not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4236

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The restored bells of St. Mary's, Sellindge, near Ashford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Maidstone on Saturday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service. All welcome.—C. T. H. 4278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 4300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Goosnargh, Saturday, May 9th. Bring own food. Bus 145 from Preston, 2.20; also bus 142.—L. Walmsley. 4290

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Owston bells at night.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Butterwick, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea, Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea by Monday, May 4th, certain, to Mr. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 4255

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 3.15 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea —own arrangements. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, 6.30 to 8.30. Practice meeting, Monday, May 4th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome. 4294

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, *not* Holloway, Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Tea only provided for those notifying by May 7th M. Cubitt, 12, Brampton Road, N.15.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4276

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Broughton, Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, May 7th, to H. Roberts, The Post Office, Wetwood, near Eccleshall, Staffs. (Telephone: Wetwood 201.) —E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 4298

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 5th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon. — F. C. W. Phillippo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4234

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Goring (8) and Streatley (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames. 4280

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A peal board to the memory of the late Rev. F. Ll. Edwards will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset at All Saints', Kington Magna, during Evensong, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. and after the service. 4282

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Calne (8), Saturday, May 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please. — E. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne, Wilts. 4287

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, May 9th, Calverhall (6) and Ightfield (6). Ringing, Calverhall, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service, Ightfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Ightfield 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to F. Cattell, 51, Richmond Drive, Shrewsbury. 4301

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Spring meeting, Hoar Cross, May 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Accommodation for tea strictly limited and will be reserved only for the first 50 names. —Fred Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton. Telephone: Claverley 309. 4263

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District and Newark District.—Joint meeting, East Markham (8), Saturday, May 9th. Please take own food—it is hoped cups of tea will be provided. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, to Church at 2.30 and 4 p.m.—H. Denman and W. Exton, Dis. Secs. 4292

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, May 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45.—R. J. Seabrook. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow (6) on Saturday, May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Outwood (4) will be available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Oak Tree Cafe, Keepers Corner, price 3s. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 6th, to Mr. L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield. No names, no tea.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 4240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, May 9th Ringing: St. Nicholas' after meeting, Good Shepherd 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Union Hall, 3s. per head. Individual names to Gen. Sec. by Wednesday, May 6th. —R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 4241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual General Meeting at Selby Abbey on May 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and again after the meeting. Service in the Chancel at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea (2s. 9d. per head) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Names for tea by the 7th to Miss Barbara Hall, 57, Brook Street, Selby. Subscriptions are now due, and reports for 1958 will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 4231

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting at Southport on Saturday, May 16th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service, Christ Church, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Tea, price 3s., by ticket only. Please send cash and stamped addressed envelope to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by May 11th. No ticket, no tea! Bells available as for Central Council members. 4271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by May 14th owing to catering difficulties.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 4306

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 18th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost: address by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. Annual general meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Tea, coffee, etc., available from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. Tea at a running buffet from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. The following towers will be available from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.: Brentwood (8), Great Dunmow (8), Rayleigh (8) and Witham (8); from 3 to 6 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6). Lunch and tea tickets (stamped addressed envelope, please) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Tea and lunch tickets 6d. extra if not purchased prior to the meeting. 4266

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Whit Monday, May 18th, will be held at Berrington, Shropshire. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea before Wednesday, May 13th, to Mr. W. H. Lloyd, King Street, Belton, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury. Towers available from 11 a.m.: Wistanstow (8), Church Stretton (8), Cound (6), Stokesay (6), Condover (6), Atcham (6); and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, from 7 till 8.30 p.m. —H. G. Thomas, Sec. 4295

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 23rd, and not on May 2nd as previously announced. 4297

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Three local ringers at Capel, Surrey, scored their first peal on April 11th, with the former Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. Albert E. Harman) conducting. Congratulations!

Another veteran in the news is Mr. H. Gayton. Fifty-one years ago he called his first peal at Sharnbrook, Beds, and on March 14th he was back again in this tower to call a quarter of Bob Minor.

'The "Elementary Handbook for Beginners" should be in the possession of every beginner, even those who have been learning 30, 40 or 50 years.'—'*Irish Bell News*.' The Irish Association have set an example: they have sent a copy of the Handbook to each of their towers.

The peal of Surprise rung at Bray was an excellent one and much enjoyed by everyone. The conductor has now called peals of Surprise at both Brays, the other being Bray, Co. Wicklow, Eire. The band much appreciated the tea, kindly provided by Miss D. Hague and Mr. J. D. Norsworthy.

Broadway, Worcestershire (page 265), has had the following previous peals, writes a correspondent: Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, January 28th, 1936, by local Sunday service band (conducted by Frank Sadler); seven methods Minor, April 11th, 1953 (conducted by the late John Thomas).

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Southern District annual meeting at Ottershaw, Surrey, on April 18th decided that a new secretary should be found to try and reawaken interest in the District. Mrs. Christine Harbutt, of Ashtead, was elected, and the Misses Monica Collins, Hazel Pugh and Pauline Drury appointed to the committee. The service touch was rung by a band of ladies and the Vicar officiated.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Austin 1, Christine Lansley 2, Mavis Wright 3, C. Jones 4, Dr. C. G. Roworth (first as cond.) 5, A. Hatherall (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

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LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean West (14) 1, P. Adams 2, A. Johnson (14) 3, H. Adams (cond.) 4, F. Darvill 5, W. Waddup 6. A compliment to Miss Elizabeth Packard, daughter of the Rector, married this day.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rex 1, Mary Williams 2, Susan J. Reed (first quarter) 3, A. Sayers 4, G. S. Wiggins 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. Lawrenson 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hughes 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, B. R. Manning 3, R. J. Stretton 4, E. H. Willows 5.

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