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'THE RINGING WORLD'

THIS week we publish *in extenso* the debate at the Central Council meeting concerning 'The Ringing World.' Last year the journal succeeded in keeping its 'head above water' with a profit of £436, of which £275 was represented by donations. It is known that this year the costs will increase—it might mean a rise of £1,000—and the question before the Council was how this additional money was to be raised. Some might say the easiest procedure is an increase in the price of the journal, but this is contrary to the wishes of the Committee. When the selling price of the journal was increased from 4d. to 6d. in 1955 there was an eventual loss of circulation of 8 per cent. Since then we have been steadily climbing and are about 350 copies short of the highest sale.

Is there room for expansion of sales? The Committee and the Council confidently think that there is. The Sunday Service Survey gives the number of bell-ringers in the United Kingdom as 41,700, and of these 5,620 now purchase the journal. It must be remembered that a very large number of ringers are only interested in their own church ringing for Sunday services and their own practices. They are outside the fellowship of the Guilds and Associations; they know nothing of the great family of ringers. There are also the call-change ringers of the West Country, and while an occasional article of their festivals is published, and some read the journal, the majority are not readers. Nevertheless, it should be possible to increase the sales substantially, and this the elected representatives of the Guilds and Associations have promised to do.

We would, however, give this warning: if production costs rise by £1,000, this in itself is no solution. With high costs of distribution, the maximum benefit from each new subscriber will not exceed 10s. a year. Alternative means of raising revenue will be necessary. It will be recalled that at the Bournemouth Council meeting an appeal was made to those who rang peals or quarter peals to make a voluntary donation. This has been observed by many who ring quarter peals but few who ring peals. Revenue from these two sources is not increasing, although there are far more peals and quarter peals rung today than in recent years. Many Associations are only able to publish their reports by imposing a levy on peals, and it was thought by 51 members of the Council that this was the most practical method of raising funds. From peals alone it was stated that this would raise £400, although on last year's peal return it would be over £600. We would put this proposition to peal ringers—pay 6d. a peal or make everybody pay 8s. 6d. a year extra for their journal (a 2d. increase is the minimum if costs rise by £1,000). The choice is with you — and there are relatively few peal ringers who ring more than 17 peals a year. To quarter peal ringers we would say please send a contribution. There is no obligation to publish as records of quarters are not kept by the Council. We make a point of giving priority in publicity to those who send a contribution.

Guilds and Associations will note that a per capita levy of 6d. per member was defeated. Many organisations support their journals in this way, but we are not advocating this. We would call the attention of Guild and Branch secretaries to the fact that income from notices of meetings, etc., dropped last year from £556 to £537. We do not want to increase our charges, as notices are definitely news to many ringers; this can be met by a more liberal support. We also feel that we should have many more personal announcements, viz.: births, engagements, marriages and deaths. These could be very substantially increased.

May we reiterate that no one should ring his first peal or quarter peal without receiving a personal copy of the journal. Some towers follow this—the majority ignore the request. This is a means of circulation building which is very valuable. We should like to think that every ringer who rings a peal is a subscriber to the journal. Repeatedly we get cases of well-known ringers failing to renew their subscription and then apologetically writing after a period of two or three months with the current subscription.

Ringing, apart from its service to the Church, is a hobby. We have officials, members of the Council and Guild officers who devote hours of their time to promoting the affairs of the Exercise. Their reward is the wonderful fellowship engendered. The same remark applies to those associated with the official side of the journal. They do not value their service in pounds, shillings and pence. Not all the work is pleasant; at times it is very tedious to ensure a smooth production week by week. Every reader can help by following one or other of the suggestions made. In 1945 'The Ringing World' cost £1,306 to produce; now it is about £6,000. True, it is a larger and better paper, but it has not gone on the Editor's salary. Why is all this work done? Because we feel that the journal is essential if ringers are to form a large corporate family in the service of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	7
ALBERT DISERENS	2	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	3	*FRANK W. LEWIS	9
*MRS. N. J. DISERENS	4	JOHN N. DISERENS	10
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	†CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	11
REGINALD W. REX	6	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
*DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
ERNEST BENNETT	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 GAINSBOROUGH BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. J. MUDD	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	8
CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	9
JAMES WALLMAN	5	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal on ten. Believed to be the first peal of Royal in the method—treble to 6th place only—sometimes known as Medium Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
The ringer of the fourth has now 'completed the circle.'

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
FRANK A. BARRETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method (No. 256, Collection of Plain Major Methods).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
*DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal in the method.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*FRANCES NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
†WALTER H. RAXTER	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	6
‡SHEILA KEYTE	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
§GORDON T. BROWN	4	LEONARD MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Major. † 75th peal. ‡ First on eight bells. § First of Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN B. TYRRELL	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	A. ROY WITHYMAN	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	MAURICE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal and first attempt.
A farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. Canon M. H. R. Synge), on his appointment as Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*MARTIN FAULKES	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	5
†GEORGE E. VERNON	2	JOHN VERNON	6
‡A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	7
†JAMES A. HILL	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Major. † First touch of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 cwt. in G.

*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Treble*	RICHARD HOBBS	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD DENMAN	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*HAROLD STEVENSON	7
GRACE BURCHNALL	4	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Lavina Hulford and Roger Mumford, both ringers at this church, whose marriage took place in this church on May 9th, 1959.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*EILEEN WILLSON	*Treble*	†B. JOHN HODGETTS	5
†PATRICIA M. HARPER	2	GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN.	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	‡NORMAN W. ATTAWAY	7
GRAHAM T. BALL	4	§GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major and away from the treble. § First in the method. First of Major on the recast bells.
Rung in honour of the christening of Rosemary Ann, first grandchild of the Vicar (Rev. Alfred Jones) and Mrs. Jones.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE THODAY	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
D. KIRBY	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	†DERMOT ROAF	7
*ARTHUR HASLOP	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. PALMER	5
ALAN J. FROST	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

C. MICHAEL ORME	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	MICHAEL J. PALMER	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

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

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*ERNEST R. NORTON	*Treble*	CECIL F. MOGFORD	5
MARJORIE LEGG	2	†SIDNEY G. SMITH	6
THOMAS HARRISON	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
ROBERT BRICE	4	JACK K. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.'

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES E. GODMAN	5
*ALEX. R. WOODLEY	2	FRANK ABSOLOM	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
JAMES P. BLOND	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*FRANK STEAD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal for the Lancashire Association. † 200th peal.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Lindsey Branch.)
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

*JAMES A. SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	†RICHARD C. WARBURTON	5
*WILLIAM H. LONGBOTTOM	2	†FRANK KENNINGTON	6
*JOHN W. BURTON	3	GEORGE DOBBS	7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	4	ARTHUR PASHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PASHLEY.
* First peal. † First in the method. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Leonard N. Alley, on being ordained a priest.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	*H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
BERTRAM J. LUCK	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* 100th peal.
Arranged for the visit of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman and Mr. B. J. Luck, of Canterbury.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	TOM CULLINGWORTH	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
First peal of Yorkshire Major on the bells.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, DOUGLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	5
*JEAN STEWART	2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	TOM CULLINGWORTH	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN S. MASON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOHN CRAMPION	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Treble*	*RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	GEORGE S. DEAS	*Tenor*

Arranged by J. A. AINSWORTH. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Cclr. B. Jobson on his election as Mayor of Morpeth for a third term. During his first mayoralty, in 1951, Cclr. Jobson was largely instrumental in organising the appeal for the restoration of these bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
BARRIE HENDRY	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 22, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Treble*	CLAUDE CORDEROY	5
BRIAN WHITE	2	GEORGE W. BISHOP	6
FRANK WHITE	3	ALFRED H. WEBB	7
MICHAEL BISHOP	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. G. W. HUGHES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*MARGARET L. PRITCHARD	4	GEORGE BRADBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples and in the method.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN A. ELSMORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	EDMUND A. MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	*Treble*	*ROGER J. PALMER	5
*HESCIL B. G. HONEYBALL	2	STANLEY G. HONEYBALL	6
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	ANTHONY R. MANN	7
PETER MAYLE	4	WALTER G. PERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on tower bells as conductor.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	RONALD BIRCH	5
*BRIAN HILL	2	†LESLIE SMITH	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	†TOM W. SENIOR	7
WILLIAM HOLLAND	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Treble Bob.
Birthday compliments to the ringers of treble and seventh.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	*J. ANTHONY BENNETT	5
*JOHN D. CULLEY	2	*HERBERT T. FERRIS	6
*GEORGE LOCKE	3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
†ROYSTON BLACKLER	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (C.C.C. No. 158).
Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	6
*CATHERINE POWELL (15)	3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Mr. W. Simmonds has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Hereward, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROGER KING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN S. DEAN	2	GEOFFREY PARTING	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	4
PETER L. WOOD	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
JOHN A. WARNER	3	*TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* 100th peal together.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

M. JOHN MARTIN	*Treble*	COLIN F. MCGILL	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court and two extents each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	BRIAN MILLS	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	†ALEC LARKIN	5
JOHN MEREDITH	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for evening service, and to welcome Canon R. P. Tinsley as the new Rector of Holme Pierrepont.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALAN G. COOKE	4
LESLIE V. MORRELL	2	W. RONALD TRICKEY	5
DONALD SALTER	3	*GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

* 75th peal.

PETHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal in seven methods.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	WILLIAM R. MARSH	5
EILEEN A. WALPOLE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 5.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

E. JACK THURLOW	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

PETER M. ADCOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	4
THOMAS SPIGHT	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
HENRY TOOKE	3	GEOFFREY DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DREW.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. W. Wilton.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. PAGE	*Treble*	†ROBERT G. GARDNER	4
*JOHN L. MELVILLE	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
FRED A. GINNS	3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung to commemorate a Confirmation Service held in this church on May 14th.

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 79, 75 and 58). Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	*DEREK PRICE	4
*MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
*WILLIAM B. POMEROY	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*BRIAN SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
†PAUL MARTIN	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(Ten callings.) Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*JOHN MOLAND	*Treble*	*ALEC CANTWELL	4
NORMAN LESLIE	2	DENIS LESLIE	5
MICHAEL EDNEY	3	*C. TOM TIMMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS LESLIE.

* First peal. First as conductor.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

HAZEL STIRLAND	*Treble*	†SALLIE BUCHANAN	3
*ELISABETH LOVELAND	2	†JOHN KING	4
ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal in two methods. † First of Doubles.

A 21st birthday compliment to Hazel Stirland.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM WATKIN	*Treble*	HAROLD ROBERTS	4
ELIZABETH ROBERTS	2	ERIC YOUNG	5
ALBERT LAWTON	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal away from the tenor. First of Minor by all except the conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Jones.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

BARRY HOLLAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
GEORGE R. HINER	2	*MICHAEL MEADOWS	5
DENIS HOLLAND	3	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

* First peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*DAVID W. THRELFALL	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
FRANK R. MORTON	2	†JOHN A. ADAMS	5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	3	*WILFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles on the bells.

Rung for the christening of Christopher Francis, son of Mr. W. Kerr, secretary of the Crewe Branch, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

HAROLD DENMAN	*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4
VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	DENNIS SMEDLEY	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Dennis Smedley, of Creswell.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Court, two of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	2	WALTER BAILEY	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	H. FRANK PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

JEAN HORTON	*Treble*	E. JANE LANGTON	4
*C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
MARIAN SKINNER	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal 'inside.'

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Chester, Carlisle, Stedman Slow Course, Stepney, Double Court, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARGARET A. BRUCE	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
H. FRANK PIKE	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	MRS. A. WARD	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	ROGER MAHER	5
JOHN LUNHAM	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.

First peal as conductor. Mrs. A. Ward has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
*JAMES LINNELL	2	BARRY E. SAUNDERS	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Surprise.

A 21st birthday compliment to Barry Saunders.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES A. LORD	*Treble*	§FRANK CHAMBERS	4
†C. WILLIAM HALL	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
‡RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal with treble bob hunting. † 80th peal. ‡ 50th peal. § First in seven methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of Maurice Nixon (a local ringer) and Grace Rushton, who were married this day.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

GORDON T. BROWN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
*JACQUELINE ROBERTS	2	HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
SHEILA KEYTE	3	COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents: Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung alternately. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
JOHN M. STALLARD	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5
*BRYN A. SHACKLETON	3	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal with the recast fifth bell.

Rung for the 36th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*PETER M. LUMLEY	*Treble*	WILFRED LEE	4
JOAN M. DAWSON	2	ROGER J. LUMLEY	5
JOHN RHODES	3	PETER M. DAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Waddington, member of the above company; also birthday compliments to the treble and second ringers.

HALF PEAL

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On May 21st, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: 1, Lemare 1, M. Wilkinson 2, C. Reeves 3, R. Stephenson 4, R. Warford 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, R. Broadley 3, Ann Shiels 4, Dorothy Fletcher 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, Audrey Green 8. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Marion Butcher 1, C. E. Hayter 2, E. J. Phillips 3, J. H. Phillips 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Cadle 6, S. D. Butcher 7, A. H. White 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archibald Blakeley, chorister and bellringer, interred at Bengeo this day.

BOW, E.—On May 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, D. E. Sibson 3, A. Gargrave 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, F. V. Gant 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For Matins on Trinity Sunday.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, J. Murphy 2, E. J. Whiting 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, J. W. Allen 5. For St. George's Day.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Penfold 1, T. Padbury 2, W. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 4. For Matins.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On May 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Miss C. Fernley 1, Miss E. M. Fearn 2, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 3, J. R. Kennet 4, J. Robinson 5, F. Osbaldiston 6. Rung for the admittance of Mr. J. S. Wherret and Mr. W. E. Colston as churchwardens, which service took place at Bakewell Parish Church this day.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kefford (first of Triples) 1, H. S. Hobden 2, R. W. Pankhurst 3, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 4, L. J. Baldock 5, W. J. Hayes 6, J. W. Curryer (first of Triples 'inside') 7, J. White (first quarter, first attempt) 8. Rung as part of the 100th anniversary celebrations.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Millham 1, G. Green 2, M. Edwards 3, P. Felton 4, D. A. Symond 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. First quarter for treble, and 87th birthday compliment to G. Green.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Palmer (first of Triples) 1, H. Colcombe 2, J. King 3, Gwen May (first of Triples) 4, C. N. Chinnery (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. Maybrey 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, D. George 8. For Evensong.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gooding 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Lucas 5, H. Foster (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung following the ordination by the Bishop of Ely of Mr. P. H. West, future curate of the parish. First ordination held in this 800 years' old church.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong and M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on April 30th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, J. Meredith 2, D. Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley. Rung for the induction of Canon R. P. Tinsley as Rector of Holme Pierrepont.

LONDON.—On May 24th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Harvey 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, H. Andrews 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, V. Green 5, L. Bullock 6, W. Wilson 7, M. Williamson 8. For Empire Day. Also at Southwark Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss H. Oakshett 1, B. Collison 2, R. Hinde 3, J. Cook 4, V. Green 5, W. Wilson 6, E. Talbot 7, P. Wright 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, M. Oakshett 10. For Evensong, also a welcome to B. Collison, Tunbridge Wells.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Maisie Vantom (cond.) 2, M. Winter 3, H. Humphrey 4, S. Boulden 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8. For the annual service of the Guides of the Romney Marsh branch. Also on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Batchelor (first quarter) 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, S. Boulden 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. Swift 6. For Mayoring Day.

MORTON, LINCS.—On May 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Scott 1, Miss Eileen Walpole (first of Surprise) 2, C. Wade 3, L. C. Blanchard 4, F. Brightman 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. J. Cook and Miss M. Fowler, which took place prior to the ringing.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Eady 1, K. Walden 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, J. Inns (first quarter) 4, T. Deacon 5, C. Care (first quarter) 6. For Commonwealth Day.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, Mary Powell 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, J. Brain 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. Brimble, who passed peacefully away on May 18th, aged 92.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Phillips 1, F. Slatford 2, A. Knight 3, E. Hitchins 4, P. Harding 5, D. Knight 6, L. Hitchins 7, J. Case 8. For the festival of Ascension.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Priestley 1, D. Wright 2, Miss H. Pugh 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (first in method as cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On May 3rd, at New College, 1,265 Stedman Caters: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, D. R. Stoddard 4, R. A. Jackson 5, D. N. Niblett (cond.) 6, J. G. Pusey 7, D. T. Darby 8, R. J. Elliott 9, R. N. Pittman 10. Also on May 10th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Salter 1, N. I. Allnatt 2, J. H. Pailing 3, D. T. Darby 4, F. A. Barrett 5, S. J. Ivin 6, R. J. Elliott (first of Minor as cond.) 7. For evening service.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis (jun.) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Judith M. Gwilt (first of Minor) 3, C. J. Goy (first quarter) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith M. Gwilt 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, P. S. Bennett 3, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, J. K. Foote (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Garvie 1, C. Sangwin 2, F. E. Day 3, W. G. Lavers 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, O. J. Gittins 8. For the wedding of Miss Barbara Grace Lister, of Penlee Gardens, Stoke, Plymouth, to Major Anthony Brian Lowsley Peake, R.A.M.C., of Parsonage House, Hampstead Norris, Berks.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, E. Brice (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Walker 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, Felicity M. A. Rooke 3, M. Winter 4, Maisie Vantom 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, S. Skinner 8. For Mayoring Day.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6-8 covering): Mary Elsdon 1, Sonia Davies 2, Mary Taylor 3, Pauline Fennel 4, Mrs. N. Bridges (first as cond.) 5, Christine Cobbold 6, M. Holness 7, W. Bridges 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First 'inside' by 3 and 7. For Confirmation service.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London and Cambridge): A. Saunders 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, S. Twitchett 3, T. Bird 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Miss J. Scales 1, R. Harrison 2, A. Saunders 3, T. L. Stock 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6. For Whitsun Evensong and a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with the R.A.F. in Germany.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Willson 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 3, Patricia M. Harper 4, H. J. Dakin 5, H. Harper 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For Ascension Day service.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Smith 1, E. Griffiths 2, A. Greenough 3, R. Blond 4, N. Berry 5, E. Garrard 6, J. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Tame 8. Rung after Evensong as a token of appreciation to the Rector (the Rev. R. E. Mason), who is leaving Wallingford to take up a chaplaincy in Colchester.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rumens (cond.) 1, A. J. N. Bovack 3, R. Lumsden 4, F. W. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, Miss M. Rand 2, L. J. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, L. R. Gregory (first quarter) 4, H. G. Rand 5, W. Ayris 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HADLEIGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Laflin enquires about Miles Graye bells. The grand old ring at Hadleigh (Suffolk) owes much to this local founder, who cast the treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

In these days, when so many old bells are being subjected to retuning by modern methods, it is a treat to hear these 'old-fashioned' rings now and again. It is rather wonderful, I feel, that such rings, which have been built up over the years and added to by various founders, should be (to all except a very few highly-specialised ears) so well in tune, even though they lack—and is this a disadvantage?—the carefully-contrived hum of harmonies and overtones which is a feature of modern tuning.

To get back to Hadleigh: these bells suffer by their position (Hadleigh-in-the-hole), but because of their Miles Graye trebles they are probably better, as a complete ring, than Lavenham's. I personally have my own opinion as to the merits of these two tenors, but I'm not starting any arguments!

There must be scores of other Miles Graye bells about in these parts: I believe the five removed from All Saints', Colchester, to Little Horkesley, Essex, are all by him.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN C. HYNARD.

Bures, Suffolk.

FIRST WOMAN PEAL RINGER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on page 323 of your issue dated May 15th; for the purposes of official records I would like to point out that Miss A. White was the first woman to ring a peal on tower bells, Mrs. G. Williams being the first woman to ring a peal, this being on handbells.

Also, some few weeks ago a letter was sent by my old friend 'H. H. Atto.' Again for the purposes of official records, this good old 8-bell Caversham ringer's name is H. Hatto.—Yours sincerely,

W. HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—On page 310 of 'The Ringing World' I noticed that a report is given of a peal by the Universities Association at the Church of St. Mary, Wisbech, Cambs. Wisbech is at least three miles from this church and has no 6-bell tower. The Church of St. Mary is at *Wisbech St. Mary*, a village of about one thousand population. I think that this report should be corrected before being recorded, and any later ringing at this tower should be also recorded as at Wisbech St. Mary.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM J. MANN.

Elm, Wisbech.

P.S.—I think the tenor at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, weighs 27 cwt. 13 lb. and not 27 cwt. 113 lb. as stated.—G. J. M.

REASON FOR INTERNATIONAL RINGING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Felstead will be pleased to hear that the members of the Channel Islands expedition were well aware of the fact that the Islands form part of the Diocese of Winchester, and thus enjoy the protection of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

It is reported, however, that by the time the adventurers had all purchased their full quota of duty-free wines, spirits and tobacco, their financial circumstances were such as to prohibit the payment of two peal booking fees. —Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

BROOKLAND — A MINOR FIVE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Bond's letter re unusual 5-bell towers ('R.W.' May 15th) gives us interesting information, but I fear his reference to Brookland is incorrect (unless the bells have been retuned since he or myself were last there).

When I visited the tower last September and tested the bells with a tuning fork I found that it was not the tenor that was a semitone sharp, but the third was a semitone flat. Thus it can be seen that the bells are tuned to a minor key; the notes are approximately D, C, B flat, A and G. I must admit that none of the bells are completely in tune with each other, and hence possibly Mr. Bond's misconception that the tenor is a semitone sharp, which is quite understandable. I can hastily assure him that the only bell as much as a semitone out of tune is the third.

The tenor at Brookland is locally reputed to be 19 cwt. Its size would indicate it to weigh no more than about 11 cwt., although Dove puts it at 12¼ cwt. However, it took the wind out of two of us to pull it up with the clapper on the right side, and setting it was a fine art (no pun intended!).

The only other tower that I can think of off hand in Kent which has five bells tuned in a minor key is that of Minster-in-Thanet (tenor 17 cwt.). St. Michael's, Maidstone, has a minor ring of six (middle six of a ring of eight), whilst Thannington (near Canterbury) has a semi-minor ring (notes G, F, E flat, D flat and C)—an old ring of three, augmented to five by the addition of two trebles, where two tenors were required—a real mix-up!—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—One or two Associations have passed on to me a copy of their 1958 annual report in which they devote several pages to the Survey of Sunday service bands and ringing in their areas.

I shall be pleased to receive copies of other Association reports which devote considerable space to this work. Will secretaries who respond to this request please forward a copy of their annual report to me, and I will either return the report or remit the cost in due course.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener,
Sunday Service Ringing Committee.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

J. R. PRITCHARD'S 5,056 BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It is pleasing to see the above peal still a popular composition since its publication in 1887, but I wonder how many present day conductors know of Mr. Pritchard's 5,056 which came out the following year and provides a wider scope both for calling and musical variety? In these days, when there is a desire to have the tenors parted for some of the peal, perhaps Mr. Pritchard's 1888 composition might appeal to some conductors who wish to try their luck in calling:— W In 3 H, W 2 H, W 3 H, W In 3 H. Three times repeated. S for B halfway and end.

They will find Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons and most of the 4-6-8 and 5-6-8 music.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

REDEDICATION

St. Mary's, Sellindge

The six bells of Sellindge, near Ashford, Kent (clearly seen from the A20 trunk road to the coast), were removed in February and were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. There they were retuned, the fittings repaired and all put in good order. Meanwhile the bell frame, a rather unsatisfactory wooden structure, which had been strengthened with angle irons some time ago, was thoroughly tightened up. On their return the bells were rehung on ball-bearings and fitted with improved pulleys to give a straight rope fall.

On May 9th a large congregation of village people and some ringers came together for the rededication service, conducted by the Vicar. The Archdeacon of Maidstone performed the ceremony of rededication and gave an address.

After the service the bells were rung to rounds and changes, and it was agreed that there was a vast improvement in the sound and 'go' of this little ring (tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.).

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Parks, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were present and able to test their handiwork and to receive the congratulations.

Unfortunately, lack of funds prevented any work being done upon anchoring the frame to the tower or the provision of a rope guide, but perhaps these can be tackled in the not-too-distant future. P. S.

Wallingford Bells Restored

The bells of Wallingford, Berks, are once again in good going order and are now one of the best eights in Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The frame (some of the timbers of Spanish chestnut are believed to be from the ancient castle) has been strengthened and tied, and all the bells rehung on ball-bearings, stainless crown staples and new fittings, and the circle greatly improved. The work has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. K. G. Spavins would like to know the name of the party visiting Woburn on June 13th from 6.30 to 7 p.m. He has unfortunately lost their letter.

The St. John's, Hillingdon, band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes' on April 24th. They are probably the first local band to ring a quarter on the bells.

Five of the clappers of the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Edenham, Lincs, have been rebushed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The removal, replacement and transport to and from Loughborough was undertaken by the tower captain, Mr. W. A. Holmes.

The Ringing Master at the Tewkesbury Branch meeting at Twyning was upset to find that a party of six had dashed off to ring a quarter at another tower. 'Never mind,' comments our correspondent, 'youth must have its ring.'

An unexpected visitor to Cape Town was Mr. Gerry Cartwright, of Croydon, who has been on transfer to Johannesburg for three months. Passing through Durban, he was given a ring at St. Paul's and taken to see the ten at St. Mary's, Greyville, by Mr. Cyril Chambers. A few days later at Cape Town he came along to a practice, at which a quarter peal was rung.

An unpleasant experience had the band who rang the first quarter peal on Bishop Latimer's Church bells since recasting. Coming down from the ringing chamber they found the door at the foot of the stairs locked from the outside. After 30 minutes, assistance was finally summoned by the chiming of a bell. The experience was somewhat peculiar and noisy because the stairway runs at the back of the organ.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK M. BRESSEY

With sorrow, the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers report the recent loss of one of its founder members in Mr. Frank M. Bressey, aged 79 years, who passed away on April 27th.

Mr. Bressey had proved himself to be a great friend to the Society. He emigrated from England in the early part of the century to the prairie provinces, and in 1908 moved further west to Vancouver. He had for some years prior to this rung at the parish church at Wanstead, Essex.

On arriving at Vancouver he very soon heard of the new ring of bells at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, and joined the band of 'The Old Country' ringers that were forming themselves around the late Mr. A. C. Limpus, who had persuaded the Church authorities to have an 'English' style ring of bells hung.

In 1911, on July 1st, Dominion Day, the first peal ever to be rung in Canada was accomplished, and at the personal authorisation of the late King George V this was designated a Coronation peal; a peal board in the ringing chamber bears testimony to this fact. The peal was Holt's Original of Grandsire.

The Society was proud to have as one of its members Mr. Bressey, who was the last surviving member of the first peal band, and that it was able to give him the great pleasure of ringing again for a short while although he had not been ringing for over ten years, the bells having hung silently for a considerable time.

At Mr. Bressey's suggestion, the Society last year had a plaque made and hung in the tower to commemorate the work of A. C. Limpus; and it is proposed to erect a tablet to the memory of Mr. Bressey later this year near this plaque.

MR. ALFRED PEARCE

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alfred Pearce, at Bristol, at the age of 89, on May 8th. He had been ringing regularly until about three years ago.

Alf started to ring at St. James', Bristol, at the age of 16, under the late Henry Porch, at that time a well-known conductor. His work took him from Bristol in his early twenties, and for some years he rang in different parts of the country, notably in London and Salisbury. He returned to Bristol, however, before the First World War, and for the past 45 years was a regular member of the band at St. James'.

A good striker, Alf was a safe and prolific peal ringer, especially on ten and 12; and though no record of the number of his peals exists they must be reckoned in hundreds, and he seldom missed Sunday ringing. Alf had a quiet and cheerful disposition with a fine sense of humour and was splendid company on any outing or social function. He leaves a son (the present tower captain at St. James') and two daughters.

The funeral service took place at St. James', where many of the local ringers were present, including Mr. Frank Skidmore, the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and officers of the Bristol City Branch, and the bells were rung open at the request of his family.

Interment followed at Canford Cemetery, where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mrs. Joan Gray, the Rev. Roy Bryant, Mr. E. J. Brown and Mr. A. M. Tyler, providing a fitting end to a fine ringing career.

A. B.

FRANK A. BARRETT

AN APPRECIATION

The death of 'young Frank,' as he was called, in a road accident on May 15th, shortly after his 18th birthday, came as a great shock to those who knew him. A native of Oxford and the son of a ringer, he became a proficient ringer himself at a very early age, ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques at the age of 14 and London Surprise Major when he was 15. He did not belie his early promise, and soon became one of those of whom it may be said that they can ring anything. He would undoubtedly have made a lasting name for himself had he lived, and it is true to say that ringing circles in Oxford have lost one who was certain in due course to become their leader.

His appearance of shy diffidence concealed from many a real strength of character, and it comes as a further tragedy that he should be taken from us just as he was on the threshold of the best years of his life. He was a quiet boy, never ruffled and always reliable; socially the best of companions. It is impossible to say in a brief notice exactly how much we shall all miss him personally, and our sympathy goes out to his mother and younger brother in their sad bereavement.

The funeral took place at St. Aldate's, the church he attended as a chorister and ringer. We shall not forget the way no blandishments could persuade him to neglect his duty to St. Aldate's as a Sunday service ringer, and it is strangely moving that the recently-restored bells were first heard at his funeral.

A muffled peal at Kidlington was lost after two hours' good ringing, but one was subsequently rung at Dorchester to his memory.

S. J.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

What should have been Alan Carveth's last peal as a bachelor when he was ringing the tenor to Bob Royal on Whit Saturday at Truro Cathedral came to an unfortunate end, after more than two-and-a-half hours' good ringing, through the bearings of the eighth running dry. It was nice to think, too, that at Evensong preceding the attempt we were asked to think, according to the Diocesan Prayer Cycle of the parish of Crantock and the incumbent, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who is secretary of the Diocesan Guild.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight informs us that Mr. Alan Wrigby rang his first peal at Bathampton in 1948 and not with Mr. C. J. Gould at Chatham.

We are asked to state that the late Mr. Henry Dew trained the first band at St. Matthew's, Buckley, and not Borthwick as appeared on page 350.

Mr. Arthur Dixon, the tower captain at Heckington, Lincolnshire, has recently completed 50 years as a service ringer at St. Andrew's Church. His enthusiastic band hope he will be able to equal the 60 years achieved by his former colleague, Mr. John H. Clark.

The tune, 'God Bless the Prince of Wales,' which was withdrawn from the Hove Town Hall carillon upon the accession of King Edward VIII, has been reinstated. The carillon operates on two drums and plays one tune at 9 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. each day.

Mr. Ranald Clouston, whose engagement is announced this week, has just returned from Greece and Turkey, visiting Ephesus, Troy, Santa Sophia (Istanbul) and Athens. At Venice he saw the five bells in St. Mark's (tenor c. 1480), but the other bells are modern; they are rung electrically.

Brian Hill (14), who had his first lesson 14 months ago, and is the grandson of Mr. A. P. Knights, of Sheffield, rang his first peal—Kent Treble Bob Major—on May 23rd at Ecclesfield. The composition was the same as Mr. A. P. Knights' father conducted for his first peal 39 years ago. A social evening followed. There were congratulations to Brian and also birthday greetings to Mr. T. W. Senior and Mr. A. P. Knights. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. Udal, of Chelsea.

After a period of two years of 'chiming only,' a young band is being trained for service ringing at Whitchurch, Salop.

Included in the ringing for Mayoring Day at Rye were rounds by an 'all-ladies' band from Rye Grammar School.

Overheard in the hotel lounge at Southport after the Central Council meeting: 'If the bell-ringers can ring as well as they can talk they must be good.'

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Sunday, June 14th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, from Margate Parish Church. The service will be conducted by the Curate (Rev. Howard Whyntie) and the preacher will be the Vicar (Canon S. A. Odom).

In connection with the peal at Grimsby, two 21st birthdays of members of the local band were honoured—Mr. D. J. Kennington's and Mrs. F. Kennington's. The company were pleased to note that Mr. George Dobbs had come out of retirement.

The Rev. Alan Butler, S.S.M., after two years in Bloemfontein, is returning to England. He joined Cape Town ringers for a practice on May 19th. Alan's ability to ring Kent after such a long time out of the belfry was unimpaired.

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PEAL LEVY NARROWLY DEFEATED — GUILDS AND ASSOCIATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CIRCULATION DRIVE — PER CAPITA LEVY ON ALL RINGERS HEAVILY DEFEATED

(Continued from page 352)

The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

Your Committee are pleased to be able once more to report that *your* publication has again been able to pay its way, but *only* through the generosity of a small proportion of the large number of ringers.

The report of the Committee for 1956 drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the circulation for 1955 was 5,400, and although a resolution was adopted pledging further efforts to obtain more subscribers, the figure shows little improvement.

As compared with 1939, the cost of a morning newspaper has increased from one penny to 2½d. (150%), and circulation has not declined but improved. 'The Ringing World' now costs sixpence against threepence (100%), but 600 readers ceased taking the paper after the last change of price from 4d. to 6d., and whilst circulation has not fallen further, these readers have not resumed nor have they been replaced.

Your Committee has never relaxed its efforts to attract new subscribers, subject always to the available income.

Costs are kept to an absolute minimum, and it is doubtful if any other weekly publication is produced at less than 'The Ringing World.' Few, if any, quarter peals are submitted without a voluntary donation, but it is significant that peal ringers still lag a long way behind.

Some years ago each Association was invited to appoint one or more persons who would undertake the gathering and submission of news of local interest and further the sales of the paper. No reporters are employed and the Editor depends on every ringer for his copy. Several Association representatives are still doing excellent work in keeping 'The Ringing World' before members, but there are some areas of the country from which little or no news is ever received.

The Editor can make and has made available copies of the paper on sale or return for special Association occasions, and your Committee draw your attention to this facility.

It is only by the diligent and enthusiastic work of all ringers that the circulation and size of 'The Ringing World' can be increased, and we urgently appeal for the generous support and co-operation of all members of the Council and ask that they continue to keep before their Association the advantages of subscribing to the paper.

Your Committee again thank the Editor (Mr. T. W. White) and his staff for their work throughout the year, Mr. J. L. Jeater for looking after the accounts, Mr. Roper for compiling the index, Mr. C. K. Lewis for vetting and guidance in the matter of compositions, Mr. E. A. Barnett for close attention and help over many queries, and all who have in any way contributed to 'The Ringing World' either by literary or monetary contributions.

HIGHER PRODUCTION COSTS

Presenting the report, Mr. F. W. Smallwood said he regretted to tell them that there was trouble in the offing. The printers were seeking a shorter week and a substantial increase in wages. If what they were applying for was granted, they could look forward to an increase in the production costs of the paper of 25 per cent. They did not know how they were going to meet the situation. If they had a circulation in the region of 10,000, which 'The Ringing World' ought to have, they would be quite happy.

Members of the Council would recall that they passed a resolution pledging support of the Committee. If they were satisfied that saturation point had been reached and it was hopeless to expect any increase above 5,400, one thing was inevitable—the cost of the paper would go up. He urged the Council to get down to business and get more people interested in the paper and secure more readers. One way was for every Association to encourage what they had advocated for some years, to appoint representatives to act as liaison officers with 'The Ringing World,' create interest in sales and send news to the paper.

Reference had been made to the enterprise and benefits of taking the paper as postal subscribers. It was from postal subscribers that they made more profit. They would have noticed that the number of postal subscribers went down last year and he hoped that figure would be substantially altered by this time next year. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher seconded.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he wondered if the Council really knew how 'The Ringing World' was produced. He remembered how the late Mr. Goldsmith talked to a friend and told him he was thinking about providing a paper for ringers. His friend told him that if he started a ringer paper he was bound to lose money. 'The Bell News' was supported by certain rich people. His friend told Mr. Goldsmith: 'If you start the paper it must be purely and simply as a hobby. It was run as a hobby, and 'The Ringing World' was still being run as a hobby. Take the Committee—they did their work for nothing. Mr. Jeater, who sent out the receipts, did it practically for nothing, and Mr. White would not do the work he did if he was not doing it for a hobby. If people paid for 'The Ringing World' what it really cost its circulation would go down. The only thing they could hope for was that Mr. White would have good health for many years to come and the Committee continue to do their work for nothing, because if they attempted to put 'The Ringing World' on a business footing they would have trouble. It was only by getting people to work for nothing that it would go on.

PEALS AT 2s. A ROPE

Mr. C. W. Pipe said in his opinion the financial position could be easily put right. Guilds and Associations had had financial difficulties, and these had been partially met by levies. He thought they had all enjoyed too much for practically nothing. He advocated that they pay a recording fee of 6d. per rope in each peal submitted—not 6d. per head, as they had people ringing two bells these days. Many of them paid 6d. per rope to the Association, and that should be continued. Then they should also pay 1s. per rope to the Church. In others in each peal pay 2s.: sixpence per rope to the Association, another 6d. to 'The Ringing World' and one shilling to the local church.

Mr. A. D. Barker thought 'The Ringing World' Committee were making a rod for their own backs by selling the second copy at less than the advertised price.

Mr. F. E. Haynes considered it was unnecessary for multi-method peals of Doubles to occupy such a large space.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said they would be very happy if peal ringers would follow Mr. Pipe's suggestion and would follow the example of quarter peal ringers, who made a very substantial contribution. Some years ago it was suggested a definite levy on the publication of peals, which comprised a fair proportion of each issue. It was then stated it was never known for a newspaper to pay for news. If peals were news quarter peals were equally news. They would very much welcome contributions from the ringers of peals rather than having to consider seriously making a charge for the publication of peals.

With reference to Mr. Haynes' suggestion about dealing with peals of Doubles that took half a column to accommodate them, Mr. Anderson said the Committee would like some guidance from the Council as to whether they should insert a peal of Doubles in so many methods and leave it at that. If it conflicted with the Analysis Committee the conductor could send them full details.

Mr. John Freeman strongly opposed the suggestion of not printing the details. He was not interested in Spliced Doubles or Minor but he would certainly disparage any suggestion that Spliced Major should be so treated. He wanted to know the methods rung.

Mr. H. Miles said in 1953 or 1954 he proposed that with all peals there should be a definite publication fee. He said if ringers were prepared to pay for the publication of their peals in their local reports they should be prepared to pay for insertion in 'The Ringing World,' which had a very much wider circulation. He strongly supported Mr. Pipe's suggestion.

Mr. Miles asked 'The Ringing World' Committee how the paper could interest ringers in the Truro Diocese where 95 per cent. of the ringers did not ring changes.

MORE GENERAL NEWS WANTED

Mr. Philip Gray emphasised the importance of circulation. The fact was that there were not 10,000 people interested in peals and quarter peals. Unless they had more news to interest non-peal ringers they would not increase circulation.

Mr. G. S. Joyce asked if a charge was made for peal reports how far would it go towards meeting the additional costs.

Mr. Peter Border thought the sum would be about £400.

Mr. Norman Chaddock thought one of the difficulties about postal subscribers was that people had to buy postal orders. Would it be possible for one person to collect 20 or 30 subscriptions each year and send them in?

Dr. D. Layton maintained that peals were news and that multi-method peals were also news.

Mr. D. Burnett said 'The Ringing World' always published the articles he submitted about the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Harry Sanger thought the answer was for the Council to vote sufficient funds to expand 'The Ringing World' so that it could publish all the news.

Mr. J. H. Crampion criticised a whole page being used to duplicate what appeared in the peal columns.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the danger of putting a levy on peals would be that some would disappear and their records would be destroyed. In regard to Doubles peals, some years ago the Council made a very great drive to encourage

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Doubles and Minor ringers to ring more methods. Now they were condemning them for doing it. The logical result would be knocking out the names of methods; the next would be the omission of the names of the ringers, and after that one line in 'The Ringing World' would be sufficient for recording the peal. If any levy was made it should be made per capita on the Associations.

COPIES PASSED ROUND

Mr. Bernard Ashford commented that they would only deceive themselves if they thought the ringers were prepared to pay for something. 'The Ringing World' got into far more hands than the 5,500 who subscribed. In the north of Worcestershire they had an instruction tower and the practices were on a Friday. After the practice it was quite a common thing to see someone bring out a 'Ringing World,' and that particular paper would be read by about half-a-dozen people.

Mr. A. P. Cannon: As one who rings a few peals I am against a peal levy; I regard it as a tax on progress. If they wanted more money they should make the cost of the paper 1s. or 1s. 6d. I can't understand why nobody has suggested that.

Mr. A. J. Martin replied to Mr. Cannon that the only concrete suggestion was a levy on peals.

Mr. Joyce: What is the use of the paper if it is full up with peals? Peals will not increase circulation.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow said it seemed to him that the Council was not being positive enough. 'The Ringing World' was the responsibility of the Council and not the Committee. There was an implication that 'The Ringing World' Committee was not doing enough. They had got to take action and solve the problem, and it was the Associations that had to move and get things going. He proposed that the Council approach the Guilds and Associations, pointing out that 'The Ringing World' was of considerable concern to the Council, and asked them to take steps in every District to promote the sales of 'The Ringing World,' and to submit other suggestions to help the finances.

Mr. Pipe asked if a levy could be considered by the Associations.

Mr. Pitstow said it could come up.

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded Mr. Pitstow's amendment.

The Rev. John Scott felt many Associations would support a 6d. peal levy.

Mr. Pipe then moved and the Rev. John Scott seconded a further amendment approving of a 6d.-a-rope levy.

LEVY ON GUILDS SUGGESTED

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded another amendment that a levy of 6d. a head be imposed on the Guilds and Associations. With 40,000 ringers in the country, said Mr. Felstead, that would produce £1,000.

This was strongly criticised. 'It would be a big mistake,' declared Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said in Ireland ringers were not interested in 'The Ringing World' although a few took the journal. If they put a levy on peals they would not send them to 'The Ringing World' but to the Peals Analysis Committee. If the Council imposed a levy of 6d. a member, some Associations would withdraw from the Council.

Mr. W. Ayre: On behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee I would say we only deal with peals published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher: I think some small Associations have difficulties in making ends meet. If you impose a 6d. levy they will turn round and say: 'Why, your "Ringing World" balance sheet shows net assets £4,522.'

The amendments were then put.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's of 6d. per capita levy had only 11 supporters and was heavily defeated.

Mr. C. W. Pipe's of a 6d. per rope levy for peals published was defeated by 68 votes to 51.

Mr. Pitstow's amendment, asking the Guilds and Associations to take action to promote sales, was carried without dissent. The report was then adopted.

PEAL BOARDS

Mr. J. W. Clarke (convener) said last year he reported that no record of an ancient peal board had been received for two years. The previous evening he received the record and photographs of two boards. They were February 28th, 1729 (Kettering), and March 10th, 1736 (Sibsey, Lincs).

The Standing Committee recommended that the terms of reference of the activities of the Committee be increased to 1881, which marked the beginning of 'Bell News.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said in the 1870 publication of 'Church Bells' there appeared week by week copies of peal boards. Did the Committee know of these?

Mr. Clarke replied in the negative. He appealed for the co-operation of all ringers in regard to the extension of time.

The report was adopted, with the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

FINANCES OF COUNCIL AND 'RINGING WORLD'

THE ACCOUNTS

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Central Council's Balance Sheet.—Sundry creditors £75 16s. 8d. (in 1957 £121), Payments in advance £1,040 0s. 6d. (£877), Clement Glenn Fund £784 12s. 2d. (£763), Provision for Income Tax £40 3s. 3d. (£18), Capital Accounts—'The Ringing World' £4,522 4s. 7d., General Fund £568 15s. 5d.: total £5,091 (£4,648). Total £7,031 12s. 7d. (£6,427).

Goodwill and blocks 'The Ringing World' £200 (£200), Library £10 (£10), Office and Library Equipment £33 6s. 5d. (£39), Stock of Publications £350 15s. 3d. (£331). Investments at cost £4,362 18s. 4d. (£3,363), Cash at bank and in hand £1,493 14s. 5d. (£1,681). Total £7,031 12s. 7d.

Publications Account.—Stock January 1st, 1958, £331 2s. 2d. (£278 10s.), Purchases 'Change Ringing on Handbells' £63 7s., 1,000 Switch Warning cards £3 15s., postages £9 15s. 10d., stationery and sundries £1 9s. 7d., trade discounts £2 5s. 7d., advertisement 'The Ringing World' £20, Balance to General Fund £13 5s. Total £445 0s. 2d.

Sale of publications £93 17s. 11d. (£123), sundry sales 7s. (£1), stock at December 31st, 1958, £350 15s 3d. (£331). Total £445 0s. 2d.

General Fund Income and Expenditure Account.—To expenses, Biographies Committee £4 18s. 5d., Sunday Service Committee £18 17s. 8d., hon. secretary £10, stationery and printing £15 3s. 2d., postage £10 7s. 5d. telephone £2 5s. 1d., office and library equipment written off £6, insurances £1 16s., move of library £3 10s., wreath £2 2s., Mrs. J. G. Steeples £5 5s., typing £2 2s., cheque book 8s. 4d., sundry expenses £1 0s. 7d., excess of income over expenditure £5 19s. 4d. Total £89 15s.

By affiliation fees £76 10s., balance Publications Account £13 5s. Total £89 15s.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Balance Sheet.—Sundry creditors £73 19s. 7d. (£120), received in advance postal subscribers and notices £1,040 0s. 6d. (£876), provision for Income Tax £40 3s. 3d. (£1), Capital Account £4,522 4s. 7d. (£4,086). Total £5,676 7s. 11d. (£5,083).

Goodwill, blocks, etc., £200 (£200), debtors £579 17s. 2d. (£822), investments at cost £3,600 (£2,600), cash £1,260 17s. 3d. (£1,412), amount due from Central Council £35 13s. 6d. (£49). Total £5,676 7s. 11d.

Profit and Loss Account.—To Woodbridge Press, Ltd., printing and blocks £4,018 13s. 6d. (£3,379), editorial office expenses £603 4s. 11d. (£595), postal subscribers £1,090 16s. 2d. (£1,089.) Accounts Department £201 18s. 10d. (£212), miscellaneous expenses £23 1s. 9d. (£15), audit and accountancy fees £36 15s. (£37), Income Tax £46 2s. 3d. (£31), profit for year carried to balance sheet £436 19s. 10d. (£492). Total £6,457 12s. 3d. (£6,450).

By Rolls Publishing Co. £2,295 11s. 4d. (£2,258), postal subscribers £2,762 10s. 6d. (£2,846), donations £275 10s. 6d. (£281), advertisements £434 18s. 9d. (£417), notices £537 12s. 5d. (£556), sundry receipts £44 19s. 2d. (£27), interest received £106 9s. 7d. (£65). Total £6,457 12s. 3d. (£6,450).

The hon. secretary stated that 'The Ringing World' Account had been audited, but he regretted that owing to the illness of Mr. A. A. Hughes, the audit of the General Account had not been completed and that was subject to audit.

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' were very much the same as last year. Expenses had gone up by £700 largely due to the extra number of 20-page issues. On the income side there had been a slight drop from postal subscribers—a regrettable trend which he hoped would be reversed next year. Their policy of investing funds in Defence Bonds had provided a profit of £106.

His only comment on the balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' was that they did make a further investment of £1,000 in five per cent. Defence Bonds. Their profit was a matter of £436, which took into account £275 received in donations and £60 interest. It meant that only about £100 was surplus on the year's working. He moved the adoption of the accounts subject to audit of the General Fund.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded.—Agreed.

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GOOD AND BAD PUBLICITY OF RINGING

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd (convener) and Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated:—

The year 1958 showed no lack of news items and reports concerning bell-ringing, and two notable events attracted the attention of newspapers to a more than ordinary degree.

The greatest publicity given to ringing in England was associated with the two attempts to ring the extent of Bob Major at Loughborough. An examination of press cuttings relating to the first of these attempts forces us to the conclusion that much of the notoriety attaching to the occasion was undesirable. The more responsible papers, and these included the Loughborough press, were guarded in their reports of this somewhat extraordinary affair, but the less delicate organs of the news world treated the matter with facetiousness and a certain vulgarity. The lesson of this was not lost on the ringers, and the second attempt and its unfortunate failure were treated with fitting restraint in all papers.

IRELAND'S GOOD TREATMENT

This year the Irish papers were greatly influenced by the Central Council meeting in Dublin and the carillon festival at Cobh, Co. Cork, both events occurring in the same week. The general secretary of the Irish Association, at the request of the Bord Failte Eireann, produced a beautifully-illustrated article on Irish Church Bells, and on May 4th the 'Irish Independent,' in a half-page article, covered the arrival of the Council members. Reporters were clearly intrigued by the presence of the lady ringers, and one of the most delightful snapshots of the year showed Miss Greaves, Miss Yeo, Mrs. Olive Barnett, Miss Beamish and Mrs. Rogers as a very cheerful quintet.

The Cork papers fully covered the carillon festival. The Irish national papers were also interested, and the 'Irish Times' published a photograph of the brother of Dr. Staf Gebreurs playing on the carillon with Mr. Paul Taylor standing by. 'The Cork Diocesan Year Book' published a well-constructed article by A. F. Bogan, entitled 'Come at my Call,' the Armagh ringers and their 18th Century Society were noted in 'Armagh Guardian,' and the 'Evening Press' gave further information concerning Byrne's Foundry in Dublin.

In general, the Press throughout the whole of Ireland focused a great deal of attention on the Council's activities, including the tours in Northern and Southern Ireland. There seems little doubt as to the impact of this publicity for we are informed that there have already been inquiries from some quarters about the possibility of procuring change-ringing bells for a number of Irish churches.

Other news items and photographs have been numerous in 1958. Early in the year the Rotherham ringers were pictured ringing carols on handbells, and among other photographs were the Roving Ringers in East Anglia, the rededication of the bells of Bristol Cathedral, the annual meeting of the Kent County Association and the Railwaymen's Guild celebrating the 70th birthday of Mr. Frank Stenson. In the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette' the retirement into private life of Ald. A. Paddon Smith received considerable notice, and the accompanying photograph was excellent. The death of Mr. John Thomas was given prominence in the Birmingham and Worcestershire papers. A considerable stir was caused when the 'Leicester Evening Mail' announced the 'decease' of Mr. Ernest Morris, and those who know our genial historian will appreciate the glee with which he was able to point out that the report of his demise was greatly exaggerated!

CONTROVERSIES

Two topics of a controversial nature are worth recording for the light they shed on the attitude of both Press and public to ringing affairs.

The first concerns an attack on the practice ringing at Knowle, Warwickshire, launched in the 'Solihull News' during December. The subsequent correspondence was overwhelmingly in favour of the bells and the ringers, and provided once again proof of public support for ringing wherever the ringing is conducted with moderation and restraint.

The second gives another warning of an even more insidious form of attack on the traditional art of bell-ringing. In November considerable publicity was given to the installation in the parishes of Ashley and Bagnall, Staffordshire, of electrical bell-ringing apparatus, and newspapers quoted the Chancellor of the Lichfield Diocese who much regretted the innovation. The Rector of Ashley's attempt to justify the installation on the grounds, first, that he had no ringers, and second, that bell-ringing was a dying art, was replied to in the 'Birmingham Post' by the secretary of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and by the convener of this Committee. In addition, Mr. E. H. Edge, in a careful letter to the 'Sentinel,' gave statistical proof of the flourishing state of ringing in the North Staffordshire area. There has been no reply to these arguments.

This is the second manifestation this year of the strange 'dying art' illusion. In an interview with the 'Evening News' in January last, Mr. George Chappell, aged 93, regretted the passing of ringers and ringing activities as he had known them in Hampshire, and the nostalgia accompanying the reminiscences was in all probability construed into pessimism by the reporter. The general tone of this interview is in sharp contrast to the vigorous optimism of another veteran, Mr. Hauley, of Whitnash, also 93, who sees a bright future for ringing, and is still interested in the teaching of beginners in the art.

A thoughtful and authoritative reply to Mr. Chappell's views was offered in the 'Evening News' of January 22nd by the founder of the College of Campanology. Mr. York-Bramble summarised the difficulties attending the recruiting of beginners in certain areas, but made it clear that this was no symptom of a decline in the art of ringing. The letter emphasised the importance of planned training.

Apart from the essays from Ireland, the full-scale articles to reach us this year have been less in number. A carefully-constructed survey of the history of Rotherham Parish Church Bells, by Norman Chaddock, appeared in the 'Phœnix Gazette' for November, and the article was illustrated with photographs of the bells and the ringers. An appreciation of change-ringing, by Philip A. Stables, appeared in the 'Weekly Scotsman.' On the other side of the Atlantic the 'New York Times' drew attention to the growth of handbell ringing in the States, and from Kent, U.S.A., came an account of the Kent Bell Ringers' Guild and of progress in change-ringing on handbells. 'Overtones' continues to record maintained interest in handbell ringing, and this year makes significant mention of handbells rung 'within the framework of the conventional order of morning worship.'

The following ringing publications have come our way during 1958:—

- Bell Handling and Control, The College of Campanology.
- Campanalogia, F. T. Blagrove.
- False Course Heads, Segar.
- The Cambridge University Guild History, Vol. II, 1929–1954, C. M. P. Johnson.
- Ringing a Bell, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.
- Handbook of Grandsire Caters, Edgar C. Shepherd.
- Bellringers' Diary, W. Viggers and M. Hodgson.
- Irish Bell News, edited by F. E. Dukes.
- The Ringers' Magazine, edited by William Butler.
- The Belfry, Maidstone District of Kent.
- The Ringing Towers, New South Wales Association.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Shepherd asked members not to hesitate to send anything that reflected on ringing.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

THE BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK

The report, signed by Miss M. R. Cross and other members, stated:—

As members of the Council are well aware, the work of this Committee is now completed with the publication of 'The Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change Ringing.' We therefore ask the Council to disband the Committee.

Before we close this report we wish to express our gratitude to all those members of the Council and others who helped us in the production of the book; especially to the President, Mr. F. Sharpe, for providing the photographs, the secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, for much help and advice, Mr. A. A. Hughes for the loan of blocks, and to Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' for help in the actual production.

Miss Cross moved and Mr. W. G. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report.

The secretary said: The Standing Committee recommended that instead of disbanding the committee remain in being to revise in the light of any comment.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said 3,250 of the stock had gone in two months but they had not gone into the hands of 2,500 beginners by a long way. They must not revise until those people who purchased had got rid of their stock. The sale of 3,250 was phenomenal, and he was as pleased as the rest, but it would not continue at that rate for long. It might be that the remainder might last for six months. He did not think they ought to revise this year or next year. If they had a reprint they did not want a committee. They might wish to get second thoughts. The Council had too many moribund committees.

The report was adopted and the disbanding of the committee was agreed to.

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1958 A GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Ayre, as convener, presented the report, which stated:—

In submitting their report for 1958, the Committee have pleasure again in reporting an increase on the previous year, though the number rung on handbells has again decreased. The grand total of peals accepted is 2,512 (2,488) with 2,372 on tower bells (2,336) and 140 (152) on handbells.

The analysis breaks down as follows:—

	Tower	Hand
Maximus	24 (30)	1 —
Cinques	31 (21)	1 (3)
Royal	133 (99)	6 (14)
Caters	81 (83)	5 (8)
Major	894 (884)	32 (59)
Triples	218 (251)	11 (9)
Minor	689 (732)	40 (38)
Doubles	302 (236)	44 (21)
	2,372	140

No one has dislodged the Leicester Guild from the premier position, for they are once again head of the list with 181 peals. After that we have a general shuffle round—the Oxford Guild moving from 5th to 2nd place with 137; the Yorkshire Association has jumped into 3rd place, having scored 132. (Was it the Bath and Wells tour which did it?)

The first six places are as follows:—

Leicester G.	181
Oxford G.	137
Yorkshire A.	132
Lancashire A.	129
Norwich	114
Kent County	110

Several Associations only just managed to produce a peal.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

12,600 Doubles by the Oxford Guild, also multi-method peals of Minor and Doubles by the same Guild and the Derbyshire Association.

Scientific Triples by the Middlesex Association.

There has been a greater variety of methods in Royal and Caters—20 of Royal and 5 of Caters, against 9 and 2 respectively in 1957.

We automatically remove from the Analysis any 'peal' which is later proved FALSE, irrespective of personal opinions expressed in print or otherwise.

'Peals' which have not been included in the Analysis are:—

(*a*) Double Grandsire Doubles—in whole pulls—by the Llandaff and Monmouth.

(*b*) 'Freak' handbell peal?—by the Cambridge University Guild—counted as one peal, not two.

(*c*) Minor in nine methods—Yorkshire Association—not acceptable, as ringer of 2nd was changed half-way.

(*d*) Saturn T.B. Doubles—non-Association—not acceptable.

There appears to be some difficulty regarding the correct publication of peals of Doubles, especially the multi-method ones (what an immense space some of them occupy—can we condense them?). The Committee simply count the names and call them methods, but we would call the attention of the ringers of such peals to the fact that really they are sometimes only variations, and suggest that they call them such (e.g.: say, seven six-scores Plain Bob/April Day, Old ——/variations).

Again recording our thanks to Mr. H. L. Roper for his valuable assistance.

Moving the adoption, Mr. Ayre said the peals of Major would have to be increased by one, as a peal rung on December 31st was not published until April. For the same reason peals of Minor would be increased by one. The handbell peals of Major would be decreased by one, because a freak handbell peal had been withdrawn. He apologised for excluding the peal of Double Grandsire Doubles. He was under the impression that it was rung in whole pull. It was not. He would like guidance on the peal rung at Histon, where the clappers were tied and the sound came from electrically-operated handbells. He would also like to add the name of Mr. H. L. Roper to the Committee.

Mr. H. Miles seconded.

The hon. secretary: The Standing Committee recommend the adoption of the report with the addition of Mr. Roper to the Committee. With regard to the peal of Double Grandsire Doubles, the reference to it be deleted. The Committee recommend that the peal at Histon be not accepted as it contravened the rules, viz.: 'That every bell must sound during the peal at every change.'

Mr. A. P. Cannon considered that the peal of Scientific Triples did not get the recognition it deserved.

A member questioned the ruling of the Committee regarding the peal at Histon. He would vote against it.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Has the Committee included a certain peal of Plain Bob Major which was rung at Egham? There has been some correspondence about it.

Mr. W. Ayre: That is included.

Mr. Brian Threlfall said the Cambridge University handbell peal had been deleted from the Guild records.

Mr. Ayre: It is not included. It counts as one.

Mr. Barker pressed for the deletion of the Egham peal and asked Mr. Ayre if he was satisfied.

Mr. Ayre: Personally I am not satisfied, but the peal has not been withdrawn by the conductor.

Mr. F. I. Hairs said a conductor had not withdrawn a false peal of Surprise. Was that counted?

Mr. Ayre: The Surprise peal is out.

Mr. Peter Border urged that the peal at Histon be included. The bells heard outside the church would be a nuisance. His amendment was defeated.

The report, with the recommendation of the Standing Committee, was then adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report by the Committee (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener) stated:—

We regret that we have to inform the Council that our high hopes of quickly completing the Minor methods book did not materialise. The main 'stone of stumbling' has been in the completely new section on Spliced extents which, members will appreciate, is not an easy subject either to explain or write about so that it can be readily understood. We are grateful for the help of several ringers in response to our request in 'The Ringing World' for names of Alliance methods. These have proved most helpful in naming many of them and correcting others.

We have considered a request to include 'irregular' Minor methods in the book but, unless the Council instructs us otherwise, we have decided not to do so.

We have nothing further to report about the Triples methods book.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead moved and Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said he had quite a number of applications for this Minor book. Most people were hoping that the old book would be reprinted. He had also had requests for a Surprise Major book.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said it would be very easy to have the Minor book reprinted and it would serve 75 per cent. of the ringers. When a book was being revised it did seem a pity not to make it as comprehensive as possible.

Mr. J. P. Fidler urged that a paragraph should be incorporated dealing with Spliced Surprise Minor. All that was required was the names of methods that would splice lead for lead.

Mr. G. E. Feirn supported the Committee that there was a demand not only for simple but other methods.

Mr. C. K. Lewis remarked that he was the culprit. Mr. Fidler had said he just wanted lead for lead of Spliced Surprise. He wanted to go further, and wanted to put in certain Doubles and Spliced methods. He hoped to deal with it by the end of the summer holidays. Spliced Minor was growing and was not the prerogative of Cheshire and Lincolnshire.

Mr. W. F. Moreton asked if irregular methods would be included. Their inclusion would make the book comprehensive.

Mr. Felstead: It would delay the book.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: It would extend publication another 12 months. Except for a small area, there was not a demand for irregular methods.

The report was adopted.

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

NEW METHODS

Jan. 23	5,024	Hornsey S. Maj., Middlesex.
Feb. 10	5,024	Overseale S. Maj., Midland Counties.
13	5,120	Highgate S. Maj., Middlesex.
15	5,024	Wessex S. Maj., Oxford Dio.
20	5,088	Chiswick S. Maj., Middlesex.
Mar. 6	5,056	Hampshire S. Maj., Middlesex.
20	5,024	Monmouth S. Maj., Middlesex.
April 7	5,040	Macclesfield C. Bob Royal, Chester Dio.
10	5,184	Northwood S. Maj., Middlesex.
12	5,056	Kibworth S. Maj., Leicester.
23	5,120	Mancroft S. Maj., Norwich.
24	5,088	Ilkeston S. Maj., Derbyshire.
May 14	5,184	Coslany C. Maj., Norwich.
June 12	5,024	Wiltshire S. Maj., Middlesex.
26	5,152	Clacton S. Maj., Middlesex.
July 3	5,088	Xenia S. Maj., Derbyshire.
5	5,040	Scientific Triples, Middlesex.
30	5,184	Upton Imperial C. Maj., Norwich.
Aug. 15	5,088	Gloucestershire S. Maj., Oxford.
Sept. 20	5,024	Elveden S. Maj., Suffolk.
24	5,184	Debenham C. Maj., Norwich.
Oct. 7	5,184	Wealdstone Little S. Maj., Middlesex.
9	5,056	Kerry S. Maj., Derbyshire.
30	5,056	Fife S. Maj., Derbyshire.
30	5,088	Chelsea S. Maj., Middlesex.
Nov. 13	5,008	Goldhanger Coll. Bob Maj., Essex.
13	5,024	Ickenham S. Maj., Middlesex.
13	5,056	Nanpantan S. Maj., Derbyshire.
17	5,120	Southleigh S. Maj., Oxford Diocesan.
19	5,008	Childwall Coll. Bob Maj., Leicester.
27	5,376	Victoria S. Maj., Derbyshire.
27	5,120	Kilburn S. Maj., Middlesex.
Dec. 3	5,184	Taunton C. Bob Maj., Norwich.
8	5,040	Uplyme S. Royal, Leicester.
10	5,024	Earlham Coll. Bob Maj., Norwich.
27	5,152	Welwyn S. Maj., Hertford County.

The report was moved by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall and adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

Of the total of those who, in the years of this Council's existence have been elected members, some 360, or 50 per cent., are now known to be deceased. Of this number, 280 have their records completed to the Council's requirements except where, in a few cases, we have reluctantly given up hope of obtaining a photograph. Among these latter are names of men very well known to a former generation, such as B. T. Copley, R. A. Daniell, J. C. Daubuz, John Aspinwall, Alfred Palmer, Rev. C. C. Parker, Harvey Reeves, W. H. Thompson and F. W. Quantok-Shuldham.

Added to these we have 32 deceased past members (with records otherwise complete) whose photographs are known—or believed—to exist, but which we have not yet succeeded in collecting. In this group are pioneer characters also well known to a rapidly-passing generation—the late F. E. Dawe, the Rev. H. C. Courtney, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, the Rev. N. E. Hope, George Longden, William Walmsley, etc.

We have also a small group, 16 in number, who are known to be deceased but who are otherwise unknown to us. Some of this group were members of the 1891 Council, and it includes such names as the late Rev. T. S. Curteis, C. E. Malim, J. Griffen, Rev. C. Barton, J. G. Buchanan, Freeman Ball and R. B. Blanchard. The last named in his time represented the Surrey Association, of which he was also the hon. secretary.

The remainder of about 100 persons (both past and present members) of whom we have no knowledge, excepting their names, creates a feeling of frustration in the minds of your Committee. Many of these were elected for short periods many years before our Committee was first set up, so probably long deceased before the end of the 1939 war, when our research was begun. Many happily are still with us; a few perhaps here, today, with our report in their hands.

The Biographies Committee again wish to offer thanks to many friends both in the Council and outside it who have cheerfully replied to their enquiries, which they know can usually only be answered by tedious and often unrewarding research. Without this ready co-operation the measure of success which has attended the efforts of the Committee could not be achieved.

The report was moved by Mr. Hazelden and seconded by Mr. W. Viggers, who said a second cover for the Biographies was needed which would cost about £15. He paid tribute to the work of Mr. John Willis, who had written up 75 biographies.

The report was adopted and the expenditure of £15 on a cover approved.

THE PEAL COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. E. Critchley (convener) reported:—

No communication has been received from Mr. C. W. Roberts, who was entrusted by the previous committee with the task of collecting the information for the projected collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques. The Committee is, therefore, unable to report any progress.

Mr. Critchley moved the adoption and said it was a negative report.

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted; that Mr. Critchley be instructed to proceed with the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques; that the secretary write to Mr. C. W. Roberts and ask him to forward any peals of this collection to Mr. Critchley. Agreed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The report was presented by Mr. E. H. Lewis and stated: During 1958 the members of the Committee advised on bell restoration in 52 towers—a slight decrease on last year's number. The 52 towers were situated in 18 different counties.

Mr. J. W. Clarke dealt with 10 in Cheshire; Mr. F. E. Collins 7 in Hampshire, Kent and Surrey; Mr. J. Freeman 3 in Lincolnshire; Mr. E. H. Lewis 3 in Northants, Oxon and Scotland; Mr. W. Osborn 6 in the West Country; the Rev. J. G. M. Scott 1 in Devonshire; Mr. F. Sharpe 22 in Oxon, Northants, Bucks, Breconshire, Cardiganshire, Herts, Lancs, Norfolk and Staffs.

In 8 instances advice was given on recasting, 32 on rehanging, 20 on repairs, 2 on tower oscillation, 3 on sound control. In about 50 per cent. of the towers work had already been either put in hand or the order for the work placed.

As instructed at Dublin, the convener met the Dean of Gloucester, president of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. The meeting was most satisfactory, and a further meeting between the Dean, the bell-founders and the convener was arranged; but so far it has not been possible for them to meet. Meanwhile the secretary of the C.C.C.C. has suggested increasing the size of the proposed number to attend this meeting to inolude two more C.C.C.C. members and two more nominated by the Council. The members of the Towers and Belfries Committee would prefer the Dean's original proposal to stand, in view of the difficulties of arranging a suitable date and time and the long distances the members would have to travel—but should the occasion demand they seek authority to send two of their members as delegates.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded the adoption of the report.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the incumbent of a Hampshire parish expressing appreciation of the services of Mr. Collins.

The President said they would like Mr. Lewis to be the other representative at the meeting with the C.C.C.C. There was a proviso in the rules that expenses be paid for travelling.

The report was adopted.

ALTERATION TO RULES

Notice was given of an alteration to Rule II that reports of committees must be in the secretary's hands by March 31st. Previously it was 28 days before the meeting.

The hon. secretary moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Mr. W. Ayres: Will those who ring peals on December 31st please send them to 'The Ringing World' as soon as possible after that date.

The alteration was agreed to.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that two invitations had been received for the 1960 Council meeting—from the North Staffordshire Association at Stoke-on-Trent and from the Kent County Association.

Dr. Hatcher, in extending the invitation to Kent, said Whitsun, 1960, would be the 80th birthday of the foundation of the Kent County Association.

Mr. R. S. Anderson reminded the Council that they had never visited the North Staffordshire Association.

The voting was 75 for Kent and 49 for North Staffordshire.

THE MOTIONS

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

The first motion considered was that of Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis:—

'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

Mr. A. J. Pitman said he had put forward this 240 of Doubles Grandsire in the hope of encouraging young ringers to break away from ringing Grandsire Doubles. There was not a great deal of difference. He was afraid Double Grandsire had not been taken up because to get 120 they had to do bobs and singles with the treble behind. He had worked out 240 Double Grandsire so that they would not have to be troubled with the call of the treble behind. He hoped ringers would find it interesting and a break away from Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If you look at the conditions of peals of Doubles in 3 (*a*) we have 12 scores known as Morris' and Pitman's. I submit it is superfluous as we are bound by a previous decision.

This opinion was accepted by the Council, and Mr. Pitman was thanked by the President for bringing his motion forward.

AUDIBLE BELLS ESSENTIAL

The second motion, on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Guild, read:—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

Mr. J. W. Clarke said the motion was framed at the annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild after the abortive attempt to ring the extent on eight bells. He assured the Council that there was no suggestion of sour grapes behind it. The Cheshire ringers had some knowledge and reputation for ringing long lengths, but never had it been felt that nobody else should attempt it.

Ringing began in the 17th century, and in the 18th century it was the sport of gentry—they went cock fighting one night and ringing the next. They had it recorded in a Chester tower that the gentry rang for practice but never for service. Ringing was entirely divorced from the services of the Church.

In the next century, when more ordinary people took to ringing, the tower was considered to be apart from the Church. Ringers were in no way connected with the Church or thought of as officers of the Church. It was not until the end of the last century, by the formation of diocesan guilds and associations, that a change was made. It proceeded very slowly, and one of the objects was the recognition of ringers as officers of the Church. For three-quarters of a century Guilds and Associations had been fighting for that recognition to make belfries a part of the Church, and today the ringer was universally accepted as an officer of the Church.

If a ringer rang in a tower which was not consecrated, surely in the minds of everybody he was still a church bell-ringer. They could not separate the Church and ringing. Therefore they accepted the standard of behaviour now observed to be followed wherever the ringer might be.

They might have noticed in the report of the Literature and Press Committee that much of the notoriety was undesirable. They had tried to persuade the B.B.C. that ringing was some-

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thing serious and something of an art. The occasion to which he referred, the B.B.C. showed them as Church bell-ringers; this was how they behaved! Could they accept people as Church officers if at times they forgot how to behave? The television people had been trying that very day to persuade his seconder to give an account on television of this motion. He had been strong enough to refuse. 'Whenever we ring we must remember we are officers of the Church, and as such have a code of conduct to observe.'

Seconding the motion, Mr. A. J. Martin said he would like to stress that it was not a private members Bill but had been put forward by the Chester Diocesan Guild. They had a private interest; most of them knew they held certain record lengths. The motion was not put forward by people who participate in these lengths. The Chester's role was not like being a dog in the manger.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD HEAR

Why should the peal be heard? That was why the Central Council laid down that every change must sound in a peal. Only that afternoon they had thrown out a peal where the bells were not heard. Why did their elders insist on this? They wanted interested parties to hear the performance and assess it, because if a peal could not be heard, who was to contradict it? If not, they would need an umpire for every peal. The motion did not ask the bells to be heard a quarter of a mile away but outside the tower.

On the food question, many years ago the Central Council decreed that the ringers were not to be fed while ringing. Why? One might suggest that they were thinking about the public outside, and the inner man would cause them to give up the peal. He thought they had in mind when they passed the resolution that it would interfere with the standard of the performance. 'If you are eating you cannot concentrate on the ringing. You are marring the performance.'

Mr. E. W. Critchley said he was an interested party, and in the first part the motion had been very loosely worded. What did they mean by clearly audible? One had said he did not expect to hear the bells a quarter of a mile away. Going back four or five years, when he organised a peal at Loughborough, he remembered listening outside the tower. He believed that the Press mentioned people putting their ears to the tower to hear the bells.

Secondly, referring to food, Mr. Clark mentioned behaviour. 'I must say that to partake of food does not mean bad behaviour . . . Personally I can see no objection to eating food. As it was said in "The Ringing World," it is not a test of something that requires long abstinence.'

Mr. J. P. Fidler said he was a member of the Chester Guild and it was a pity he was not at the meeting when the resolution was passed. He would have said: 'Don't believe the things you read in the Press,' because what they said after the first and second attempts was not the responsibility of the ringers. They all knew that prior to an attempt for a long length there must be a notice in 'The Ringing World.' In less than 12 hours of it being in 'The Ringing World,' their telephone was swamped by the Press, and they should not give them any encouragement. The result was if they did not encourage the Press they came in all the more. They knew that the average Press report dealing with ringers contained many 'clangours,' and the reports contained many funny statements. At 4 o'clock in the first attempt it was like being in a film studio. But nevertheless, don't blame the ringers.

On the question of audibility, they all knew the situation of the bell foundry tower. One could sit in his garden and listen to the bells. On the question of eating, he thought it was a thing that would solve itself. He could not see anybody towards the end of a peal grabbing a sandwich; they were all too keen on the peal.

Mr. A. P. Cannon said he also was an interested party, and he agreed with Mr. Critchley. Regarding the first part, the bells were clearly audible. As they knew, they had a very competent member of the Exercise as umpire. That ruled out the bells being inaudible.

'As regards eating, I have had a certain amount of experience of eating in peals [laughter] and I have had my lesson, but I shall maintain there is no objection to taking some small subsistence quite suitable. If you cannot ring a bell with one hand you might just as well not start a peal. In any performance which demands physical fitness, which undoubtedly would be required for a 40,000 during which one was standing on one's feet, it would be very unfair not to expect a band to eat something.'

Regarding drink, he was against that. Of the publicity of the two peal attempts one could not believe a word in the papers. The last attempt, a fortnight ago, it was mentioned the oldest member was A. P. Cannon, aged 45. They copied it from last year's report.

Mr. Fred Dunkerley: Having been a member of a long-length band and having no axes to grind I think it is absolutely essential that the bells should be heard outside. As to the second part, the more they eat and the more they drink the less chance they have of getting the peal. I move that the Council accept the second part.

Mr. N. Harding: If we accept the first part, what about handbell peals?

Mr. N. Chaddock remarked that the first part was covered by Central Council rules. Dr. Layton: I think the point about handbell peals should be clearly stated.

The proposer and seconder agreed to the motion being amended to apply only to tower bells.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne, commenting on the Press, said not long ago a peal was said to have been rung at Thames Ditton which was not rung at all.

MENTAL APPROACH

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had a vested interest in the motion which was framed in 1958 after the two attempts. He felt that a lot of the trouble could have been avoided if the approach to the peal had been properly made. In an attempt for a long length very careful mental preparation was necessary. It needed a psychological approach and it needed eight men making the same psychological approach. He felt that they were not making the right approach. The trouble was putting in the food and drink. If they got eight men with the right approach they would not think about food and drink. It was the mental approach that was needed: there was too much emphasis on the physical.

Mr. P. J. Staniforth: As the umpire of these attempts . . .

A member: Are we holding an inquest or considering the motion?

Mr. Staniforth said it had been suggested that they were not conducting themselves properly and it was a reflection on the whole of the Exercise. There was nothing in the motion to suggest that the ringers were not conducting themselves properly. These matters should be left entirely to the ringers themselves and to their good faith.

A member: The Lord Bishop of Liverpool said last night: 'Let the bells ring out.' Today we are trying to close them up.

Mr. H. Sanger then seconded the motion moved by Mr. Dunkerley, 'That in tower bell peal record attempts the bells should be clearly audible outside the building in which they are contained, and the second part be deleted.'

This was carried, there being only three votes against.

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TIVERTON RINGERS' ACTIVITIES

The silver wedding of two popular members of St. Peter's, Tiverton, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. May, was celebrated on May 23rd. On the eve of that day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by V. N. Burrow 1, G. H. Hollis 2, W. Richards 3, G. Court 4, J. Kelland 5, J. Upton 6, W. H. Ware (conductor) 7, J. Rowsell 8.

On May 23rd the Society, with friends from Silverton and Mr. R. J. Bowden, of Bristol, rang for about one hour at each of the following towers: Sandford, St. Mary Down (where the walls of the tower will no longer hold the certificates won in the last four years), Lapford, Spreyton, Bow and Colebrooke. All these towers are well worth a visit.

The Society rang throughout the afternoon and evening of May 25th, under their captain (Mr. J. Upton) for Mayor Choosing Day.

W. H. W.

OUTINGS

ELLAND, YORKS

Elland ringers and their friends had a most enjoyable trip into Derbyshire on Whit Monday. It was a journey of wonderful scenery, the route being over Snake Pass to Ladybower Reservoir, where a stop was made for coffee.

Ringing and lunch took place at the plague village of Eyam. Afterwards there was ringing at Tideswell, where the coach was the cause of a traffic jam. Tea was partaken of at Matlock and was followed by ringing at the parish church and also at Dore.

KIRK ELLA AND SUTTON

Kirk Ella and Sutton-on-Hull ringers again united to hold their annual outing on Whit Monday. The first tower visited was Middleton-on-the-Wolds, with a pleasant ring of six, followed by Whitwell-on-the-Hill. Here the second of the six bells had a damaged wheel, and the general condition was poor, so a few Doubles on the five ringable bells was the only ringing possible. Lunch was a picnic in the grounds of ruined Kirkham Abbey. At Wetherby, the striking on this light ring of eight was disappointing.

After tea, the ringing on Tadcaster's heavier octave was much better, a touch of Stedman Triples being the best. The last tower was Hemingbrough, the best six bells of the day, which were rung to a variety of methods, including Double Court, Oswald Delight and London and Cambridge Surprise.

Splendid weather and the beautiful countryside helped to make an extremely enjoyable day: and those taking part would like to thank Mr. Kirk, who made all the arrangements.

J. S. R.

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ENGAGEMENT

CLOUSTON—PAGE.—The engagement is announced between Ranald W. M. Clouston, of Hampstead and Ipswich, and Christobel (Kitty) F. Page, of Stowupland, and formerly of Lavenham, Suffolk. 4448

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Evening practice meeting at Mildenhall, Thursday, June 11th, 7.30 p.m., and every second Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4449

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, Saturday, June 6th. Service, St. Mark's, 3.15 p.m., addressed by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Ringing arrangements: The Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Thomas', 1 to 2.30; St. David's, 2 to 3; St. Mark's, 2 to 3.15; Heavitree, 6.15 to 7.15; Newton St. Cyres, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 4385

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston (6), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4430

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, North Ockendon, Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4397

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Saturday, June 6th, 5.30 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst for Saturday, June 6th, *cancelled*. Tower unsafe. —Miss D. A. Colgate. 4488

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, All Saints', Whitstable, Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4401

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Ibstock, Leics, Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4423

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Hertford County Association at All Saints', Harrow Weald, on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. John's, Stanmore.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4418

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Cup contest meeting at Old Whittington, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6th. 4416

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Rougham (6) on Saturday, June 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Dis. Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 4421

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—*Change of venue*. Quarterly meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, June 6th. Bells 3 p.m. 4427

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT.—Shield contest, Saturday, June 13th, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries to J. W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Fee 10s. Tea. Please notify not later than June 8th Mr. A. Francis, Park Gate, Wortley, Sheffield.—J. W. Buxton. 4460

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at Hertford on Saturday, June 13th. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. John's Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Ringing at Great Hormead (6) 9.30 to 11 a.m.; Braughing (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Standon (6), 11 to 12.30; Much Hadham (8), 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Widford (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Hunsdon (8), 2 to 3.30; Ware (8), 2.30 to 4; Bengeo (8) and St. Andrew's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, 6 to 7.30; Bengeo and All Saints', 6.30; Hertingfordbury (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 4432

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 11th to Mr. C. W. G. Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise. 4446

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 4471

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, June 13th, Hammerwood (5), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the White Horse, Holtye, Cowden (6) in evening. Names early.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Wilburton, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 4447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Felsted, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Boote House Café by arrangement only. Numbers *must* be sent by Wednesday, 10th, to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. Business meeting in Old Schoolroom. 4409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, St. Briavels, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. M. Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 4481

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8) on Saturday, June 13th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4454

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held in the Guildford District on Saturday, June 13th. Service, Cranleigh, 3.30 p.m., addressed by the Archdeacon of Surrey. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 9th, to Mr. D. A. Kirk, 30, The Drive, Cranleigh. Ringing arrangements: Haslemere, 10.30 to 11.30; Witley, 11 to 12; Godalming, 11.15 to 12.30; Hascombe, 1.30 to 2.30; Dunsfold, 1.30 to 2.30; Ewhurst, 2 to 3.15; Cranleigh, 2.30 to 3.30. Service and tea: Bramley, 5.45 to 7; Wonersh, 5.45 to 7; Shalford, 6.30 to 7.30; Albury, 7.30 to 9; Shere, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 4420

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llantwit-Major, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 8th. —J. S. King. 4422

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 13th, St. Andrew's, Clevedon. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Golden Slipper Café, Old Church Road. Business meeting to follow in Church. Names for tea by June 11th.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 4456

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, June 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel, Lancs.—N. M. Newby. 4451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Farnworth, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 10th, to Mr. K. E. Young, 44, Coroners Lane, Widnes. — T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 4461

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th, St. Chad's, Rochdale (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 4480

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Ormskirk (8), 2 to 5 p.m. Tea —own arrangements (café nearby), 5 p.m. Christ Church, Aughton (8), 6 to 8 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, L. Walmsley, Branch Secs. 4483

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Newton, near Folkingham, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food — cups of tea provided. Folkingham bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4440

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 13th, St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.15. Further ringing 7.30 p.m., St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Mortlake.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 4473

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Railwaymen's Guild at Leicester, Saturday, June 13th. Ringing: St. Margaret's (12), 2.30 to 3.45; St. John's (10), 3.15 to 4.45;

Cathedral (12), 5 to 6.10; All Saints' (8), 5.30 to 6.30. Dinner at Co-op Restaurant, High Street, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Price 11s. each (payable on day), followed by very short business meeting and general get-together. Names for dinner, please, to J. A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester. Everyone welcome. 4457

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Wingrave, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 9th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4478

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Joint meeting with National Police Guild at Leicester, Saturday, June 13th. For details see notice for National Police Guild. 4458

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ellesmere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere. No names no tea. 4434

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Barnet, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. 4469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4453

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 13th, Bunney (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, June 11th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 4414

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, Saturday, June 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 4411

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, June 13th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 10th, to H. J. Peskett, Clonmere, Wyke Lane, Middleton-on-Sea, Bognor Regis. Tel. Middleton-on-Sea 2401. 4476

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged for the 92nd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, near Ashford.—C. T. H.

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Warwick, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, June 15th, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 4455

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Sileby, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying by the previous Wednesday Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby. 4462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to Mr. W. J. Parker, May Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley. 4472

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cattistock, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 17th, to G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 4465

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 17th to Mr. F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicar's Close, Lichfield. 4468

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Elveden, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 18th to G. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, Thetford. No names no tea. —A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 4452

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual striking competition will take place at Esher on Saturday, June 20th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from Hon. Sec. Tea after the last team has competed, followed by results and a quarterly business meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea (non-competitors) by Tuesday previous to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 4381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Note change of venue. Tea in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by Wednesday, June 17th, Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 20th. All bells in the District available if required, also Defynock (6), 11.30 to 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s.), Bishop's Meadow Café, with meeting to follow.—Names for tea by June 13th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 4443

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 20th, Kildwick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 16th, to Mr. J. Bracken, 7, Seedhill Terrace, Steeton, near Keighley. 15-minute bus service from Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4463

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, North Stoneham, Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to Mr. R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh.—J. Hartless. 4474

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chaddesley Corbett (8), Saturday, June 20th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 17th, please, and note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Hope Parish Church, Flintshire, 'Open Day,' Saturday, June 20th. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names before June 17th to Mrs. Millington, Shordley, Hope, near Wrexham. 4486

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and dinner this year will be held at Derby on Saturday, September 19th. Details later.—J. A. S. 4459

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FROM 'THE BELL NEWS'

June 5th, 1909

Peals recorded.—Treble Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 1, London Surprise Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 3, Stedman Triples 7, Grandsire Triples 6, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 34.

Handbell peals.—Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor 1.

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Presentation to Canon Papillon upon resigning the Mastership of the Essex Association.

Record Length Notice

Dear Sir,—We give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 13th, commencing at 1 p.m.

The composition is as published in your issue of May 15th.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

OBITUARY

MR. ARCHIBALD BLAKELEY

A chorister at Holy Trinity Church, Bengeo, Herts, for 60 years and a bell-ringer for 40 years, Mr. Archibald Blakeley has passed away. He was a very active worker when the bells were recast as part of the village war memorial in 1951. After his funeral on May 25th an In Memoriam quarter peal was rung.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer's Memorial Church, on May 24th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Maureen Woolley 1, Margaret Layton (first touch in method) 2, G. E. Fearn 3, R. G. Edwards 4, D. N. Layton (cond.) 5, J. A. Anderson 6, B. D. A. Woolley 7, H. Fearn 8. First quarter on the new bells.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Dixon 1, M. Hill 2, P. Gray 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, N. Buckland 5, W. Naylor (cond.) 6.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION NEAR 1,000 MEMBERS

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. As the bells of the Cathedral were not available, owing to tower repairs, it was with some anxiety that the officers of the Association decided to carry on as usual. This decision was more than justified, for approximately 90 people enjoyed an excellent lunch and about 50 an equally excellent buffet tea. Once again, catering arrangements were in the hands of members of the South Eastern District, led by Messrs. Everest and Roast. Coffee and light refreshments were available from 10.15 a.m.

The service was conducted by the Provost of Chelmsford and the address was by the Ven. J. E. Elvin, Archdeacon of West Ham. As the service touch, two well-struck courses of Grandsire Triples were rung at the south door of the Cathedral. Choosing as his text Exodus 28, verses 33-34, '. . . . and bells of gold in between them round about,' the Archdeacon preached a most inspiring sermon, developing most ably the theme that worship has for centuries past been associated with bells and must for ever be so.

The annual meeting followed immediately after the service, in the Chapter House. In the chair was the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel). He extended a very cordial invitation to the many visitors present.

LARGE MEETINGS

All the Districts reported continued interest and large meetings, although superficially the Association appeared to have had a rather depressing year, with a drop in the balance and peal-ringing showing a marked decline. Membership was most encouraging, and 1959 should see the thousand ringing members total reached.

The Association recorded the passing of the following members: E. J. Butler, G. Carter, T. Davis, F. Dench, T. Evans, A. Fuller, Miss P. Goff, W. Little, J. Morris, J. G. Macdougal, G. W. Moss, W. Pennick, H. T. Pye, Mrs. Tudor Price, Mrs. C. Ruggles-Brise, W. Sear, B. H. Swinson, J. Thomas and W. Vale.

Many additions had been made to the library and the Association was grateful to the donors of various books and bindings. Sixty-four peals had been recorded, as compared with 122 in 1957; the leading conductor was J. E. G. Roast with a total of 15. Quarter peal ringing had again increased. The report was approved.

In presenting the accounts the treasurer drew attention to the drop in the balance of the General Account, which now stood at £133 10s. 5d.—a drop of £90 approximately. He said that 1958 had been an exceptionally heavy year financially, with many items of non-recurring expenditure. The committee were fully conscious of the situation, and 1959 must be regarded as a crisis year. With a balance of £226 17s. 4d. in the Bell Restoration Fund he considered that the finances of the Association were in a very satisfactory condition and that there was no real cause for alarm. The accounts were adopted.

All the honorary officers were re-elected, and in the ballot for four C.C. representatives from five nominations the following were elected: Miss H. S. Snowden, Messrs. Crampion, Eves and Lufkin.

MISS SNOWDEN A LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT

The Essex Association is always conscious of the debt it owes to its older members, and as a mark of appreciation life membership was awarded Messrs. M. Baker (Hutton), S. Dace (Sible Hedingham), H. Jones (Harlow), C. Mann (Goldhanger), C. Rogers (Ingatestone), H. W. Smith (Dunmow), H. Warr (Great Waltham) and L. Wiseman (Sible Hedingham).

For many years Miss Hilda Snowden has been a well-known personality of the Essex Association. She represents the Association on the Central Council and for many years has been Master of the Northern District, the latter office which she has had to relinquish recently. Amid great applause the meeting supported the committee's recommendation that she should be elected a life vice-president of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the Master.

Lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall and the guests of the Association were the Provost and Archdeacon. There were the usual short speeches and anecdotes, the Archdeacon proving to be in grand form.

After lunch the members made their way to the various towers available, and what started off in a cloud of doubt and anxiety proved to be just another annual of the Essex Association —a grand day, some grand company and good bells.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

The Guild's first dinner was held at Wythenshawe on May 8th, followed by the annual meeting. The chairman (Mr. G. Hopkinson) welcomed members and their ringing friends, and expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual event.

The following officers were elected for 1959–60: President, Mr. D. F. Ferguson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. W. James; secretary/treasurer, Miss P. I. Walker; hon. auditor, Mr. D. Taylor.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring officers, and for arranging the dinner.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' COUNTRY MEETING AT WORCESTER

This year's country meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at Worcester on May 2nd. The London members departed from their custom of travelling by train to such meetings, the journey being undertaken by car in view of the unsuitability of train times. Not all travelled without incident, but at least everyone got there eventually.

Ringing in the morning was at Evesham, where the fine 12 in the well-known bell tower were put to good use. Lunch had been arranged at the Hop Market Hotel, in Worcester, where a company of over 60 sat down to an excellent meal. At the business meeting immediately following the lunch, the thanks of the Society were expressed to all who had made the arrangements for a successful and enjoyable meeting, especially the various tower captains, those who had organised the lunch, and the secretary. A suggestion was received that the Society should hold its country meeting at Chesterfield next year.

After lunch, the well-known bells of Worcester Cathedral were rung, also the ten at All Saints', Worcester. The obvious reluctance with which members prepared to start on their various journeys homewards in the evening was sufficient proof, if proof was needed, of the pleasures of the day and of how much members had enjoyed Worcester's hospitality.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On May 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, A. Beckwith 5, E. Piper 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to E. Piper.

Chester Diocesan Guild Annual Festival

ABOUT 150 members and friends were present at the Chester Guild's annual festival, held at Oxton on May 9th.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Whereat) preached, whilst the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) read the lesson. After the lesson a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. W. Griffiths (Chester) 1-2, C. K. Lewis (Stockport) 3-4, J. Worth (Macclesfield) 5-6 and P. Laflin (Stockport) 7-8. Later the Wirral Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. A. J. Martin, rendered 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' (Bach).

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers, assisted by other members from the Wirral Branch, and a very good tea was enjoyed by all.

The annual meeting followed tea, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clare). Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop, Rev. A. L. Minns, Mr. Sam Jones, Mr. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, Mr. J. E. Bibby and Mrs. B. Harris.

The report recorded the death of the following members: Rev. Thomas Lever (Macclesfield), Arthur Allman (Barthomley), Alfred Barnes, William Cartwright (Alsager), John Cooke (Wirral), John H. Davenport (Stretton), Henry Dew (Chester), William Gayes (Macclesfield), Harold Jackson (Stockport), James A. Milner (Disley), Eric A. Webster (Wallasey), Joseph Westwood (Macclesfield), Charles Wood (Staley) and Ralph W. Wright (Tarvin).

The membership was 731 ringing, 17 life ringing and 9 honorary members, from 89 towers.

The financial affairs of the Guild were in a satisfactory state. A total of 101 peals was rung for the Guild in 1958. There were 20 first pealers and 27 conductors, two of whom called a peal for the first time. Mr. John Worth rang his 500th peal as conductor: he is the first member to do so.

Next year's festival was arranged for May 14th in the area of the Chester Branch.

The officers of the Guild were elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke; deputy Master, Mr. John Worth; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; hon. report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; hon. peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; hon. librarian, Mr. P. Laflin; hon. auditor, Mr. Sam Jones; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. W. Allman and Mr. A. J. Martin.

In recognition of his work as hon. secretary and treasurer to the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon was unanimously elected an hon. life member.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. R. Whereat for the use of his bells and Parish Hall and for conducting the service, the incumbents of the towers where ringing had taken place, the churchwardens, the organist and the Wirral Branch, who under the direction of Mr. A. J. Martin had catered so well.

Ringing was enjoyed at Oxton, Bromborough, Port Sunlight and Bidston, and every Branch of the Guild was represented. H. O. B.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch held on May 9th at Haxey, whose fine-toned bells form one of the heaviest rings of six in the county.

The Vicar (Rev. T. E. Rogers) conducted the Guild service and gave the address. An excellent tea was served by local ladies in the Church Hall.

At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker). Several new members were elected and final details were discussed of the proposed outing to Cambridge on June 27th.

Ringing in the evening took place on the bells of nearby Owston Ferry.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	1			2
23564	2		1	2
25634	1	—	2	2
32546		—		2
35426	1	—	2	2
24536			2	2
32465	2		2	2

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QUARTER PEALS

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Stenning (first quarter) 1, A. W. Stenning (first quarter) 2, A. Newman (first in method) 3, E. Jarrett (first quarter) 4, E. Nixor (cond.) 5, W. G. H. Luff (first quarter) 6. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Lord Bishop of Southwark.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Plain 1, Margaret Fenton (first quarter) 2, Anne Stephens 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, T. Pritchard 2, M. Cotterill 3, Margaret Keene 4, T. Price 5, V. Deane 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8.

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