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HUMANUM EST ERRARE

IN the memoirs of James Agate, the music critic, there is an anecdote that tells of a gathering of famous pianists at a private dinner party. The select company of experts, having eaten and drunk, grouped themselves round the wireless set and listened to their fellow artist, Rubenstein, playing in Beethoven's 'Emperor' Concerto at a London concert hall. To this great work, which each one present knew so intimately, they devoted themselves purely for the whimsical amusement of trying to detect any mistake their friend might make in that massive score. And it was during this diversion that Mark Hambourg, one of the distinguished company, was constrained to remark that Rubenstein could not play a wrong note if he tried.

It was magnificent hyperbole, for Mark Hambourg knew quite well that Rubenstein was a great enough executant to be able to play even wrong notes if so he desired; but it was also a spontaneous and generous tribute from one superb artist to another, while the incident as a whole may serve to remind us both of the humanity and the infallibility of even the most immaculate performer.

Reflections upon one art frequently develop into parallel thoughts in a sister art, and, although there would appear to be little in common between the solo pianist and the change ringer, yet thoughts not unprofitable may arise in the consideration of the astonishing heights of perfection to which the competent technician may ascend and the human fallibility that leads even him into occasional error.

The vague records of early change ringing activity leave us perhaps with an over-enhanced respect for the brilliant successes of the ancient leaders and an insufficient knowledge of their failures; and so it may fall out that Annable or Gross may loom as giant figures in an era of unbroken success. It is, of course, in the doggerel of Lawton that we find evidence to suggest otherwise. The pages of our ringing journals have provided for most of us a more sober judgment of even the greatest of our leaders, and so, while we see in their remarkable deeds the brilliance of Cox, the uncanny ability of Haley, the genius of Washbrook, we are made fully concious of their errors, their human failings, and their lapses from high estate. Yet the occasional fall from grace, the manifestation of frailty, even the plunge into gross error, cannot deny these men their place among the ringing immortals.

Most of us who have moved reasonably freely in change ringing circles have been privileged to know (and sometimes intimately) many really great ringers, conductors and composers, and it must often have been our pleasure to marvel both at the heights to which they could rise and the consistency with which they maintained themselves at a high standard. To think of Maurice Swinfield missing a bob in Stedman Triples, or to think of Harold Poole failing to pick up a trip, would be to consider a remote contingency; and among our modern geniuses there are men who continue to astonish us by the unvarying accuracy of their ringing and conducting. So we may be led to cry, in the words of Mark Hambourg, 'Old So-and-So couldn't make a mistake if he tried!'

But these men, like the men of old, can indeed err, for they are human, and to err is human, and particularly so in a very exact and exacting pursuit like change ringing. Doubtless Maurice Swinfield occasionally missed his call; doubtless Clement Glenn discovered that a mistake had got past his guard; possibly more than one peal directed by Harold Poole came to grief.

These are perhaps commonplace thoughts, and the only virtue in them would seem to lie in any lesson they may teach. It has rightly been argued that there are instruction and edification in the observation of a good ringer in action. To this may be added what is not so readily perceived, that it is worth travelling some distance to see a first-class ringer make a mistake. For in this simple, if unusual, phenomenon the beginner will find a world of comfort for himself and considerable profit in the observation of the great man's reaction to his own lapse. And since to err is human, so to forgive is charitable, and therein lies the reason for the patience and forbearance of the really first-class ringer. As for the erring expert he, like Rubenstein, will not be troubled by the criticism, good-humoured or otherwise, of his fellow artists, for he, like them, is conscious of many mistakes in the past and undisturbed by the possibility of occasional error in the future.

E. C. S.

PEAL WEEK IN WEST COUNTRY

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Frank Oakshott	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Shirley M. Parsons	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Peter J. Eves	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	*Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 50th peal of Major. First in the method for all the band.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Keverne,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Howard W. Egglestone	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Frank Oakshott	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Shirley M. Parsons	3	Peter J. Eves	7
*Cyril A. Wratten	4	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Eves.
* 100th tower for a peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk.

ST. WINNOW, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Winnow,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 40 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods, by A. G. Driver); (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Shirley M. Parsons	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
*Patrick W. Saltmarsh	2	†Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Eves	3	†Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th peal. † 75th peal together. The greatest number of methods rung in the county, and for the Guild.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
(Ilkeston variation.) Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Oakshott	*Treble*	Peter J. Eves	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Shirley M. Parsons	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal of combined Kent and Oxford by all the band.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Rev. P. Michael Freeman	*Treble*	Herbert Lowman	7
John Freeman	2	Jack Bray	8
Sydney A. Chambers	3	Walter Tomlinson	9
Charles McGuiness	4	George E. Feirn	10
Charles E. Brown	5	Jack L. Millhouse	11
Stanley E. Bennett	6	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman on their golden wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowman on their silver wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*Sandra Lewis	*Treble*	Reginald G. Hooper	6
Mary H. Hall	2	‡Brian J. Wylde	7
*Rita M. Webb	3	Patrick J. Bird	8
†Sheila Blackwell	4	Albert M. Tyler	9
D. John Hunt	5	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Reg. G. Hooper.
* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire Caters.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 25, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*Roger W. Barker	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Christopher Wallater	2	James S. Eastwood	7
Stella Hughes	3	Frederick G. Handley	8
Ernest Stitch	4	George W. Hughes	9
M. Jill Fisher	5	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells.
Rung in honour of Cclr. Mrs. Dora M. Middleton, newly-elected Mayor of Walsall.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Mary H. Hall	*Treble*	Patrick J. Bird	6
Frank D. Mack	2	Richard J. Bowden	7
Reginald G. Hooper	3	Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	8
Gloria Newton	4	Albert M. Tyler	9
*Sheila C. Blackwell	5	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper.
* First peal of Stedman and first on more than six bells.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Mrs. P. Lewington	*Treble*	Frederick Sharpe	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	2	Philip H. Tocock	7
William Hibbert	3	Frederick C. White	8
Edgar J. Smith	4	Francis A. White	9
Philip Walker	5	Edwin Drewitt	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Holifield. Conducted by Francis A. White.
In memoriam Frank A. Barrett.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	6
Robin G. Leale	2	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
Albert M. Tyler	3	George E. Fearn	8
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Peter Border	9
William T. Cook	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal on the bells since augmentation from eight to ten.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK BROWN	6
RONALD KENRICK	2	*WILLIAM COURT	7
*DEREK BUTTWORTH	3	EDWARD BIRKETT	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	9
JOHN GROVE	5	STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson, Bishop of Middleton, and Rector of this parish 1939–1958.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester, St. Margaret's	*Treble*
ERNEST W. RAWSON, Leicester Cathedral	2
*ERNEST F. PAYNE, Syston, Leicester	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND, Long Buckby, Northants	4
ERNEST J. ROWE, Stamford Hill, London	5
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH, Humberstone, Leicester	6
*ERNEST PIMLOTT, Chelford, Cheshire	7
ERNEST J. LADD, Tunbridge Wells, Kent	8
ERNEST J. JELLEY, South Wigston	9
*ERNEST T. CARVELL, Oxton, Birkenhead	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Royal. First 'Ernest' peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Treble*	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn)	6
*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	2	*M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	7
*J. SCHOFIELD (King's)	3	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	8
*FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	4	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	9
*J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. H.)	5	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	BRIAN R. WHITE	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
CHARLES COLES	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
BERTRAM J. COGGINS	4	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Rose Taylor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	LAURENCE I. WILLIAMS	5
GEOFFREY SALMON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
BARRY PICKUP	3	ALAN WARD	7
PETER COCKSHOTT	4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. M. P. Slade.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

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

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER L. POWDRILL	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	TERENCE I. ROPER	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
A. JAMES POYNOR	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.
A 20th birthday compliment to Patricia A. Wardle.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*COLIN B. LONGMORE	5
*ROBERT W. COLE	2	*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Little Bob.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George A. King, local ringer.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	5
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	2	ALBERT H. HARMAN	6
CATHERINE POWELL	3	MICHAEL F. LAYTON	7
GERALD R. SMERDON	4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. Schofield), on completing 25 years in the Ministry. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Mason

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	†BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6
*ALAN CAPSTICK	3	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	7
STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 75th peal for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Dunderdale.

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CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cadoc,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Selwyn H. Dearden	*Treble*	Thomas Yeoman	5
David J. King	2	George Davis	6
Jacqueline S. King	3	Robert E. Coles	7
*Trevor Lewis	4	*David Pike	*Tenor*

Conducted by Selwyn H. Dearden.
* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.
A PEAL OF 5024 GILMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Patricia M. Bourn	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

James M. Bailey	*Treble*	*Alan R. Bridges	5
Ernest S. Bailey	2	H. William Barrett	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	John W. Blythe	7
Harry D. Lister	4	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Claire Dillamore	*Treble*	*Peter A. Sharp	5
Mary C. Payne	2	G. Leonard Thompson	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	George A. Randles	7
Margaret A. Swann	4	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman on their golden wedding, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowman on their silver wedding.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

John F. Pearson	*Treble*	Margaret A. Swann	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Louis Willders	6
George E. Feirn	3	*Ronald Applewhite	7
Peter A. Sharp	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 3, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Graham Dinsdale	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
John M. Jelley	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
Martin Faulkes	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Brian G. Warwick	4	†Brian Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. G. Symonds, made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Leicester on Trinity Sunday, and licensed as Curate of this parish.

GILMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 38. 56—34. 18.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's B41/1.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Robert G. W. Broughton	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	5
Roger L. Hawksworth	2	David Friend	6
Edmund Malin	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Arthur J. Allsop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal of Oxford Bob for all except the conductor. E. Malin has now 'circled the tower.' First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Patricia M. Bourn	2	*Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Jack S. Dear	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	†Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Alfred Hannington	*Treble*	Thomas Yeoman	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	*Trevor Lewis	6
George Davis	3	Robert E. Coles	7
Trevor M. Roderick	4	†David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of the ringers of the second and tenor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

Wilfred Nicholson	*Treble*	W. Norman Park	5
Kenneth Lawson	2	Samuel C. Walker	6
Christopher T. Lamb	3	Cyril Mordue	7
Kenneth W. Cheeseman	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Anthony Spurr, M.A., who was inducted the previous evening as Rector of Chester-le-Street.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

David V. Hodgson	*Treble*	John H. Fielden	5
Michael D. Fishwick	2	Peter Scholfield	6
John P. Partington	3	Roger Leigh	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
Rung in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson, Suffragan Bishop of Middleton.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Christopher C. Clarke	*Treble*	†David Robinson	5
†Michael Hatchett	2	William Birmingham	6
Charles Coles	3	*Robert A. Reeves	7
*Howard Oglesby	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rt. Rev. Robert Milton Hay, B.D., Bishop of Buckingham and vice-president of this Guild, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination, which took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on June 6th, 1909.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

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 different 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 Colin B. Longmore.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.

William E. Spiers	*Treble*	Richard Chew	4
Joy Smith	2	Charles Phillips	5
Reginald G. Powell	3	John J. Webb	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, of Newent (parents of Miss Joy Smith).

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Howard Oglesby	*Treble*	Gordon W. Limmer	4
Robert H. Begrie	2	*George Coussins	5
Mary R. Jaycock	3	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung on the 56th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Winter	*Treble*	Charles E. Brown	4
Charles McGuiness	2	John Walden	5
Amos Ingall	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 COTSWOLD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Dennis Laud	*Treble*	Raymond G. Smith	4
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	John R. Mayne	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	3	Robin G. Leale	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

GREAT BROMLEY.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's (different callings). Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Roy Duesbury	*Treble*	Phillip G. Erith	4
John F. Felgate	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter R. Felgate	3	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and St. Martin's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

A. William Bird	*Treble*	*Trevor N. J. Bailey	3
Peter M. Adcock	2	Edwin T. Chapman	4
		*H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.
* 25th peal together.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Norman Errington	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	4
*Mrs. C. N. Lea	2	†George S. Deas	5
Christopher T. Lamb	3	Charles N. Lea	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles N. Lea.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † 50th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 20 cwt.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	*Arthur Jopp	4
*Ann Cox	2	*Norman G. Goodman	5
†Ivor Goulter	3	*Jim F. Nash	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. George Morris.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman Doubles 'inside.' First in method as conductor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

Herbert Sutton	*Treble*	George A. Packer	4
*†J. Derek Smith	2	‡Frank R. Morton	5
Richard D. Langford	3	John E. Brough	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* First peal 'inside.' in methods. † 25th peal. ‡ First in methods.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Stephen Layland (secretary of Crewe tower) on his 34th birthday.

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BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Ivan Cooper	4
Hubert A. Mitson	2	George Waterman	5
Raymond F. Taylor	3	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

Rung to mark the completion of 50 years in the Ministry by the Rector, Canon S. H. de la Bere.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Colegate,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

William Love	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	4
Arthur G. Bason	2	Edwin T. Chapman	5
George Sayer	3	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Gordon Paget.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

James R. Maple	*Treble*	Harry W. Brown	4
Stanley W. Brown	2	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Cecil R. Longhurst	3	Herbert W. Woolven	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert W. Woolven.

First peal of Minor as conductor.
A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ATCHAM, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Eata,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

Alfred E. Owen	*Treble*	Philip Evans	4
*Frederick A. H. Cattell	2	Frederick G. Beddow	5
Mary C. Payne	3	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal of Minor; has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. First tower bell peal of Minor as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wilcox on their second wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., June 1, 1959, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
At Emmanuel College,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

P. H. Langton (Trinity)	1—2	P. B. Hodson (Emm.)	3—4
A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	5—6		

Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Shirley M. Parsons	1—2	Joseph D. Johnson	5—6
†‡David J. Marshall	3—4	*‡Cyril A. Wratten	7—8
Vivien Barnes	9—10		

Composed by Wm. Kent. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABSON, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. S. Sprules 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. First of Stedman for all except 4. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Kilmaster, of Warmley, and Miss Pauline York, of Winford.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Minor (360 Kent, 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Worrall 1, P. Mason 2, N. Sherratt (cond.) 3, R. Challinor 4, W. Sherratt 5, R. Warrall 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to R. Worrall.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. John-on-the-Wall, on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, D. J. Hunt (first of Doubles as cond.) 2, J. R. Goodenough (first quarter) 3, G. H. Pullin (first of Doubles) 4, J. Brain 5, C. J. Richards (first quarter) 6. The ringers of 2 and 5 are Old Boys and the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6 are pupils of Bristol Cathedral School. Also at the Cathedral, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Richard: (first of Triples) 1, D. Mann 2, D. J. Hunt 3, J. M. Stallard 4, Molly P. Smith (first as cond.) 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. J. Bowden 7, R. G. Hooper 8.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Knight 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, Mr. M. L. Callow 4, A. J. Hinde 5, H. Windsor 6, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 7, B. Rose 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Ord Hasted, M.A.).

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. Smith 2, H. Purchase 3, A. Turner 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, W. Grabham 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Capel to Mr. Peter Deshen.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Moore 1, T. Tebbutt 2, F. Attewell 3, F. Benfield 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Case 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Attewell.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Whatmore 2, C. R. Godfrey 3, Miss B. Wright 4, J. D. Holden (cond.) 5, F. Holden 6. Rung during procession and witness.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Sibley 4, W. A. Stote 5, H. Folwell 6, R. Hart (first of Major) 7, A. Wright (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (one 720 each of London Surprise and Grandsire): J. Ferris 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, Monica Horseman 3, D. Cobb 4, H. Ferris 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

DENTON, LINCS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Higgins (first quarter) 1, H. Grocock 2, P. Parry (cond.) 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, T. Charity 5, P. Isaacs 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. W. Bishop 4, H. L. Bishop 5, F. A. White 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gold (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, F. Neate 3, C. Bennett (first of Plain Bob) 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, G. Watt 6. By the local band.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): W. A. Theobald 1, Mrs. June Sinfield 2, I. Knox 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, J. E. Ewer 5, M. D. Frost (cond.) 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Gates 1, Miss V. C. Bell 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. H. Rothery 4, C. Ford 5, J. E. Brown (con.) 6. To welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mossop, former ringers at this church, also Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Simpson.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Smith (first quarter) 1, Renee Sturgess 2, J. A. Ball 3, J. Stevenson 4, D. S. M. Jones 5, H. R. M. Marshall 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. J. Dye 8. Rung on the Feast of Corpus Christi and to commemorate the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,320 Woodbine: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. For evening service and a farewell to Mr. Frank White, who is leaving for Paignton, Devon.

GOLDSMANGER, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: Miss A. M. Mann 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, H. R. Appleton 3, B. C. Mann 4, W. J. Brunt 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, R. K. Duesbury 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): W. C. Ward 1, C. E. Cooper 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ward for their 40th wedding anniversary, and to the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Holderness) on his appointment as Rural Dean of Goscote II. Deanery.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford and Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Ven. A. E. Prebble, Archdeacon of Auckland, New Zealand.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Averil J. Bell (first quarter) 1, Hilary M. Burrill (first quarter) 2, C. J. A. Goy (first of Doubles) 3, R. E. Tallis, jun., 4, J. K. Foot (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Barbara A. Goy (sister of the third ringer) and Mr. Alfred O. Dukes, who were married earlier in the day at Hampton.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brooks 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, S. J. Orman (first of Minor) 3, J. Naish 4, F. Savage (cond.) 5, T. W. Kimber 6.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Bond 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, K. Kirk 3, J. Rank 4, J. Perrett (cond.) 5, D. Johnson 6. Rung to welcome to the parish the Rev. H. Wilson, who was inducted on June 4th.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. Hunt (first quarter on eight) 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, F. Boreham 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. G. Pryke 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Symonds.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 30th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. T. Rooke 1, C. Wright 2, S. Slaney 3, H. T. Rooke 4, G. Challans 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, J. Saxton 7, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 28th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, Miss B. Manship 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, D. Bowen 5, P. Amos 6, R. S. Roberts 7, R. Billings 8. For the festival service of Corpus Christi.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward 1, Rachel Corner 2, Sheila Cameron 3, C. R. C. Coussmaker 4, R. A. Jackson (cond.) 5. Rung on the front five (tenor temporarily unringable) for Evensong as a farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Colin Stephenson).

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, R. F. Dowdeswell 5, R. J. Newton 6, T. J. Milsom 7, F. Pendry 8. A birthday compliment to F. Pendry.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: H. Worboys 1, R. Tomlin 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Atkinson 1, Miss A. Macfarlane 2, Miss C. Bland 3, P. J. Fells (first as cond.) 4, Miss C. Rimmer 5, J. Prentice 6. First quarter for all except 4, and rung by the Sunday service band. First on the bells since being recast.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): R. A. Southwood 1, C. A. Wratten (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, F. Oakshott 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, P. J. Eves 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 13th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roles 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Ann Bacon 3, Ann Sweeney 4, Miss M. Page 5, N. Smith 6, R. O. Fry 7, L. A. Page 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Chalk, former captain of St. Martin's and vice-chairman of the Salisbury branch, whose funeral took place this day.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Barker (first quarter) 1, A. Westwood 2, Miss B. Monk 3, A. Cox 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. Rung by Sunday service band.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on May 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, C. A. Hughes 3, R. Tomlin 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, R. F. Deal 6, F. D. Bishop 7, W. Prockson 8, B. F. Baker 9, R. L. Brockington (first quarter) 10. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Taplin 1, E. J. Mynott 2, W. H. Wittering 3, W. Lawrence 4, Dr. D. L. Gullick 5, W. Brown (cond.) 6. Covering: W. Munson and Mrs. Wade (each first cover). A christening compliment to the son of D. R. Taplin.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fellows (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, A. L. Dunn 4, M. D. Fellows (first 'inside,' first attempt) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, F. Oakshott 2, P. J. Eves 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, H. W. Egglestone 8.

SURFLEET, LINCS.—On May 28th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Guy 1, Miss A. Dearnley (first quarter) 2, S. E. Bennett 3, Mrs. R. C. Noon 4, J. G. Ames 5, R. C. Noon (cond.) 6, A. R. Withyman 7, C. R. Burrell 8. A welcome to Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett and grand-daughter of S. E. Bennett, born the previous day.

SUTTON BENGER, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 3, B. Davis 4, A. F. Lee 5.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Davis (first of Major) 1, W. J. Prescott 2, W. H. Hurford 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, J. J. Jefferies (first of Major) 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, A. F. Lee (first of Major as cond.) 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Sam Healey, at one time a local ringer.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Woodley 1, J. R. White (first in method and of Triples) 2, H. V. Booker 3, D. J. Stoter (first 'inside') 4, H. Gregory 5, H. White (cond.) 6, A. R. Wood 7, K. Leach 8. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Weaver 1, Miss G. Smith 2, M. Newth 3, J. Young 4, Miss J. Horton (cond.) 5, R. Parton 6. For the wedding of Miss E. Willard, a local ringer.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hermione Hockey (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. D. Graham (first in method) 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. Maddy (first of Doubles) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Plain Bob): Elizabeth Carson 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline V. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bagworth (first as cond.) 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. S. Bishop 5, Mary Price (first quarter) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman's golden wedding also wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bennett, of Spalding, on the birth of a daughter. The new grandfather (Mr. Stanley E. Bennett) rang the sixth in the peal.

The quarter peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on May 10th (see page 363) was rung with a non-ringing conductor.

On June 6th a peal of Yorkshire was specially arranged at Horsham for the wedding of that popular Sussex ringer Leslie Weller; but alas, the only female member of the band after nearly two hours' magnificent ringing lost her 'tongue.' We hope she won't make a habit of this!

By a sad coincidence, the first half-muffled peal on the bells at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, was for the former Rector (Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson), who was responsible for the installation of the bells. He died in tragic circumstances, and was loved and respected by his parishioners.

In connection with the peal at Hitcham, Bucks, on May 23rd, the conductor would like the name of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins mentioned as he conducted George Gilbert's first peal at Bobbing, Kent, on May 23rd, 1903. W. H. B. is still going strong at St. Ebbe's, Oxford. Does he remember that he rang Superlative Minor in that peal, i.e., Cambridge Reverse?

This year is the 25th anniversary of 'The Great Adventure,' and Mr. G. W. Pipe hopes to arrange something in Melbourne to mark the occasion. At St. Paul's Cathedral the company are practising Double Norwich. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral a St. Patrick's Society has been formed after a lapse of many years.

Bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from Bromley Parish Church, Kent, on Sunday, June 28th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service. The Vicar (Canon W. H. Murray Walton) will conduct the service.

Twice during their Whit Monday outing into Cornwall, Stratton ringers had to pass the hat round for broken stays. Some of the party could not forget their own 21 cwt. tenor.

'At least two of the party know each other a good deal better than they did when they came' is our correspondent's concluding comments on the University of London Society's Whitsun tour. Hitchin was the headquarters.

Despite many previous attempts, the peal of Grandsire Caters at Surfleet on June 6th was the first tower bell peal by the Cambridge University Guild. However, 17 handbell peals have been rung there by the Guild since 1920.

The first peal on the recently-rehung bells at Brewood, Staffs, was rung on June 6th. Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawksworth kindly provided refreshments for the band after the peal. In the evening the parish held a barbecue to raise money for the cost of the work (£300).

In connection with the peal rung at Tamworth in honour of the christening of the Vicar's first grandchild, it is interesting to note that the child's mother, formerly Miss Molly Smith, was, before her marriage, an active and esteemed member of the Tamworth band.

The peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Leiston was rung on the anniversary of the 11,040 rung there in 1909, in which Sid and Jim Bailey took part. They are the only surviving members of the original band. Incidentally, Jim has 'circled the tower' 14 times. After the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting at Rothwell

THE even tenor of life at Rothwell in Northamptonshire was stirred on May 9th, when ringers to the number of some 200 converged on the town for the Peterborough Guild's annual meeting. Early arrivals set the bells going and provided a welcome.

On this occasion the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) was 'at home' and obviously enjoying himself pointing out the interesting details of his beautiful church. Later he conducted the new form of service in the spacious nave. The Diocesan (Dr. Stopford) had promised to preach, but was unable to do so because of an engagement requiring him to preach at a service in East Berlin the next day. His place was taken by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Stewart, assistant bishop, who held the close attention of his hearers.

After taking tea with members the Bishop said that the size of the congregation had exceeded his expectations, and remarked on the number of young people present. He also commented on the singing during the service and said that if they could ring as well as they could sing then they must be pretty good.

The largest hall in the town was almost filled to capacity, where a band of ladies, led by Mrs. York, provided an ample meal. The business came afterwards, with the president in the chair, supported by the Master (Mr. P. I. Chapman) and the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, Rector of Harlestone. Also present were Mr. R. G. Black, former general secretary, and Messrs. E. E. Whitmore and B. P. Morris, former Guild Masters.

The officers were re-elected for the coming year, with thanks for all that they had done. An election for the Central Council representatives returned Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. G. Orland and B. Austin.

From the Bell Restoration Fund the meeting voted £140 to five parishes where restoration or augmentation work was to be carried out. These were Desborough, Woodford, Marston Trussell, Collingtree and Creaton.

NEW FIRST PEAL CERTIFICATES

Some months ago the material used in the first peal certificates became unobtainable and alternatives were not thought to be suitable. The matter had been under discussion by the committee, which eventually decided to ask one of its members, Mr. B. Austin, to design a new certificate entirely. This was shown to the meeting and adopted, with thanks to Mr. Austin.

For the next annual meeting it was decided to visit Potterspury, when the Towcester Branch will be hosts to the Guild. Members were reminded that the next Guild function, the summer festival, will be at Daventry on September 5th, the Daventry Branch in this case offering a welcome to everyone.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. P. E. Clarke, of Oundle, who recalled the many people to whom they were indebted for the success of the day. Mr. A. Mansfield, of Green's Norton, seconded, and this was carried with resounding applause. Another chapter was thus added to the fame of Rothwell, for this was the first time that the Guild annual meeting had been held there.

The town and its church are becoming widely known by reason of the orchestral concerts which have been given in the church for several years past. On June 5th the London Philharmonic Orchestra was conducted by Sir Adrian Boult in a concert of music by Beethoven, Mozart and Vaughan Williams.

RECORD ATTEMPT AT QUEX PARK

Dear Sir,—Notice is given that an attempt will be made to ring 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, on Sunday, June 28th, commencing at 10 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

13,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Adapted by R. F. B. SPEED
from the 12,896 by E. Hims.

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Four times repeated.

Next Week's Issue Unlikely

Unless a settlement is reached before Saturday in the dispute between the Printing Trades Unions and the Newspaper Proprietors Association and the British Federation of Master Printers, the publication of 'The Ringing World' next week is uncertain.

Will correspondents please continue to send in reports, peals and quarter peals, so that production can recommence as soon as this unfortunate dispute is ended. The inconvenience to readers and advertisers is regretted, but it is outside the control of 'The Ringing World' Committee or its Editor.

REDEDICATION

Heswall, Cheshire

The bells of St. Peter's, Heswall, Wirral, rang out again on May 31st after the rehanging of the back five. The bells hang in an oak frame in the old Norman tower. The tenor was originally cast by William Clibury in 1627. No. 5 and No. 4 (which bears the inscription DULCEDINE VOCIS CANTABO TUA NOE) were the work of William Scott in 1672. These three bells were recast by John Warner in 1881, another two were added in 1884, and a new treble was mounted over the second in 1955.

The work of rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. All the ironwork was renewed, new wheel-rims and pulleys fitted, the cast-in clapper-staples cut out, and the bells drilled for new staples. Finally the bells were rehung on ball-bearings and certain adjustments were made to the treble.

On May 29th a company of experienced ringers from the Wirral Branch came to inspect and try out the rehung bells. Some good ringing was enjoyed and everyone expressed satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells, and also with the resiting of the ropes, which now form an almost perfect circle. Mr. Harry Parkes, who had carried out the work of rehanging, also joined in the ringing.

On the following Sunday morning the Rector (Rev. Kenneth Lee) held a short service of prayer in the belfry before Matins, and during morning service asked a blessing on the bells and on those who ring them.

ST. MARY'S, SWANSEA, BELLS RING OUT IN JOY

With the Queen Mother sitting among the congregation, more than 1,200 were once again united in hymn singing in the historic St. Mary's Parish Church, Swansea, which was reconsecrated by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon (Dr. J. J. A. Thomas) on May 28th.

The hymn sung, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' epitomised the representation of the congregation. Members of all religious beliefs were present. It was an impressive service, and the glorious singing filled the church with sound—for the first time in 18 years.

When the Queen Mother left at 12.25 p.m., the bells of St. Mary's rang out over the town, proclaiming the joyous news that once again the church which had been destroyed had risen again.

The eight bells—with the tenor weighing just over one ton, in the key of E—are a fine example of co-operation between the architect, church and bell-founder, the result being a very beautiful ring of bells.

The bells were rung on the opening day by the officers and members of the Diocesan Guild, and on May 30th, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was successful, particulars of which have already appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

J. A. H.

A PEAL OF ROYAL BY ERNESTS

A very 'earnest' band of ringers met at Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 6th, travelling from long distances as far apart as Tunbridge Wells, in Kent, to Birkenhead, in Cheshire, from London and Macclesfield as well as Long Buckby, Northants, and surrounding places in Leicestershire. Ernest was introduced to Ernest in a bewildering but amusing way, and then the ten of them ascended the well-known tower to go for a peal of Bob Royal.

Placing the right men at the smaller end, where the bells are somewhat 'tricky' for strangers, they started at a slow pace but with determined effort to ring the first 'Ernest' peal on ten bells. The treble man, affectionately known to many both in and out of the belfry as 'Uncle Ernest,' had in 1926 called the first 'Ernest' peal of Major, and later on the late Ernest E. C. Turner called one of Kent Major.

Ernests are not so prolific as Johns, Williams or Thomases, so all were highly delighted when the peal came round successfully. They all departed on their long trek home pleased and elated, and thoroughly satisfied that the effort in getting together was fully justified.

Thanks are due to Mr. Paul Taylor for granting permission and arranging for the tower to be available.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Encouraging Prospects

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on May 23rd, being again well supported by members and friends. The bells of Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8) and St. George's, Colegate (6), were available during the afternoon and evening.

The service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, when the Vicar (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) welcomed the Association to Norwich and thanked them for their service to the church, which they could be assured was greatly appreciated by the clergy and the congregations.

Following tea at the Chantry Hall, the business meeting was opened with prayer, and the company stood for a moment's silence in memory of those who had departed to higher service since the last annual meeting. The president (Mr. Nolan Golden) took the chair, supported by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Mr. H. Tooke and Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-presidents), Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master) and Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer). Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. Goate, N. Harding, W. G. Heyhoe, L. Last and J. R. Smith; also Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who was in hospital.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Revs. K. W. Riddle, D. E. Rae and A. Paget for the use of their bells; the organist, the verger of St. Peter Mancroft, and the ladies for supplying and serving the teas.

The president said how sorry they were to hear of Mr. Harwood's illness, and proposed that a letter be sent to him conveying their good wishes for an early recovery. In his review of 1958, Mr. Golden congratulated the members on the steady progress that is being made in the activities of the Association, and thanked all for their support during his first year as president.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S SCHEME

The general secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Love) reported that despite a slight fall in membership, due to various causes, the strength of the Association had been well maintained. It was pleasing to note that recruitment of young people was steadily going on. Attention was drawn to the Norfolk Education Committee's scheme of providing instructors in centres where it is possible to have at least 12 learners. Forty-seven new members were elected, made up of 26 resident ringing members, 3 honorary and 18 non-resident life members. Unfortunately, 50 members were lost: 43 lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions and 7 died. He was pleased to say that this loss had been made good by elections during 1959.

Restorations had been completed at Wiveton and Dickleburgh. At the former tower a new band had joined the Association. Dickleburgh bells had been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble. The new ring of 12 at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, had been cast, and would be opened during October, 1959. Other restorations in the future were planned at Aylsham (10), Attleborough (6), Norton Subcourse (6) and Kessingland (5).

A summary of the recent Sunday Service Ringing Survey of the diocese had been included in the report, which required serious thought of all responsible ringers.

Presenting the balance sheet the treasurer, reporting an excess of expenditure over income of £47, said that this had to a great extent been foreseen by the standing committee, by the extra travelling expenses of the Central Council representatives of the Dublin meeting, rising printing costs, and the decision to donate towards the cost of the president's travelling expenses. Grants of 5 guineas had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund to Aylsham, Dickleburgh, St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, Saxthorpe, Wiveton and Great Yarmouth. The General Fund account stood at £148 18s. 3d., with the addition of the value of 51 handbells at £100.

114 PEALS

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) reported that no records had been produced during the year, but from his own observations, and the reports from the Branches, it had been very satisfactory. The peals total again exceeded three figures, reaching the grand total of 114, 160 members taking part. The leading conductor of the year was the president, with a total of 31. The peals were rung in 50 different towers. Branch meetings continued to be well supported and a good standard of methods and striking maintained. This was, in his opinion, a very healthy sign for the Association, when it was noted the number of young people who were taking part with great enthusiasm. He made a strong appeal for proficient ringers owning cars to make the effort to visit outlying towers, where there were struggling bands not in union with the Association but who continued to ring their bells for Sunday services, and who needed instruction in change-ringing. He was sure that membership could be greatly increased if this was done.

The reports were unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks given to the officers for their work during the year.

All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle as a vice-president.

Mr. Barrett gave a report on the Central Council discussions, and it was noted with some concern that 'The Ringing World' would be in serious difficulties in the near future if the anticipated rise in the cost of printing came about. A proposition that each affiliated Association to the Central Council should make a yearly donation from their general fund to 'The Ringing World,' and that this Association should take a lead with a donation of £5, was put to the meeting for a vote. This proposition was defeated. It was felt by some that the Central Council should take the lead in this matter and not an individual Association. An earnest appeal was made for increased circulation, preferably postal subscribers.

Mr. Nolan Golden (hon. librarian) appealed for gifts to the library and information from members about books that were for sale which would be of value to build up a worth while library.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held this year at Southport, and members shared in the warm welcome extended by the Lancashire Association to the Central Council. Although the change of date had been approved by most Districts, there were some who thought it an unwise move, but in spite of their forebodings a most successful meeting was held.

The Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. F. Pickering) took a shortened form of Evensong for the Guild at 3.30 p.m. Tea followed in Christ Church Schoolroom—a wonderful meal prepared by Miss Margaret Ridyard and her helpers—when the members were joined by the Vicar and Mrs. Pickering, and also the secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. F. Dunkerley.

Before the men left, the president (Mrs. K. Lock) expressed grateful thanks to all those who had helped to make it such a successful day: to the Rev. F. Pickering for taking the service and for permission to ring at Christ Church, and to the organist and verger; to the Rev. Bryan Crane for permission to ring at Emmanuel Church, to the tower-keepers at these two churches, and also to Miss Ridyard who had made all the arrangements.

In welcoming the Guild to Southport, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see the lady ringers, and hoped they would enjoy the sunshine, the sands, the shrimps and the sea, a remark greeted with some laughter, as most members never did undertake the long trek across the sands which was necessary if one wished to see the sea.

After the usual preliminaries of an annual meeting—the minutes of the last meeting, the apologies for absence and the election of new members—there came the important item of the election of the president. Mrs. Lock, the retiring president, had been in office for three years—the maximum term allowed under the Guild rules—and therefore was not eligible for re-election. During those three years Mrs. Lock has visited many of the District meetings and has travelled many miles in order to meet as many of the members as possible. She was warmly thanked for all she had done.

Three nominations had been received, but one member stated she did not wish to stand. On being put to the vote, Mrs. J. Staniforth was elected president and took the chair for the rest of the meeting. The other officers were re-elected.

The treasurer's announcement that last year income exceeded expenditure was greeted with enthusiasm, and plans were promptly made to spend the excess! It was agreed that a report should be published next year giving the names and addresses of members and other relevant information for each District, to be available at the next annual general meeting.

As the Guild covers the whole country, the annual meeting is held in a different area each year, working on a definite rota. For 1960 the Districts concerned proposed that the annual meeting should be held in Bath, and this was agreed.

After the meeting members dispersed to ring at the various towers also open for Central Council members. Ten of the Guild's 13 Districts were represented at this meeting which, in view of the distances to be travelled, was considered very satisfactory.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EVERCREECH AND B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—In reply to a recent correspondent and a number of inquiries, may I say that all the bell recordings heard on Sunday mornings opening the B.B.C. Light Programme are of St. Peter's, Evercreech, bells.

For those who save their 'Ringing Worlds,' all the details regarding the making of these records appeared in a letter of mine on February 27th, 1953, page 139.

For those who cannot turn up this letter I would say briefly that the records comprise Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Court Minor on the front six and Grandsire Doubles on the back six. Obviously a very young local band, as mine was then, could not be expected to cover this wide range. The following were therefore invited to take part: Mr. J. T. Dyke, who conducted all the ringing, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kimber, Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, J. Topp, G. W. Massey, E. Chivers and P. Hull, with A. White and myself, of the local band.

As a point of interest, the bells are now on at 8.52 a.m. immediately before the weather forecast.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech.

PEALS OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bristol Surprise Major published in 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, 1959, as the composition of Mr. W. Eric Critchley was first rung at Brentwood on July 29th, 1911, as the composition of Arthur Knights. It appears in the Middlesex County Association's report for 1910–11.

Some of your readers may recall an article which appeared in your paper early last year in which I criticised certain peals of Bristol, among others, which had appeared under various people's names about that time, on the grounds that they could not possibly be original. True, I could not quote chapter and verse; in the present instance I am able to do so. I hate to cross swords with my good friend Mr. Critchley on this issue, but I am quite convinced that no original two- or three-part peals of Bristol, with orthodox calling, can possibly be obtained, and that those who are publishing them so freely at the present time are merely plagiarising the work of others—inadvertently, of course, but the correction never catches up with the error. I have not the least doubt that the peal in question will be rung many more times as the composition of Mr. Critchley.—Yours sincerely, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

[Mr. C. W. Roberts also writes confirming that the composition was rung at Brentwood. He also adds that the composition was rung twice by the Kent County Association in 1931, the figures appearing in their 1932 report, page 102, peals Nos. 3,693 and 3,725.—*Ed.*]

A REVERSE

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the composition on page 356 (No. 3a, 5,056 Treble Bob) is the reverse of a peal by Henry Johnson (see Treble Bob Part II, page 35).—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

PREVIOUS HANDBELL PEAL FOR BIRMINGHAM U.G.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brian Woodruffe may be interested to know that his handbell peal with Messrs. Simpson and Webb on May 7th was not the first to be rung by members of Birmingham University in the Guild of Undergraduates Union.

In the year 1951–52 a group used to practise handbell ringing in the Union quite regularly, but never formed an official Society, there being only three or four of us. Nevertheless, John Mayne, Harry Poyner and myself rang a peal of P.B. Minor for the Universities' Association ('R.W.', February 15th, 1952).

Wishing all success to the new Society.—Yours faithfully,

P. C. RIDGWAY.

Laleham, Middlesex.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—*Our* 'Ringing World,' mine and yours. Is it? Or do you borrow one, or just get a look at one? Or does your tower have one, between 6, 8, 10 or 12; if so, how do you expect our highly specialised paper to pay?

What is your 'real' interest in ringing? Merely ringing peals, or meetings, or just ringing? Do you do anything to keep alive and stimulate the Exercise and keep its paper going?

Although having reached my three-score years and ten, I have only been ringing these last 30 years—but what very happy years. I have always taken 'The Ringing World' which, like ladies' fashions, has not changed much—similar articles and opinions, bob and singles, perhaps a few new compositions: I have several times received a good caning.

'The Ringing World' has just managed to keep its head above water. We have had an increase in price, but even we pensioners have had to have increases in almost all our sources of income, so we cannot say we cannot afford the modest 6d., ridiculously cheap for what it contains—other than ringing matter—the making of friendships.

I would not like the Editorial Committee's job. When a week or two ago I spoke to my printer's foreman about soaring prices, he replied: 'What do you expect, I have just received an increase in wages of 37s. 6d. a week.' The Editorial Committee have given us the remedy to increasing the price—greater circulation; but we shall not achieve that if so many continue to borrow, or 'just have a look at someone else's.'

If your real and/or only interest is just ringing, you have missed one of the greatest pleasures—and blessings—of life, friendship.

We ringers do not like living hand to mouth, neither should *our* 'Ringing World' have to do—even worse than that, live dangerously.

We know what it was like during the war, without the bells; it would be much worse without *our* 'Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.,

Crewe. FRANK STENSON.

FOUR-SPLICED RUNG SILENT

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was rung strictly silent and non-conducted at Dore, Derbyshire, on June 6th.

'RINGING WORLD' CIRCULATION

Dear Sir,—The report of 'The Ringing World' Committee for last year, as published in last week's paper, makes most interesting reading.

There are, in my view, two conclusions to be drawn from it:—

(1) The circulation of the paper has hardly risen at all in the last few years, but the cost of production has risen alarmingly.

(2) Unless more funds are made available to the paper, we ringers may find ourselves without a weekly journal.

This would be quite catastrophic as the paper plays an immensely important part in the binding together of our ringing fellowship. One disadvantage which immediately springs to mind is that Associations would have reduced attendances at their meetings, as many ringers would not receive notification of meetings.

Various methods of raising money were suggested at the Council meeting, and none seem to have met with much success.

Personally, I am not interested in the numerous peals that Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung, and therefore strongly support the motion that a peal levy be imposed and not, as Mr. Cannon suggested, that the cost of our paper be raised from 6d. to 1s. or 1s. 6d., which is quite ridiculous.

If there was a drop in the circulation of 8 per cent. when the cost of the paper rose from 4d. to 6d., I dare not think what the drop in circulation would be if the paper became twice or three times as expensive at it is now. And if the paper was still 25 per cent. peals, as it is now (whether mine or not) I, for one, would not buy it at such a price.

I agree with Mr. Joyce that a paper is useless if full of peals, and suggest that a restriction be placed on the space occupied by peals in the journal. Why not print them in the same style as the quarter peals? More space should be given to general news, not only of non-peal ringers but also of peal ringers' activities.

I do not think that a levy of 6d. per member should be imposed on Associations; many send contributions towards the cost of producing the journal, and those that do not cannot afford to, and doubtless could not afford the proposed levy, unless members' subscriptions were raised by 6d. to include the levy.

Mr. Chaddock is quite right about postal subscribers—some are too lazy or busy to buy a postal order once or four times a year. May I suggest that some make out bankers' orders?

The Editor and Committee are doing sterling work for little or no return: let each and every ringer make a concerted effort to increase the circulation of our paper and bring in more money so that we are able to retain the weekly publication and also give the Editor and Committee more financial assistance.—Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN C. WEDGWOOD.

Wavendon, Bletchley.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): J. C. Baldwin 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5.

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LETTERS—Continued

MR. FREEMAN BALL

Dear Sir,—In its list of virtually unknown past members of the Central Council the Biographies Committee mentions the name of Freeman Ball.

A gentleman bearing this appellation conducted the first peal—Grandsire Triples—on the old bells of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on February 20th, 1878. The peal is commemorated by a tablet on the west wall of the ringing chamber, although, strangely enough, the name of the conductor is not actually stated thereon.

I recall the late 'Tom' Miller saying, in about 1938, that Freeman Ball was the conductor and that he originated from Chester, also that he was a bearer at the funeral of Anthony Druce, tenor man in the same peal, who died in, I think, 1879.

Sorry this information is so scrappy, but it may give a lead in tracing more facts of the ringing career of Freeman Ball.

Incidentally, could one of your more erudite readers settle a question over which many words have been said and even more beer drunk—is our belfry at St. Chad's Cathedral unique in that one ascends the south west tower to ring in the north west tower?—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

MILES GRAYE'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—According to 'The Church Bells of Suffolk' (Canon J. J. Raven), there are still a great many of Miles Graye's bells in this part of the country. He gives a complete list of about 80 bells in Suffolk, including those mentioned by Mr. Laflin in his letter, also 16 in various towers in Ipswich.

There would not appear to be any complete Miles Graye rings in Suffolk.

Canon Raven states: 'There are a few Miles Graye bells in Norfolk, 17 in Cambridgeshire, one in Sussex (Chiddingly treble), a good sprinkling in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, and of course very many in Essex. His most distant work is the tenor at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which he cast at Colchester in 1615.' I should think that this list still holds fairly true.

Just over the border from us in Essex is the ring of five at Pentlow, mentioned in correspondence in 'The Ringing World' last year. There was here a complete ring of Miles Graye bells, but the treble was recast by John Thornton in 1711. The other four still remain.

If Mr. Laflin would care to have it, I should be pleased to provide him with a complete list of the Miles Graye bells in Suffolk, as given by Canon Raven.—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

Clare, Suffolk.

GREAT LEIGHS' A MILES GRAYE RING

Dear Sir,—In his letter of May 22nd, Mr. Peter Laflin wonders if there are any complete rings of Miles Graye bells left. The five bells at Great Leighs, Essex, are, I believe, all by this founder. Hung in a beautiful round tower, they form an anti-clockwise ring of most pleasant tone and 'go.'

While casting my thoughts into Essex, may I take this opportunity of apologising for my mistake over Manuden, which Mr. Peter Bond so kindly pointed out. Two of my fellow tourists have since confirmed that there are only five bells there, but my records were inexplicably altered to read six.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

P.S.—If Mr. Laflin would like a photograph of Great Leighs tower, I should be most pleased to provide it.—R. K. R.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, on May 30th. A very nice day brought together what seemed to be a record number of members and friends.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. T. James), assisted by the Curate (Rev. P. J. Blake). The theme of the Vicar's address was 'Urgency,' and he said it was urgent that the people should realise their duty and obligations to Almighty God, and when the bells rang out on Sunday it was to remind them and call them to His worship and that they had half-an-hour in which to do this. When the five-minute bell rang they had to hurry or they would be late for their appointment with God.

Over 70 members and friends sat down to a salad tea with cakes made by the wives of St. Matthew's ringers and served in the school dining room.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Officers re-elected were Mr. W. Cathrall, secretary and Mr. Fred R. Evans, Ringing Master; the president and vice-presidents were re-elected; Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward, Wrexham area secretary; Mrs. Lewis S. Griffiths, Llandudno and Rhyl area secretary; area instructors—Wrexham, Mr. F. R. Evans; Llandudno and Rhyl, Mr. L. S. Griffiths.

Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward (C.C. representative) gave a summary report of the C.C. meeting at Southport and informed members that a full report was printed in 'The Ringing World.'

Before the meeting concluded, the ladies were asked to come in, and Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them for the splendid way they had attended to the company's needs; to St. Matthew's Church company for providing tea, to the Vicar for the service, and to all who had helped in any way to make the meeting such an outstanding success.

The peal book was on show, and the work of bringing the entries up-to-date is being beautifully and skilfully done by Dr. Woodcock, a Hope lady ringer.

Towers represented were Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl, Wrexham, Hope, Buckley, Gresford, Chester, Dodleston, with visitors from Hodnet, Bebington and Liverpool, and a lady from Southampton.

Members were delighted to have with them Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who has been poorly for a number of years.

SPALDING RINGERS VISIT ST. ALBANS

The programme said 'Spalding Corn Exchange, 6.30 a.m. depart.' Well, we were only three minutes late in leaving through waiting for the organiser. Sorry, Jack! And with the coach driver—our regular, of course—in good form, we were off to a good start and in fact arrived at our first tower, Stevenage, with ten minutes to spare, so we enjoyed these bells for longer than we had expected.

Off in good time and on to St. Albans, where we enjoyed ringing in three towers—St. Peter's, the Abbey and St. Michael's, with an excellent lunch timed between the last two. A pleasant hour was spent at Hatfield, and then on to Hertford—first at St. Andrew's, more refreshment, and finally to All Saints'. Journeying on again to Hoddesdon completed our ringing activities.

Back towards home and the usual stop at Huntingdon for supper and liquid refreshment. Still an hour or so to home, and so the handbells were made good use of. The Corn Exchange was reached just before midnight, and goodbyes were sounding in all directions, along with many thanks to Jack for a very well-organised day. R. C. N.

STRIKING CONTEST IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE

In order to give an incentive to towers in the Andover and Basingstoke Districts of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to improve their striking, a handsome cup has been presented by Mr. A. W. Alliston, of the Andover District. The first competition for it took place at Overton, Hants, on May 30th, the judge being Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Teams from Andover, Basingstoke, Highclere and Overton took part, being required to ring 240 Grandsire Doubles. For most of the competitors this was a new experience. Overton bells are not the easiest to strike well, and this, coupled with competition nerves and the keen ear of the judge, gave large totals of faults in the score! This was, Overton 124, Andover 160, Highclere 178, Basingstoke (St. Michael's) 186.

The result was announced before the tea, which was provided by the local band and served by wives and friends. Mr. Kippin spared the feelings of individual ringers by maintaining a firm silence on their performance.

The cup was presented to Mr. P. Holmes, deputising as captain of the Overton band for Mr. B. Garrett, who was prevented by illness from ringing. Mrs. Sanders, wife of the local Rector, was asked to present the cup. Since her husband and daughter were members of the team the whole proceedings had a suggestion of being a family affair.

Suitable speeches were made, thanking Mr. Alliston for presenting the cup and Mr. Kippin for judging the contest. F. A. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Most of the party, consisting of about 22 ringers from the Nottingham District and their friends, piled into the chartered bus at St. Peter's Gate, Nottingham, on May 30th at 8.15 a.m., and the rest of the party were collected on the way to our first tower of the day at Earl Shilton in Leicestershire. We found the delightful eight bells here already raised, and a very enjoyable half-hour was spent in short touches of standard methods before going over the border into Warwickshire.

Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, was the next tower, where Mrs. Beamish welcomed us, and here not only the ten bells but the church itself claimed our attention. It was heavily damaged during the war and is being beautifully rebuilt and restored.

After all-too-short a stay at Chilvers Coton, we returned to Nuneaton, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Newdigate Arms Hotel. The six with a 12 cwt. tenor at Wolvey was then visited.

A pleasant run through the lanes brought us to Newbold-on-Avon, where about an hour was spent in many different touches before going on to the ancient town of Lutterworth, with its associations with Wyclif, the translator of the Bible, who later suffered martyrdom in this town. Here we enjoyed a grand tea at the Central Café before raising the heavy eight at the parish church. Some good striking was achieved here before proceeding to the last tower of the day at Claybrooke St. Peter. This ring was thought by some to be the best of the day and was much enjoyed before the bells were run down at 7.50 p.m.

The ringing during the day was under the care of Mr A. S. Colton, and all tastes and ringing abilities were catered for. Thanks are due to Mr. S. Adams who made all the arrangements. R. A. B.

WORTLEY, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Tarbatt 1, H. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. To mark the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

REDDISH RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH

Reddish ringers, with friends from Gorton and Marple, visited the Loughborough Foundry for their outing on Friday, May 22nd. Mr. J. P. Fidler was an entertaining guide. The unusual lightness of the bells attracted the younger ringers, but the visitors felt they did not do justice to them.

On the way to Loughborough there were stops for ringing at Leek (10) and Ashbourne (8). The best bells of the day were encountered at Dufficld (10), where the Surprise ringers showed their prowess. Oxford T.B. went well at Matlock (8), and Darley Dale's 8 proved a nice ring of bells. Here Spliced Minor ringers showed how easy it is, and even Grandsire Doubles ringers had an enjoyable time.

CHISELDON, WILTS

For the second successive year, Chiseldon (Wilts) ringers chose South West Wiltshire for their Whit Monday outing, when eight members travelling in two cars visited seven towers.

Two ground floor rings came first—Dinton and Chilmark. After lunch, local ringers and a friend from Somerset joined in the pleasant ringing at Hindon. A steep, slippery ladder had to be negotiated at East Knoyle, having an excellent anti-clockwise ring. Donhead St. Mary's bells were approached by an unusual wooden spiral. Coombe Bissett and Broadchalke concluded the programme. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints' Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor. Thanks are specially accorded the two drivers, George and Tony.

A DAY IN EAST HANTS

A party of ringers and friends from Guildford, St. Albans and Ashtead had an enjoyable day in East Hampshire on May 23rd. They rang at St. Peter's, Farnborough, and on the anti-clockwise six at Crondall—in this village the Morris dancers offered the company cake 'baked in the Devil's kitchen,' to keep all cares and worries away.

Thus a care-free party rang on the little-used six at Froyle, and at Old Alresford joined the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's practice meeting, with a course of Cambridge. Bishop's Sutton (5), Ropley (5), Tidbourne (6), Blackmoor and Bramshott were visited before having a short ring at the Guildford Diocesan Guild's practice meeting at Bentley.

ST. MARY'S, READING

The Cotswold country was visited by St. Mary's, Reading, band for their annual outing on May 30th. Before reaching Cheltenham there was ringing at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon, and Coln St. Aldwyn. An excellent lunch preceded ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where Cambridge Maximus and several good courses of Stedman Cinques were brought round. Mr. Dyer met the party, and others there were Mr. and Mrs. David Beacham, David Marshall, Ivor Goulter and Peter Warren.

At the late John Thomas' tower, Hinton-on-the-Green, the band had time to admire a beautifully-inscribed Bible given in his memory. It was nice to see flowers in the belfry, and at Cheltenham, too. A course of Glasgow was rung on this well-kept ring of eight.

The route to the last tower, Hook Norton, was past an ancient monument known as Rollick Stones, near Great Rollright. Like a miniature Stonehenge, the stones form a large circle and are of Bronze Age origin, circa 1500 B.C. Pagan rites were observed with a course of Grandsire Triples on Jenny Davies' 'door bells' in the centre of the ring before an audience of sightseers. At Hook Norton ringing concluded with a touch of eight-spliced. R. K. R.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS

On Whit Monday a party of ringers and friends from Little Missenden and neighbouring towers had their annual outing to the Cotswolds.

The towers visited—all rings of six—were Charlbury, Bledington, Great Rissington—a heavy-going anti-clockwise ring, Bibury, Lechlade—the best ring of the day, where a course of Norwich Surprise was rung, Stamford-in-the-Vale (here, despite local predictions, Bob Minor was achieved), and East Hendred, a tower to be remembered for some time, with its 22 cwt. tenor, and long draught with no guides. The standard of ringing gradually improved, and in the coach the handbell enthusiasts found ample opportunity to test their ability.

Thanks are due to the indefatigable organisers, and to all incumbents and tower captains.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LONDON

For their annual outing this year Rotherham ringers came by train to London on May 23rd. At St. Clement Danes', touches of Grandsire Caters, Little Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal just in time for the 'oranges and lemons' chimes to be heard at noon.

After an enjoyable lunch, arranged by Mr. A. A. Hughes, the party spent an enjoyable hour with the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, which seemed to bring the best out of the ringers. Good use was also made of the little eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street. An hour-and-a-half was available for sight-seeing before boarding the appointed train for home. Thanks are accorded to all who made this happy visit possible.

HILLINGDON

St. John's, Hillingdon, Society for their annual outing on May 30th went into Essex. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for Barkway, where the eight bells were enjoyed. On the fine 12 at Saffron Walden the ringing consisted of rounds for beginners, and touches of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques. Visits were also paid to Thaxted and Dunmow, and on the latter bells a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods was achieved. Good striking was maintained throughout the day, and all the touches rung came round. Hillingdon was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. T. G. B.

STRATTON, DEVON

Stratton ringers had their share of travel adventures on the narrow roads of Cornwall on Whit Monday. At St. Mawgan's, St. Mawgan-in-Meneage, the first tower visited, a 335-degree corner had to be negotiated.

The worst experience was after Penzance. A quarter of an hour was spent without luck in trying to negotiate a corner, with two other cars waiting. We were then directed into a field and told we could join the road through a gate at the other end. Alas, there was a steel spike sticking out of the stone gatepost which stopped progress. Up the steep slope of the field we went again with the back wheels spinning on the grass. Reversing out, we tackled the corner again. After nearly having to lift the back end of the coach round we succeeded with only a few scratches to the paintwork. Great praise is due to Sid Marden, the driver.

As to the towers visited, there was St. Mawgan's, Truro Cathedral, Penzance, Gulval, Meldon, Phillack and Bodmin. Methods were kept as simple as possible. Thanks are due to Henry Trewin, the organiser, and Sid Marden, the driver. A. A. J. B.

BALDOCK, HERTS

A coachload of ringers and friends set off for Surrey on May 30th. Having passed Wembley Stadium and Hampton Court we arrived at Chertsey, where one of the bells was the subject for 'Curfew shall not ring tonight.' The admonition is hardly necessary inside the church, though the bells are audible outside.

At Old Woking, the octave is quite noisy in contrast to the previous ring. On to Guildford for lunch, and ringing at the (old) Cathedral and St. Nicolas'.

A true ringers' tea was provided at the Prince of Wales, Leatherhead, then there was more Caters and Royal ringing at SS. Mary and Nicholas'. For the first time that day, we kept to time and enjoyed the octave at Ashtead. Some Dutch visitors were most interested in the ringing, and asked many questions.

An additional pleasure was that of meeting and ringing with old friends. The enjoyable outing was marred only by anxiety about one member who was unwell. J. S.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Buchan (first quarter) 1, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 2, G. R. Smerdon 3, A. F. Spooner 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, M. F. Layton 8. A 70th birthday compliment to T. Norman.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED BARRATT

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Alfred Barratt, of Daybrook, Notts, on May 21st, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 72 years.

The funeral service took place at St. Paul's, Daybrook, on May 25th, previous to interment at Redhill Cemetery. The bells of St. Paul's were rung before and after the service. There were many ringers present, and the many floral tributes included wreaths from St. Peter's, Nottingham, and St. Paul's, Daybrook, bands.

Alf was a safe ringer and a good striker. He had rung a good number of peals and conducted quite a number of them, mostly Grandsire and Stedman, Triples and Caters. A lovable character, he will be remembered for his genial company and willingness to stand in to help the younger members. F. A. S.

MR. WALTER A. GAMMAGE

The sudden death of Mr. Walter A. Gammage on June 2nd came as a great shock to the many friends who knew and loved him.

The last function that he attended on May 30th was that of the 75th anniversary of the ring of eight bells at the Church of St. Edmund, Northampton, where he was a ringer for over 50 years, and held the position of secretary and tower-keeper for a good many years.

A very young 72 years, he was able to mix with young and old alike, not feeling out of place, and kept pace with the younger generation. He always had an amusing story to tell, and his advice on matters of importance, when required, was always at hand.

W. A. G. had held various offices in the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild since its formation, and his loyalty, service and personality will be very much missed.

His work for St. Edmund's Church, where he was a member of the P.C.C. and sidesman, was outstanding, and his outside activities numerous. He was indeed a gentleman who was held in respect by all.

The funeral service took place at St. Edmund's on June 5th, where a large congregation was present to pay its last respects. Cremation followed at Milton, Northants.

Following the service, short touches of Grandsire Triples on the half-muffled bells of St. Edmund's Church were rung by members of the Peterborough Guild, and in the evening a quarter peal was rung in tribute. G. F. R.

MR. H. NEWNHAM

A former captain of Alresford ringers, who had been a bell-ringer for close on 60 years, Mr. Harry Newnham died last month, aged 85. Born at Leatherhead, he was stationmaster at Alresford, retiring 25 years ago. Closely connected with the church, he had held appointments as churchwarden and secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

To his memory, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with three cover bells) was rung half-muffled on May 31st by Miss K. Tremeer 1, H. Shaw 2, C. Dando 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, L. A. Tremeer (conductor) 5, P. Shipwith 6, G. Allen 7, W. Smith 8.

Ladies' Guild At Feltham

For most of the members attending the Central District meeting at Feltham on May 30th it was their first experience of this light musical ring of ten. About 24 members and friends had tea, but numbers were increased in the evening. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by members, and other methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal by those present. An interesting report on the Guild's annual meeting at Southport was given.

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MARRIAGE

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MISCELLANEOUS

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Members who haven't sent in their Voting-and-Record forms are asked to do so *now*, please.
N.B.—College Convention (Portsmouth, July 25th). Conference opening *altered* to 2.15 p.m. (Cathedral House), with Service (Cathedral) at 4.30 p.m. Friends welcome. College information (stamped envelope, please) gladly from the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. Why not join?

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note. Coach will pick up at Willoughby 7.15, Daventry 7.20, Kislingbury 7.40, Bugbrooke 7.45, Lower Heyford 7.50, Weedon (Main Road) 8.5, Newnham 8.10, Charwelton 8.15, Byfield 8.20.—F. W. Hancock. 4556

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Outing to Essex, Saturday, June 20th. Romford (8), 5 to 6 p.m.; Dagenham (8), 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. Afternoon ringing will be arranged. Meet, Romford E.R. Station, 2.30 p.m. 4554

BELLRINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1960.—We have received a number of requests for earlier publication of the Diary, but this can only be achieved with the co-operation of *all* Association and Guild Secretaries. Will you *all* please send lists of Guild Officers, together with dates for annual meetings, dinners, etc., to reach the address below by August 20th latest. Otherwise we must repeat as per the last edition. Also, for use in future editions, will you please advise if your annual meeting date is a 'fixed' one. — W. Viggers and M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4568

WAREHAM, DORSET (8), 15 cwt.—Sunday ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. Practice night, Thursday 7.30 p.m. Visitors always welcome. 4571

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. —C. K. Lewis. 4523

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4515

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4529

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, 3 p.m., Tewin. Bells 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 4531

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. —C. T. H.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Saturday, June 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. Special method: Double Court. —E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 4526

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION
HOPE PARISH CHURCH, FLINTSHIRE
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Meeting at Aston Clinton, Bucks, Saturday, June 20th. Note: Previous notice, June 27th, incorrect. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 4557

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.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 4466

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting at Kingsclere, Sydmonton, etc., CANCELLED. Will now be held in September; look out for notice. Practice meeting, Goodworth Clatford, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Andover. Andover (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 4499

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. Note alteration of venue from Hartlebury, those bells being now at Loughborough. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4485

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 4535

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Dunchurch, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by 24th to Mr. A. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, Rugby. 4540

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Ashbourne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 45562

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Practice meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, June 27th, 7 p.m. 4560

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Rev. Mr. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Askern, Doncaster.—George Watson, Sec. 4508

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 27th, at Wingerworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street (South), Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4543

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 27th, Almondsbury (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will members please attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 4555

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Churchdown. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow at Church Hall. Names by June 23rd to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 4552

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Toddington (6), Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Important business following tea. Names by June 23rd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 4551

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4), Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 23rd to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 4548

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. East Molesey bells may be available after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 4537

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Denholme, Saturday, June 27th. Entrance fee, 10s., to Sec. by June 20th. For teas please notify by June 20th W. Proctor, Greystones, Keighley Road, Denholme, Bradford.—A. Farrand, Sec. 4498

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford Grammar Schools' Society.—Meeting, Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Hickson, 28, Valley Walk, Croxley, Herts.—A. J. Hickson, Sec. 4558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod (6), Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. No business.—Thornley, Sec. 4536

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Idle, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. This fine ring has just been rehung on bearings and quarter-turned. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Yorkshire. 4525

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The meeting advertised for Horncastle on June 27th has been postponed. 4553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Branches.—Joint interim meeting at Dereham, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4484

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, June 27th. 4567

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, June 27th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 24th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 4559

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (est. 1623).—The 336th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Service 4 p.m. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4518

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 4546

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranborne, Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 23rd I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 4550

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 24th, *please*, to Mrs. D. J. Beach, Peaseholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts. 4445

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—A meeting will take place on Saturday, June 27th, at Fobbing. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 4570

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (please note change of venue) on Saturday, June 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Practice method, Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 4521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Upton-Grey, Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Hoddington Arms. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, June 23rd.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4561

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 27th, Liss (St. Mary's, 8). Bells available 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 4545

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District), LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, with invitation to members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Richmond (8), Saturday, June 27th. Grinton (6) available after tea. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by June 24th to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson, organiser. 4564

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Friday, July 3rd, at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 4563

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashover on Saturday, July 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Highfield House, Chapel Hill, Ashover, near Chesterfield.—H. E. Taylor, B. P. Morris. 4517

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Shenfield, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Turner, Church Cottage, Hall Lane, Shenfield. 4542

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Goxhill (6), Saturday, July 4th. Names for tea by July 1st to Mr. S. Neave, Ainsle House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 4566

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas', Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. F. Taylor, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Lincs. 4541

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Happisburgh, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method for practice, Stedman Slow Course Minor. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 1st, to Mr. G. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, July 4th. Service 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch 1.30 p.m. Tickets for lunch (6s.) from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing as usual.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4569

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Packwood on July 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 1st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 4539

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, July 4th, Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th to G. R. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4544

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Portsea (8), 11 to 12.30; Portsmouth Cathedral (10), 1 to 2.15 and 6.30 onwards; Alverstoke (8), 7 to 9. Business meeting in Cathedral House at 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, Hants. 4501

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—St. Thomas' Church. Bicentenary of the bells. Festival, Saturday, July 11th. Bells at Dudley, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Cradley, Lye, Oldswinford, Collaston and Stourbridge, available 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and service at St. Thomas'. Programmes (s.a.e., please), tea tickets (adults 2s., children 1s.), from D. H. Watson, 23, Gregory Road, Stourbridge. 4532

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The ancient brick tower of Warehorne is well known to the peal ringers of the Ashford District, but it is 12 years since the Association last held a meeting at this tiny, secluded village on the edge of Romney Marsh.

The new Rector-designate (Rev. J. E. V. Davies) welcomed the ringers, and at the service he read the poem 'To Ringers' from G. K. Chesterton's 'Hymns to the Five Guilds.' An excellent tea was served by Mrs. R. Spicer.

Eleven towers were represented at the meeting. Visitors included Mr. Leonard Stilwell, from Worthing, Mr. G. Huckstep, from Crayford, and Mr. T. Cullingworth, who called the first peal on the bells and who has not missed a District meeting since the war. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 ringers from 12 towers attended the Mansfield District meeting at Warsop on May 23rd. The Rector (Rev. J. G. P. Hapgood) conducted a short service and presided at a brief business meeting as the District chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey, sent an apology for absence owing to shift work.

Hopes are being entertained of a joint meeting with the East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association on July 25th at Clay Cross, with Eastwood as an alternative tower. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 15s. Mr. D. H. Rooke was elected the local correspondent for 'The Ringing World.' The customary votes of thanks included a special one to the ladies for providing tea. D. H. R.

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