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THE EASTER VENTURE

HARDLY a week passes without one or more obituaries in this journal; never a day without a long list in the daily papers of people departed this life. The shadow of sorrow lies always over our world. The fact of Death is inescapable—one thing which has never been tempered or changed by the philosophies of the ages, nor disproved by the cleverest logicians. Systems of ethics, fathered as by Aristotle, may point to Happiness as the greatest good of man, but can never screen men from the sadness involved by death. All such systems remain in the realm of the temporal. And in any attempts they make to pierce the veil they only take refuge in a doctrine of the 'Unknowable.' So their followers wander through the mystery of human existence and find no rest for the soles of their feet.

But over and over again in these obituaries tributes are paid to what this man or woman has accomplished; to something which they have contributed to the world's movement; to the uplifting of their fellows; to the triumph of the spiritual over the animal nature; and to a faith which no spectacle or threat of mortality has been able to weaken. Something which lives on after them, inspiring courage and effort, witnessing to the truth

'That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.'

For the fact of Death, real as it is, has been eclipsed by the great historical fact of the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection from the dead. And in the process of that eclipse the Cross with all its agony and darkness and sorrow must come first. That can never be glossed over, or forgotten, for it was, and is, for all time the revelation of the Way of God for the redemption of human life. The Way of God can never again be imagined as the way man might wish it to be—a path of glorious sunshine, and not rather a way of suffering and the bearing of the Cross. But now, in the light of Easter, Christian disciples faced with the Cross breathe the air of eternity: they are conscious of being touched by that Wisdom which to the ordinary man is folly. Now in the Cross is mirrored the reality beyond all that is earthly:

'O world invisible, we view thee,
O world intangible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee.'

Easter, then, points us to the real understanding of the way of accomplishment. The Resurrection is the proclamation of the truth that though the steep ascent to Heaven has to be climbed 'through peril, toil and pain,' the value of such experience has an enduring quality, and emerges into the glory as of a lovely flower breaking forth from the seed which had to die to bring it to birth.

Thus, on Easter Day, we are not merely commemorating a unique event in history—an Act of God which freed His Son Jesus Christ from the fetters of death. He does not remain a lone figure on a distant horizon. By virtue of His Risen Manhood He brings men on to the new and living way towards God which He has trodden ahead of them for that very purpose. He is the leader of all men towards the gate of Heaven which by His own obedience and travail He has opened to all believers. He is, indeed, the undying hope and ever-present joy of all who follow Him and share the grace of His onward movement.

The bells of the Christian Church, then, on Easter Day are echoing the 'Reveille' of the open Heaven. Awake, they call, and arise to the dawn of ventures beyond the corruptible! They are the *Sursum Corda* to a travelling and floundering humanity. The Son has accomplished 'the work which the Father had given Him to do,' and in His Name and through His Word the victory of faith is sure. 'In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.'

May we who ring the Easter bells take this to heart afresh. Progress, whether it be in the technicalities of our art, or in its social ideals, is beset with difficulties and frustrations: and sometimes that has meant, and can mean, a dropping off the path, an abandonment of effort, or a turning to other interests which seem to offer less discouragement, more kudos, and to make fewer demands upon one's patience. Well, that is simply a misunderstanding, perhaps desertion, of the Cross making it a barricade to enlightenment: whereas the true Christian conception of its nature in one's life is that expressed by Thomas a Kempis: 'If thou bear the Cross cheerfully, it will bear thee, and lead thee to the desired end, to wit, where there shall be an end of suffering: *though here this shall not be.*' And Easter is the ringer's incentive, through all the apparent drudgery and humiliation of failures, through every shadow, through any checks to concord, to tread with unshakable faith the new path to the ultimate triumph of the Spirit of Christ, by Whom and in Whom all our service here shall be glorified.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5280 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

DOREEN D. DUTTON .. Treble	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 9
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 10
*JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	JOHN A. SMITH .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
*ERNEST BENNETT .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Belgrave Surprise Royal.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun.

A PEAL OF 5140 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

RONALD BIRCH .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. 6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	BARRY HOLLAND .. 7
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 8
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 9
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

First touch on ten bells as conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. 6
MARTYN HAWKES .. 2	*ERNEST W. PENN .. 7
WALTER H. RAXTER .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 9
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5	PATRICK HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 7
*DAVID W. FRIEND .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 8
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 9
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 5	EDMUND MALIN .. Tenor

Composed by W. PAGE.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
BERNARD GROVES .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. 9
BASIL JONES .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A compliment to Jaclyn Bumphrey on the occasion of her first birthday.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*MARY MADDISON .. Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	PETER M. ADCOCK .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 8
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4	*BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 9
JAMES B. MORLEY .. 5	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Arranged by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JEAN SANDERSON .. Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 5
*JUNE I. DEAR .. 2	A. REX AGG .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
†LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., March 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*LEWIS ROBERTS .. Treble	ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. V. Bishop as incumbent prior to his induction by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of Immanuel.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	*ROGER LEIGH .. 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. 6
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
CHARLES CLEGG .. 4	*JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

MRS. G. MANCHIP .. Treble	*RICHARD BEVIS .. 5
HERBERT GATES .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 6
ANTONY KENCH .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. 7
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of B.V.M.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 6
ALAN R. BRIDGES 3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
JACK PILGRIM 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 200th peal.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BARRY M. COX Treble	*STANLEY G. PONTING 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 7
ROBIN J. ELLIOT 4	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 125th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 5
HOWARD SCOTT 2	*JOHN N. DISERENS 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	*RONALD F. DISERENS 7
*MICHAEL P. MORETON 4	*NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	HARRY PLUMB 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HAROLD E. RAXTER 6
RALPH HARRIS 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, 640 Yorkshire, 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 each of Bristol, Hereford, Lindum, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 10-Spliced. † 150th peal together.

ERITH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER BERESFORD Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK J. CULUM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN. THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt.
DAVID G. THOMAS Treble	J. ARTHUR HOARE 5
*BARRY J. COUZENS 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
D. HAYDEN DOBBINS 4	EDMUND J. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Triples.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Augustine.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
*JOHN S. RANK Treble	*RONALD R. WARFORD 5
JAMES THORLEY 2	A. H. HAWCROFT 6
*KEITH GOLDTHORPE 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD 7
*DAVID S. JOHNSON 4	†IAN N. GOLDTHORPE .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
At the Church of SS Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JUNE I. DEAR Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
†JOHN E. T. WISEMAN 4	EDWIN G. BUCK Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE. ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
V. ROY TALLIS Treble	RICHARD G. MORRIS 4
PAMELA M. TURNER 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS 5
MAURICE C. HUGHES 3	ROGER E. TALLIS Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

To celebrate the birth of Prince Andrew.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
JANE R. SHAW Treble	MAURICE C. HUGHES 3
PAMELA M. TURNER 2	RICHARD G. MORRIS 4
ROGER E. TALLIS Tenor	

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*ROY D. MARRIOTT Treble	†RICHARD A. WEBSTER 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	†ROY W. SPENCER 5
RONALD RUSSELL 3	†DAVID C. URQUHART .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles.

Rung to commemorate the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell; also a birthday compliment to Richard A. Webster.

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BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*AVERIL J. BELL Treble | JOHN K. FOOT 4
ROGER E. TALLIS 2 | *CEDRIC J. A. GOY 5
MAURICE C. HUGHES 3 | *ROBERT A. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

*First peal. First in the method by all the band.
A 21st birthday compliment to Cedric Goy.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble | GARY WIGNALL 4
JOHN FROOME 2 | PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
ELAINE A. RICHARDSON 3 | M. JOHN HALLIWELL Tenor

Conducted by M. JOHN HALLIWELL.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Elaine A. Richardson.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire, four Morris's 240's
Grandsire and two Price's 240's. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
JOHN F. WRIGHT Treble | FREDERICK DERRY 4
PHILIP A. PITCHFORD 2 | JAMES H. MUSSON 5
*G. COLIN JACKSON 3 | J. EDWARD BROWN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

*First peal in two Doubles methods.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Edward Brown, who has now
circled the tower.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Cambridge, Oxford
T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.
GILLIAN E. GRANEY Treble | *MICHAEL D. FROST 4
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN 2 | STANLEY HUCKLE 5
DENNIS C. BOWEN 3 | GERALD PENNEY Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

*25th peal. First in seven methods by all the band except the ringer
of the third.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
WALIER R. BEEBE Treble | ROBERT A. BATES 4
KAY GREENWAY 2 | ROY STEVENSON 5
T. ERNEST WILSON 3 | PHILIP G. K. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by T. ERNEST WILSON.

Rung as a farewell to P. G. K. Davies, who has now rung Grandsire
from Doubles to Cinques.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.
JANE R. SHAW Treble | ROGER E. TALLIS 4
*V. ROY TALLIS 2 | MAURICE C. HUGHES 5
PAMELA M. TURNER 3 | *VIVIANNE A. NEAL Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

*First peal 'inside.' †First peal.

Average age of band 16 years 9 months.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of
Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
DENIS MADDOCK Treble | HARRY W. HOWARD 4
ROGER KING 2 | *MICHAEL THOMPSON 5
JOHN RYDER 3 | HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

*First peal in three methods.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon
A. J. Humphreys.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.
JAMES NAPHINE Treble | *REGINALD C. PEARCE 4
JACK PILGRIM 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

*First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. L. R. Manthorp), upon his
appointment as Rector of Melton.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. Treble | ANTHONY E. COX 4
ANGELA GRAINGER 2 | †D. JOHN HUNT 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3 | †DONALD E. COBB Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

*First peal of Surprise. †First of Cambridge Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 37 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old
Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neusden, Charlwood, Taxal,
Humber, Marple, Braintree, Elston, Clarence and Morning Star (15
methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk,
Bourne and Hull Surprise; (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (4)
College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob;
(5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob;
(6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Double
Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
JOHN WARNER 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST 5
ALAN R. SYDER 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent
Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double
Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.
LEONARD STILWELL Treble | DEREK E. SIBSON 4

*GEOFFREY R. CRISP 2 | *RAYMOND A. BROWN 5
*E. JANE LANGTON 3 | *BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

*First peal in seven Minor methods.

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HALKYN, FLINTSHIRE. THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN PARSONAGE Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	GEOFFREY PARTING 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. D. Drinkwater, daughter of Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WALTER D. BAILEY Treble	BERNARD G. FAIRHEAD .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE.. .. 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

Rung for the wedding this day of Winifred Wheeler (ringer at this tower) to Barry Kitson.

NAZEING, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
KENNETH C. S. WOOD .. Treble | †MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 4
*JUNE WHITCHER 2 | BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
REGINALD H. HAYDEN .. 3 | WILLIAM H. ALEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. ALEY.

* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Sams (daughter of the local tower captain) and Mr. Gerald Howerd.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's arrangements) and 20 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*MICHAEL F. SIMS Treble	DAVID A. HOULT 4
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.. 2	*GEOFFREY T. HORRITT .. 5
*A. CLIVE BERRY 3	BRYN B. NASH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1—2	*ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH.. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
JOHN A. ACRES.. .. 9—10	

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* 800th peal.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole (March 20th. 1958).

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT LEALHOLME.

A PEAL OF 5100 SPLICED MAJOR

In 36 methods: Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College: 359 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.. 1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
*JOHN FREEMAN 3—4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 36 methods. † First in 36 methods 'in hand.'

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM.—On Mar. 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Doris Smith 1, M. Lurcher 2, Rosemary Jones 3, R. Thorsby 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, T. M. Roderick 6.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Pincombe (first quarter) 1, J. S. Knighton 2, R. S. Barker 3, M. S. Fern 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. M. Foster (first quarter) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. G. Cheverton and Miss P. M. Hollingworth. Also on the engagement of the ringers of 2 and 6; and to welcome a daughter to Mrs. R. S. Barker and the ringer of the 3rd.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Shelagh Whitehouse 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, M. F. Layton 7, A. Rogers 8. Rung after a peal attempt had failed as a compliment to Raymond and Gillian Parsons on the birth of their daughter, Linda Margaret.

BEDFONT, MIDDXX.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Burgess 2, D. Pickett 3, D. Morgan 4, M. Lane 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Skinner 1, O. Castleman 2, M. Pole 3, A. Skinner 4, R. Barrow 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch (cond.) 7, P. Brutnall 8. For Mothering Sunday service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Corderoy 1, J. P. Blond 2, E. G. Garrard 3, J. O. Berry 4, D. Bowen 5, F. Absalom 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Eland 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy (cond.) 5, A. R. T. Greenough 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, D. Bryant 6, D. W. Davies 7, E. M. Smith 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughters of T. E. Hiddins and E. M. Smith.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Elford (age 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Mrs. N. Bennett 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. W. Jewell 6. Rung before morning service during which David Leslie Parfrey was christened.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, W. Stone (composer and cond.) 2, D. Ellender 3, D. Sibley 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, H. Sibley 7, N. Haile 8. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDDXX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, Barbara Marchant 2, June Richardson 3, G. Thrush 4, D. Fowles 5, P. Woodgyer (cond.) 6. Both rung for Evensong.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: W. J. Newman 1, R. W. Cole 2, A. J. Brazier 3, C. B. Longmore 4, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 5, J. E. Newman 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, R. Preston 3, K. Smith 4, G. Everitt (first in method) 5, A. Beckwith 6, J. Warner 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On April 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, R. Preston 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong, arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who comes from Nottingham.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Brown (first of Minor) 1, J. Duckett 2, W. Brown 3, T. Gillott (first of Minor) 4, S. Brown 5, D. Griffin (first as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble and second leading): F. Stoneham 1, N. Tucker 2, J. Tuffin 3, B. J. Dyke 4, W. S. Bongard 5, C. S. Bongard 6, R. H. Duke (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung for evening service as a farewell to the Rev. P. J. Heaton, who is taking over the parish of Motcombe.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Mar. 25th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. H. Brown 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, N. H. Wilson 3, E. J. Reede 4, H. W. Jones 5, T. McMorran (cond.) 6, D. Vokes 7, R. I. George 8, J. H. Atkinson 9, V. R. McCormick (first of Caters) 10. Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and as a compliment to the Very Rev. John Ward Armstrong, dean and ordinary.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): M. Rose 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings 3, R. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. A. Davey, interred this day.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Bailey (first quarter) 1, W. Page 2, Elsie Wyatt 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5. For the birth of H.R.H. Prince Andrew, H.M. the Queen's second son. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, W. Page 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Morris (40 years) and Mr. and Mrs. C. Callaway (34 years) on their wedding anniversaries.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Atkins 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor.

GRAVESEND.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. F. Amos (cond.) 1, Dorothy M. Palmer 2, R. Wilson 3, E. Billings 4, J. G. Goddard 5, E. M. Thresher 6.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Newman 1, Miss J. Roberts 2, Miss P. Foley 3, J. Smith 4, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 5, G. Brown 6, W. J. Newman 7, B. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. A. Mills, a widely respected parishioner, who was buried on Feb. 22nd.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDXX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob and Little Bob): D. Morgan 1, J. Mudd 2, M. Palmer 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, W. G. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, F. E. Crutenden 2, B. W. White (cond.) 3, E. R. Ropley 4, C. R. Longhouse 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, G. A. Packham 8. Rung for the wedding of David J. Parsons, a member of the local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. George 1, Gwen May 2, Mrs. Pam Bird 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, J. King (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Cutton (first in the method) 1, Wendy Gladwin (first 'inside') 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, Sheila Wallace 4, D. Francis 5, G. Harrison 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Miss J. S. M. Carling (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Preece 2, C. M. Orme 3, Mrs. C. A. Agg 4, F. J. Plummer 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, H. H. Starte 7, W. F. Todd 8.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica D. Sheet 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, J. Lucas 4, F. Box 5, R. Drewett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding compliment to R. Samanon, until recently tower captain.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, A. Beckwith 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Payne 1, F. Benfield 2, J. W. Felce 3, P. Giles 4, B. E. Frost 5, S. Earl (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise by a Sunday service band.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Downing 1, Mrs. M. Layton 2, C. F. Juke (cond.) 3, T. Fasey 4, R. A. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, D. N. Layton 7, F. Preston 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Morgan, faithful ringer at this church for 60 years, interred this day.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Irwin (first quarter) 1, I. N. Goldthorpe (first of Minor) 2, K. Kirk 3, D. S. Johnson 4, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, J. S. Rank 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On Mar. 26th, at St. Peter at Gowts, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Single Court, Plain Bob): H. Broxholme 1, H. Radley 2, H. Hurst 3, A. Melton (cond.) 4, P. Pitchford 5, F. Dixon 6. For the wedding of Mr. R. Smith (sidesman) and Miss Chester.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On April 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss Hazel Everitt (first quarter) 1, A. W. Smith (first of Major) 2, R. G. Havard 3, R. V. Hughes 4, N. A. James 5, A. F. R. Hartley 6, W. J. Goodfellow 7, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 8. Rung following parish Confirmation.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except 3 and 5.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 each of St. Nicholas', April Day and Kennington, 240 of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and 420 Grandsire: T. M. Ryan 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, P. G. Smart 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, B. A. Todd (first quarter) 6. Most methods for 2 and 5. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Cambridge): S. G. Ponting 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. A. R. May 5, H. A. May (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Willars (first quarter) 1, Betty Marsh 2, B. Harris 3, B. J. Makeham 4, K. Wakefield 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the service of rededication of the restored south aisle.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Hale 1, D. Elliot 2, Gillian Martin 3, D. Neville 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 5.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Simons 1, T. Tebbutt 2, W. Care 3, T. Deacon 4, J. Inns 5, B. R. Care (cond.) 6, R. Eady 7, R. Simons 8. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, J. R. Haycock 2, W. C. Budd 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong, as a send-off to a visitation of the entire parish by a band of church workers, and for the 42nd wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On April 3rd, 1,000 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Clarke 1, Cherry Withell 2, Margaret Bock (first 'inside') 3, Eric Parsons 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Gill Masters 6. For Evensong.

NEXT WEEK IS BOB-A-JOB WEEK

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Helen M. Thacker 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. E. Tallis jnr. (cond.) 4, J. K. Foot 5, M. C. Hughes 6. For Evensong.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chiplin 1, R. Hughes 2, H. J. Palmer 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, A. M. Coombs 6. For Evensong.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. A. Rule (first quarter) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, A. Locke 3, Miss J. G. Hobbins 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. D. Carter 6. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. John Maurice Key, as Bishop of Truro.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bennett (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. M. Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings (first of Minor 'inside') 4, J. Clements 5, D. Price (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to C. Haylings, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Bennett.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. B. Pomeroy 1, Miss Roberts 2, R. W. Selby 3, M. G. Selby 4, Miss B. M. Smith 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6, G. J. Hemming tenor covering. First Cambridge Minor 'inside' for 2 and 3.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Watkins (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, M. C. Faulkes 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob, 560 Grandsire): K. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, C. Deem 3, J. Manley 4, C. C. Turner 5, J. Quick 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, J. Arbury 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by all except the conductor. A compliment to the ringer of 5th, on his fourth wedding anniversary.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Valerie Hoby 1, J. C. Birt 2, Linda J. Kew 3, F. R. Scott 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, J. K. Ward 6, W. D. Ward 7, A. D. Rivers 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. K. Walters (first on ten as conductor) 10. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Livingston and Miss Janet Adamson, both ringers at Slough Parish Church.

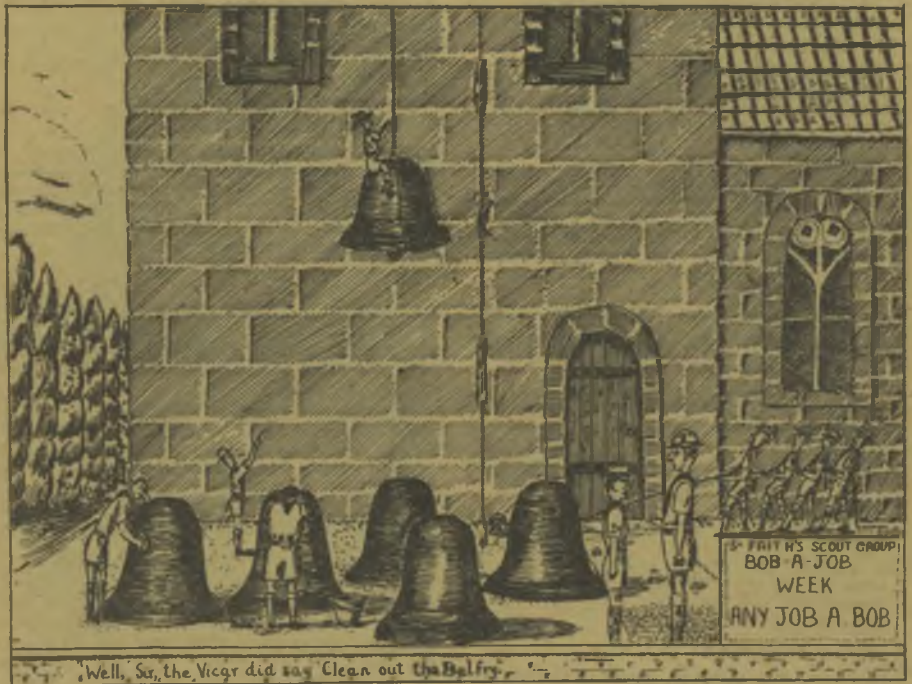
SOUTH HACKNEY, LONDON.—On April 3rd, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Major: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, E. J. Rowe 3, I. A. Oram (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, A. Bagworth 6, C. Willington 7, T. Bailey 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Gates 1, S. G. Peck 2, J. Perrett 3, W. Wainwright 4, H. Miller 5, A. Spreadbury 6, C. Ward 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. To mark the wedding of a member of the Christ Church band, Jane Hill, to Michael Harding, which took place earlier in the day. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. G. Gates (first of Triples) 1, Pam Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, M. Stanyon 4, H. Miller 5, S. G. Peck 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong and a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Stanyon.

STANWELL, MIDD.—On Mar. 30th, 1,272 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Osmund's, Winchendon Place, Ashford Little Bob): D. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. Young 4, M. Lane 5, J. Boyd 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. G. Sandels, churchwarden. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Fynes (cond.) 1-6, M. Lane 2, D. Pickett 3, K. Young 4, J. Boyd 5. For afternoon service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Fynes 2-3, K. Young 4, M. Lane 5, D. Pickett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): S. Elsey 1, J. Fox 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Reed 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

STRENSHAM, GLOS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Halling 1, J. Firkins 2, F. Hawkes 3, M. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6.



UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Broxton 1, E. Maund 2, J. Firkins 3, M. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Diggins (first of Major) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, E. E. Holman 4, P. D. Chapman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to mark the retirement from business of Mr. E. E. Holman, after 33 years' service with the same firm.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Slatford 1, N. J. Phippen 2, N. Abbott (first of Triples) 3, E. Norris 4, P. Roynon (first quarter) 5, N. Knee 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, F. Ross 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Lewis 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, Rita M. Webb 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in method 'inside' for 2 and 5. For Matins on Mothering Sunday.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Maple 1, Miss J. Horton 2, J. Newell 3, C. B. Skinner 4, C. Longhurst 5, B. W. Farhall (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of the local captain's daughter.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, W. A. Yates 2, J. Linnell 3, C. Truman 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung in memoriam William G. Whitehead.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Moore 1, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 2, P. W. Hawcock 3, G. D. Stroud 4, M. Poppleston 5, R. Daft (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, also as a 15th birthday compliment to Philip W. Hawcock and John McGowan.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Carson 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, Susan Rawlings 4, Anne Garnett 5, A. S. Bishop 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Vilma Hodson (first quarter) 1, E. Shippey 2, Dawn Green 3, G. Sharpe 4, A. Gower 5, L. Harvey (cond.) 6. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Powers.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

A successful ringers' meeting was held at St. Nicholas', Norton, on April 2nd. After a late start many people enjoyed a ring before the Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service, with Mr. K. Rooke as organist. This was the last ringers' meeting during Father Kenyon's incumbency.

Another 'last time' was for Mr. G. Debenham, president of the Association, whose current term of office ends this month. He honoured us by his presence, and took the chair at the business meeting which followed the excellent tea provided by Mrs. H. Werrett and friends. Miss H. Pound, of Norton, the Misses J. Carling and H. H. Starte, and Mr. M. Trigg, all of Hitchin, were elected ringing members. The next meeting will be at Anstey, not Ashwell, and the next quarterly business meeting at Knebworth.

Later, ringing continued in methods to suit all, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. J.S.

5,024 KELSHALL SURPRISE

By JOHN R. MAYNE

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Rung at Knebworth, Herts, January 16th, 1960.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 2nd, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: W. J. Brooks 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. Hunt 5, W. J. H. Parker 6, S. G. Day 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Oxford T.B. Major for 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. First of T.B. Major as conductor. Sonning Deanery Branch quarter.

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Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of the morning service on Sunday, April 24th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service, from Sutton Veny Parish Church, near Warminster, Wiltshire. The service will be conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. V. Evening, and the captain of the ringers is Mr. A. Eyres.

Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Leicester, rang his 800th peal on March 22nd.

South Wales Nomads at their meeting at Llanfrechfa, elected three new members. Despite the rain, which persisted all day, the meeting was well attended. A motor-cycle shuttle service was operated at the conclusion to get all ringers home.

Immediately after the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Sams, at Nazeing, on April 2nd, six members of her family rang the bells for a short touch, her father being the tower captain. A peal of Plain Bob Minor followed and afterwards the band was kindly entertained by Mr. C. Sams.

Winchester Cathedral band informs us that there will not be a practice either in Holy Week (which is usual), or in the following week. They expect to be open to visitors on April 27th at 7.30 p.m. and on subsequent Wednesdays. The College Youths are attempting a peal on the Cathedral bells on Saturday, April 23rd.

Mr. Seymour R. Barker, tower captain of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, has been ill for the past five months, but is now on the road to recovery. He has been associated with this tower since 1906, and has rung over 100 peals in its belfry. Perhaps his most memorable peal was that of Stedman Triples, rung on January 20th, 1938, in this tower, by Past Masters of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The band consisted of John Phillips (Master, 1931) treble, S. R. Barker (1932) 2, Fred Atwell (1901) 3, J. W. Jones (1898) 4, Frank Bailey (1922) 5, Charles Perry (1928) 6, Albert Pitman (1926) 7, Tom Page (1910) tenor.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Coventry Diocesan Guild are making their first contact with the new Cathedral and its authorities at their annual meeting on April 23rd. The service will be held in the Chapel of the Cross in the new Cathedral, and tea served in huts in the Cathedral precinct.

After being silent for ten years, the bells of Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, were rung to a quarter peal on March 30th.

The late Mr. Harry E. Wills, concerning whom information was recently requested, rang in three peals at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1927, when he was a member of St. Patrick's Change Ringing Society.

We are still receiving quarter peals for the birth of Prince Andrew. The latest to be received is from Eastham, Wirral, Cheshire, rung on February 19th. Methods rung were Plain Bob Minor and Single Oxford and the band consisted of B. C. W. Jenks (first quarter) 1, G. Halford 2, Mrs. F. R. Ferris 3, R. E. D. Hamn 4, K. C. Edwards 5, F. R. Ferris 6.

Mr. Hugh Falkner, of the College of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica, is never certain of the sequence of the arrival of his 'Ringing World': This is how his copies have arrived this year, January 1st, January 15th, February 5th, January 22nd, February 12th, January 8th, January 29th and February 19th. He writes: 'I really wouldn't know what method of change ringing could produce that order from normal rounds.' He sends greetings to Cirencester and Croydon ringers.

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on February 28th, the Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong, Dean of the Cathedral, dedicated a memorial brass peal board in the ringing chamber, erected in memory of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., who was a member of the St. Patrick's Society of Change Ringers for 59 years and president for nearly 25 years. Members of the family and his fellow ringers were present at the ceremony.

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WEDDINGS

Two Slough Ringers Married

Slough ringers went all festive on Sunday, April 3rd, when two of their number, Mr. David Livingston and Miss Janet Adamson, were married at Slough Parish Church by the Rev. E. W. Perkins, Rector, and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Livingston came to Slough a few years ago from Sidcup, Kent, in connection with his work in the Post Office Telephone Engineering Department, and was taught to handle a bell by Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, but later joined the Slough band. Miss Adamson began ringing at Slough, while still a pupil at Slough High School, and has rung a number of peals in various methods.

The wedding was held on Sunday as no choral services or wedding bells are allowed during Lent, and the Rector very kindly broke a year-old ban on Sunday weddings in the parish to please both David and Janet, and the ringers. The congregation included well over twenty ringing friends, and it was a great pleasure to have with them Mr. W. Hibbert and Mrs. Pat Lewington, of St. Laurence's, Reading, with whom the bride and bridegroom had rung a 'quarter' of Stedman Cinques a few days previously. Among the hymns chosen was 'The Ringers' Hymn,' and the choir was certainly not needed to help with that, as the 'ringers' choir' made their presence heard in no feeble manner.

After the ceremony the Rector, as president, made a presentation of china-ware to the happy couple, beneath the tower, on behalf of their ringing colleagues. They arrived at the church to the tune of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal and left to the sound of Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung in the evening, details of which appear elsewhere.

The reception was held at the bride's sister's home at Widbrook Common, near Cookham, where all the ringers present voted it the most enjoyable wedding they had ever been privileged to attend. The best man was Mr. John Norsworthy, captain of Bray-on-Thames ringers, and Miss Mary Adamson, sister of the bride, and also a Slough ringer, was bridesmaid. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in South Devon, and on their return will live in Maidenhead.

A Blunsdon Wedding

Two well-known ringers—Mr. Brian Bladon and Miss Lesley J. Hawes—were married at Blunsdon, Wilts. on April 2nd, the ceremony being attended by local ringers and certain 'Friends of the Exercise.' The bridegroom taught the bride to ring at Stamford Hill, Tottenham.

The bride, dressed in ivory satin brocade, and wearing a coronet with short veil, was attended by two bridesmaids dressed in blue satin brocade. The best man was Anthony R. Peake.

The reception took place at 'The King's Arms,' Swindon, and the honeymoon is being spent in Somerset.

The bells at Blunsdon were rung before and after the service. A 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by: B. S. Sheppard, Mrs. P. Mayne, W. H. Trueman, Miss F. Secker, Miss J. Secker and J. R. Mayne.

Tips For Beginners—16

If you wish to start conducting you will find it a help to remember that you can call three bobs in the same position in consecutive courses to give a complete touch in any method in which three bells are affected by a bob.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 16



MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH,
President of the Ladies' Guild.

Mrs. P. J. (Jill) Staniforth can only be described as the gifted and talented daughter of brilliant parents, and the devoted wife of another equally brilliant ringer, Peter J. Staniforth. Her record is so remarkable that it should stimulate all ringing members of her sex (aye, and the other sex, too!) to emulate her achievements. Yet in spite of all this Jill is a most modest and unassuming young lady. She stands high up in the affections of all who know her.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

On March 12th, members of the Society were very fortunate in being able to hear a most interesting talk given by Mr. York-Bramble on the instruction of those learning how to ring. The meeting was held at Christ Church at the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Calderwell, the University tower of St. Michael's being too small for the occasion. Professor Brocklehurst, the president of the Society, was in the chair.

Mr. York-Bramble, who is the Principal of the College of Campanology, gave a most instructive talk—a talk which, being delivered with such attention to important detail and covering the ground from teaching the beginner how to handle a bell to when he learns change ringing, was divided into two parts, the second half following after a most delicious tea in the Church Hall, to which the Rector had very kindly invited us.

Another popular occasion was the coach outing of the term which took place the following Saturday and was attended by most of the Society. Towers visited were Stone, Tewkesbury Abbey, Quedgeley and Dursley, all of which gave us much enjoyment and new experience, especially Tewkesbury Abbey, where although the tenor sometimes required three people to handle it, there was still polite rivalry as to who should ring it.

After admiring the Abbey we had tea in one of the many picturesque cafes in the town and finished up at Dursley after visiting Quedgeley on the way. We arrived back at Bristol at about 11 p.m. after what, I think, all would have called a very enjoyable outing.

M. B.

Born in 1928, she commenced her education in the County Primary School, and from there went to Newark Grammar School, finishing at Leicester Commercial School. After working for the Leicestershire County Council she took up secretarial work with the organiser of the County Council's Home Help Department, at the age of 21.

Because of the 1939 war, Jill had to learn her ringing the hard way, for the bells had been silenced. Not to be deterred, however, she learned to ring on handbells, and rang her first peal (Stedman Triples) with her parents and A. H. Pulling in 1942, before she could ring on tower bells. Indeed, she rang nine peals 'in hand' before her first tower bell peal, again Stedman Triples, in 1944. She could only learn on silent tower bells—for, in spite of the war restrictions, the Leicester Cathedral band held regular silent practices.

The first opportunity she had to ring with the bells 'open' was when they were ordered to be rung for the El Alamein victory. Then she went forward with a rush, and in October, 1944, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—being only 15 years old, and the youngest of her sex to ring a peal of Maximus. Among the many other noteworthy performances of this extraordinary young lady are a peal of Stedman Sextuples (the second ever rung) and a peal of Treble Bob 14 in, on handbells. She is the only lady who has rung Cambridge Surprise on handbells from Minor to Maximus, and in November, 1954, conducted a peal of London Surprise Major which was her parents' 100th peal that year. She has rung peals in 19 Maximus methods, plus Spliced Surprise in 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 Maximus methods. Bristol Surprise Maximus is also amongst her achievements.

She married Peter John Staniforth in 1951, and they have one daughter, Rosemary, who was made an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild when three weeks old. At the time this young lady was born, Jill was listening to a peal of Gartree Maximus, which was being rung at Leicester Cathedral, not far from the Nursing Home. Naturally, a lady with such fine accomplishments would soon be preferred for high office, and she served as secretary, Midland District, Ladies' Guild, from its formation; Central Council representative Ladies' Guild from 1951 to present date; District Committee member and District chairman, Leicester Diocesan Guild, and in 1959 was elected President, Ladies' Guild. Her peals total is tower 266, conducted 16, handbells 108, conducted one, 374 in all.

It is safe to predict that under Jill's capable leadership and example the Ladies' Guild will progress to even greater heights.

JAFUS.

WEST DORSET RINGERS' GIFT TO CANON C. C. COX

Bell ringers from eight West Dorset towers gathered in Bridport Church House recently to make a presentation to Canon C. Carew Cox, who retired in December, after 31 years as chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Canon Cox received a wrist watch from the ringers, the presentation being made by Mr. J. Barrett, the West Dorset Branch secretary.

Mr. Barrett said that looking back through the minute book, he realised that considerable progress had been made by the branch during Canon Cox's 30 years as chairman. It was largely due to his untiring work for the branch that it was in its present healthy state.

There were about 50 members present and Mr. Barrett said the size of the gathering was indicative of the respect in which Canon Cox was held.

Thanking the members for their generosity and good wishes, Canon Cox said it had been a pleasure to work for such a smooth-running branch with such able officers and loyal members.

Members rang the bells of St. Mary's Church before and after the presentation.

A STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE TOWER



[Photo by permission of 'Stone Guardian']

This picture is given as typical of English ringing in our villages today. It was taken on a practice night at St. Mary's, Swynnerton, near Stone. Left to right in front are three juveniles, Derek Howard, Leslie Howard and Malcolm Skiffins. In the centre is the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Watkins). Miss E. Hotston and Miss Ann Vickery, and behind is Mr. A. Vickery. Two other members of the company, W. Warrillow and Miss Antonie Vickery, are not in the picture.

Swynnerton was at one time the living of the late Rev. J. B. Frith, who was a member of the Central Council from 1932-35 as the representative of the North Staffordshire Association and was instrumental with Mr. W. R. Frith in getting the bells rehung in 1926, the work being done by James Groves, of Birmingham. He rang in a peal (Grandsire Doubles) on the bells on February 23rd, 1929, the other members of the band who came from Stone being Willis Buckley, Harry Hodson, Jack Heal, Arthur Rowley and Claude Templeton.

In 1939 the present tower master took over and Mr. Watkins has remained in office ever since. The bells were rehung in February, 1954, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield.

The weights of the light six are: Treble 4 cwt., second 4 cwt. 23 lbs., third 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., fourth 4 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lbs., fifth 5 cwt. 19 qr. 4 lbs., tenor 7 cwt. 19 qr. 8 lbs. in A.

720 In 14 Methods — By Harold Chant

Containing: Treble Bob, Plain, Alliance, Special Alliance, Little and Little Court.

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4 2 6 3 5	Stedman (Plain)	4 5 3 6 2	Stedman
3 5 2 6 4	B	6 2 5 3 4	B 6ths
— 6 4 2 3 5	B 6ths	3 4 2 5 6	A 6ths
3 5 4 2 6	Stedman	S 5 6 2 4 3	Lytham
2 6 5 4 3	B 6ths	3 2 4 5 6	
4 3 6 5 2	Crayford (Little)	6 4 5 3 2	
5 2 3 6 4	B 6ths	— 2 5 6 4 3	Bastow
S 6 4 3 2 5	Bastow Little Court	— 6 2 5 4 3	
— 3 6 4 2 5	D Alliance (Ordinary)	5 6 3 2 4	
4 3 5 6 2	Bastow	3 5 4 6 2	
5 4 2 3 6		4 3 2 5 6	
S 2 5 4 6 3	B 2nds	— 2 4 3 5 6	
3 4 6 2 5	A 2nds	3 2 6 4 5	
5 6 2 3 4	B 2nds	6 3 5 2 4	
4 2 3 5 6	Little Bob	5 6 4 3 2	
6 3 5 4 2	Stedman	— 4 5 6 3 2	
— 4 2 5 6 3	Caernarvon Castle Delight (T.B.)	S 6 4 5 2 3	A 6ths
3 5 6 4 2	Warwick Castle Delight (T.B.)	2 3 4 5 6	
2 6 4 3 5	Caernarvon C.	A (Special Alliance) x.16.x.12.x.36.12.x.34.	
5 4 3 2 6	Warwick C.	h.l. 1. l.e. 2nds 6 4 5 2 3. 6ths 5 6 3 4 2.	
6 3 2 5 4		B (Special Alliance) x.16.x.12.x.36.12.x.14.	
— 5 4 2 6 3	Stepney (Plain)	h.l. 3. l.e. 2nds 6 4 5 2 3. 6ths 5 6 3 4 2.	
3 2 6 5 4	B 2nds	D (Ordinary Alliance) x.14.x.36.12.x.14.	
4 6 5 3 2		h.l. 3. l.e. 6ths 4 2 6 3 5.	
2 5 3 4 6	A 2nds	The names of some of the methods I have	
6 3 4 2 5	B 6ths	not got, perhaps, indeed, they have never	
S 2 5 4 3 6	Bastow	been named. When the Minor Collection	
4 2 6 5 3		makes its appearance in a few years time, the	
— 6 4 2 5 3	Hampstead (Ordinary Alliance)	vexed question of names for many of these	
2 6 3 4 5	Bastow	methods may be settled once and for all.	
3 2 5 6 4			
— 5 3 2 6 4			
— 2 5 3 6 4	Lytham (Plain)		
4 3 6 2 5			

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On April 5th. at No. 14, Thames Street. 1.272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. N. Evans (first in hand and as cond.) 1-2, G. W. Land (first quarter at first attempt) 3-4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

Owing, perhaps, to the warm spring weather, the meeting at Ottershaw on April 2nd attracted representatives from most towers in the district and also several visiting ringers from places as far distant as Amersham.

Prior to the service, conducted by the Rev. D. Hiam, those present stood in silence in memory of Mr. Bob Andrews, who had passed away during the week. Until his retirement, due to ill-health, five years ago, he was a faithful and respected member of the Ottershaw band, and it was with deep regret that all those who knew him received the news of his passing. He was a regular attender at Guild meetings and always inspired everyone with his friendly attitude and words of advice.

Following a very good tea at the Otter Hotel, a short business meeting was held. Mr. F. Hawthorne thanked the Vicar, organist and all those concerned in organising the meeting. Before returning to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8.45 p.m., a collection was made for the Cathedral Bells Fund.

H. E. P.

A different clergyman came to the village. On meeting a veteran in the churchyard, he said: 'So you are one of the ringers, John?' John replied: 'Yes, sir.' Clergyman: 'You have been ringing a good many years?' John gave the same answer. He then asked: 'Did ever you ring the old year out and the new year in?' John quickly replied: 'Oh yes, sir, hundreds of times.'—G. E. SYMONDS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRAIGHT WORDS TO 'BIG FOUR' OF VARSITY RINGING

Dear Sir.—If, as Mr. Lakin believes, the other University Ringing Societies have been neglected by the 'big four,' how can he be certain of our ringing standards?

Where do our Southern contemporaries find cause to class themselves as the 'big four'—from the peal columns? The number of peals, relatively speaking, is no true guide to the standard of a ringing society. Some of the best striking in the country comes from ringers who have never taken part in a peal attempt. A well struck peal of Plain Bob, also, is often a much better achievement when people are learning (which is, I am told, what we come to University for) than one of a new Surprise method fired round—this despite the views of a certain well-known ringer who thought peals of Plain Bob were rung by some people as 'safe' to assist their peal totals.

If people were to read further into their 'Ringing World' they would not find the other Universities lagging so far behind. Of the advertised tours that of Manchester seems, besides being the longest, by far the most ambitious. Also a peal week is being planned for the early summer, and tours of the Lake District and Scotland have already been enjoyed this year.

Our handbell ringers at 'Tech' may not have the time or inclination to ring peals but their one achievement this year has been very great. To ring non-stop for 11 hours, whether or not the ringing followed Central Council decisions, is magnificent, and we must also remember it helped to raise money for very deserving charities—and who hold the record for Rag collections?

Although we cannot claim to be of the same resident size as Cambridge and others, eight bells are always rung at Salford and attendances of over 20 are normal at Tuesday night practices when up to 12-Spliced is rung. Members also avail themselves of the practices in the area, especially at the Town Hall and Cathedral, where opportunity is provided to learn proficiency on the higher numbers.

Manchester are bringing themselves up (or perhaps it's down) to the level of the other four by contemplating Central Council affiliation. Any idea the Southerners have that they form 'the big four' should here and now be scotched. And Manchester are sure there are other Societies as well as themselves who could scotch the theory.

As far as the Universities Association is concerned it provides little more than a marriage bureau (that's what you said, Mr. Roaf, I believe). Normally all their activities are definitely southern, both in origin and location. It is with some delight we see that they are coming as far north as Sheffield this year. I hope they bring plenty of soap!—Yours sincerely,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

Honorary Secretary,
Manchester University Guild
of Change Ringers.

A BELL RINGER'S ADVENTURE

Dear Sir.—With reference to the article 'A Bell Ringer's Adventure' on page 236, the original story was named 'The Man in the Bell,' and was written by W. E. Aytoun, who lived from 1813-1865.

Incidentally, I first read this story in bed at 12 midnight, with a howling gale outside!—Yours faithfully,

A. M. COOMBS.

Penarth, Glam.

FIRST PEAL AT HALKYN?

Dear Sir.—With reference to the peal at Halkyn, Flintshire, I am given to understand that a peal has never previously been rung at this tower. We did make an attempt in 1953, but were defeated by one of the ropes slipping wheel and the excessive noise in the ringing chamber. Since that time the bells have been overhauled and the wheels, which were in a bad condition, renewed. This 'go' is now quite good, although they are still somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber.

A further attempt was made last summer, but unfortunately our visit coincided with the village fete, and as the noise of the bells interfered with the performance of the band, the attempt had to be abandoned. Another band also made an unsuccessful attempt.

It is understood that this church was built by the first Duke of Westminster, and it is interesting to note that with one exception they were all dedicated to St. Mary. The churches concerned are: St. Mary, Eccleston; St. Mary the Virgin, Pulford; St. Mary without the Walls, Chester; St. Mary the Virgin, Halkyn, and St. John the Baptist, Aldford.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

THE 1911 PEAL AT VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—The letter from Mr. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, in your issue of April 1st, makes interesting reading, but the information which he gives concerning the peal at Vancouver in 1911 needs some correction.

Mr. Weatherby rightly mentions that all the band were Englishmen who were then resident in Canada. The ringers, however, were not as he states, but were as follows: Alfred C. Limpus (Windsor) treble, George W. Foster (Borden) conductor 2, Frank M. Bressy (Wanstead) 3, Gilbert Pearce (Bristol) 4, William R. Warner (South Weald) 5, Matthew G. Bennett (Burbage) 6, Reginald J. Carrier (Bedford) 7, Farrington Jones (Wolverhampton) tenor.

The time taken was 2 hours 59 minutes.

The full story of this peal and the history of the bells appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 18th and 25th, 1916.—Yours faithfully,

P. L. PEARCE.

Filton, Bristol.

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THE ROYAL MAUNDY

An Historic Occasion at Windsor

Last year for the first time since the Middle Ages the Royal Maundy—the Sovereign's gift of specially minted silver coins—was distributed by the Queen at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Among those privileged to receive the traditional purses was William Welling, of Old Windsor. I wonder if this is the first time a ringer has been so honoured?

It was a simple ceremony, not to be forgotten by those present—the warm spring sunshine filled the Chapel as the colourful procession of Military Knights, children of the Chapel Royal, choristers, clergy and almoners followed by the slight figure of Her Majesty the Queen passed up the nave into the Quire to the strains of 'Praise to the Holiest in the height.'

The great dishes containing the alms in little green and white and red and white purses were then borne on high by the Yeomen of the Guard.

The service proceeded and the Queen came down into the nave and gave away the little purses to her people of Windsor.

The triumphant strains of 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven' ended the ceremony and the Queen passed on her way leaving sunshine in the hearts of her people.

The distribution of alms and the washing of feet on the Thursday of Holy Week is of great antiquity. The Maundy can be traced back in England to the 12th century, and there are records of the distribution having been made on Maundy Thursday from the reign of King Edward I.

The service derives its name from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning a commandment, and its opening words have always been 'A new Commandment give I unto you,' etc.

From the beginning of the 15th century, the recipients have numbered as many old men and as many old women as the Sovereign is years of age. Each of them receives, in the specially minted Maundy money, as many pence as the Sovereign is years of age. The Maundy is distributed in the traditional red and white purses. They are placed on the silver gilt Maundy dish which dates from the reign of King Charles II and is part of the regalia.

The Lord High Almoner and his assistants are girded with towels in remembrance of the feet washing which was once part of the service, and they carry nosegays of sweet herbs. The service used to be held whenever the Sovereign was in residence. For many years it took place in the old Chapel Royal (now the Banqueting Hall) at Whitehall. Since 1890 it has usually been held at Westminster Abbey. In 1955, however, it was held at Southwark Cathedral to mark the golden jubilee year of the diocese of Southwark, and in 1957 at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

In mediæval times the Sovereigns sometimes 'kept their Maundy' at Windsor, but this would appear to be the first time that the service has been held in the existing Chapel of St. George. G. E. BARKER.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

Sapcote, Leics.

On April 3rd, six lady members of All Saints', Sapcote, Sunday service band rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor. They were: Dorothy Page 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, Christine Stratford 3, Jennifer Stratford 4, Dorothy Stratford 5, Rita Stratford 6. Five of the above also rang a touch of London Surprise Minor, with Michael Brown to make the sixth. 'Our ladies grace our belfry with brains as well as beauty,' writes M. E. B.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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We continue our new series of articles dealing with terms and words met in change-ringing which will be of great help to beginners and also to many other readers. This list has been compiled by a member of the Central Council, who would like in the preparation of this glossary to acknowledge the help given by other well-known ringers.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—This is an advisory body which meets annually, its deliberations and conclusions being designed for the benefit of the Exercise as a whole. The Council consists of representatives members elected by affiliated societies; honorary members; and life members. Affiliated societies are required to subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. The first meeting of the Council was held on Easter Tuesday, 1891, and—well much more can be read in the Central Council Handbook containing seventy pages, on sale at two shillings and sixpence per copy.

CHANGE.—A change implies a different order in which the bells strike—a change from the previous order. To explain with figures 1 2 3 4 5 6 or rounds
2 1 4 3 6 5 first change as in Plain Bob Minor. 2 1 4 3 5 6 is also a change from rounds and could be rung in a tower where call changes are used to produce the music of the bells. In method ringing the rules require that to produce a change any bell may move only one striking position at each change.

CLEAN PROOF SCALE.—This term is applicable to Treble Dominated methods; that is, to methods in which the treble takes on a special work, different from that of the other bells, defining the structure of the method by periodically returning to lead. The LEAD is used as the unit for the proof of such methods, the process of proving being essentially that of determining what leads contain changes common to the first lead of the method: i.e., the lead beginning with rounds.

Confining our attention to symmetrical methods, the arrangement of places in the second half of the lead is a mirror image, of that in the first half. This symmetry always makes it possible to ring one and the same lead both forwards and backwards. To put it another way, it is always possible to choose two leads beginning with different rows which are actually identical, the rows in one being arranged in the opposite order to those in the other.

Now in the case of methods where the treble plain hunts it is easy to show that the above kind of repetition is the only one that can occur—apart, of course, from the even more obvious one of ringing the same lead over again in the same direction. Such methods, e.g., Double Norwich Court Bob Major, are said to have a Clean Proof Scale, and this is the first sense in which the term may be used. The second sense, which is more complex, concerns methods where the treble hunt contains dodges. It is then possible for duplication of rows to occur by a mechanism different from that described above. The process of proof is still the same in essentials but more complicated in practice since it will often be found that there are many leads which share rows with the first lead. When these leads have been found the proof of the methods is strictly finished, but it is usually convenient to proceed a stage further and rearrange the information so that it is known to what courses the leads belong which are false against the leads contained in the plain course. Sometimes it will be found that no falseness occurs in courses where the tenors occupy the same relative position as they do in the plain course. In such cases, e.g., Bristol Surprise Major, the method is said to have a Clean Proof Scale with the tenors together, or, often more briefly, it is simply said to have a Clean Proof Scale.

It should now be easy to understand other more specialised uses of the term. As an

example, consider London Surprise Major. If calls are made at In and Fifths a composite course is formed comprising a section with the tenors parted sandwiched between two sections with the tenors together. This arrangement has the property that none of the leads false against the course beginning with rounds occurs in any of the other possible courses. Thus, provided only this type of course is employed, there is no possibility of falseness. This is expressed by saying that 'In and Fifths London has a Clean Proof Scale.'

COURSING ORDER.—Coursing order is one secret of success, so if you have desires of becoming a complete ringer, study this subject as much as you can by grasping the fundamentals from available literature, putting your pen to paper and then applying your knowledge in a practical way in the ringing chamber. It is an interesting subject and undoubtedly adds pleasure in the execution of ringing, moreover, it is so important that if each ringer knew only his coursing bell then there would be just nothing (indisposition, a broken rope, conductor miscalling, or the like excepted) which could go wrong in the completion of any touch or peal. Coursing order simply means the order in which the various bells are coursing each other. Admittedly it becomes complicated in some methods, particularly Surprise methods, but it will grow with you as you gain experience.

Write out the Plain Hunt or Original on six bells and you will see that the bells come to lead in the order 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1. This is the coursing order. Imagine you are ringing the second, you will see that the fourth takes you off lead, you then strike over or after the sixth, then the fifth, then the third, then the treble, when you will be up behind or at the back striking last. As you hunt down to lead you again strike 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, in that order which is the coursing order to the exclusion only of your bell. Now, imagine again that you are ringing the second, still to Original, and, we will say, the fifth took you off lead, you would be entitled to call to the fourth to take you off lead and to call to the fifth that he should be behind and coursing the sixth and certainly not be taking you off lead. To press one of my points, the fifth would not attempt to take you off lead if he knew the coursing order as the only bell he takes off lead is the sixth.

Have a look at Plain Bob—which is similar to Original up to the time the treble gets back to lead—but do not include the treble as this bell continues plain hunting and does not do the work of the method as the other bells.

CROSS SECTION.—This term means the point at which the treble passes from one dodging position to the next, e.g., from 1-2 to 3-4 going up or in reverse when coming down to the lead. The following diagram should make it clear:—

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OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT J. ANDREWS

In our last issue we briefly announced the death of Mr. Robert J. Andrews, of Addlestone, Surrey.

Mr. Shepherd writes: Mr. Andrews came to Addlestone from the Dorking district and was a keen worker and supporter of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. While working as a welder he met with a serious accident in a gas explosion and this affected his eyesight, caused a serious illness and cut short his ringing career.

Affectionately known as 'Bob,' he did what he could in his quiet, but thorough, way and his love for a quarter peal on six or eight bells was great. He was only 48 when he was called to higher service and he was silently remembered on the day of his funeral (April 2nd), when his District met at Ottershaw, the tower where he loved to help, teach and conduct.

MR. H. E. WILLS

AN APPRECIATION

In our issue of March 25th, R.F.L. paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. H. E. Wills, who died on March 5th. Mr. T. A. Blow, leader of St. Peter's Society, South Croydon, sends the following appreciation of Mr. Wills' work for ringing during the years he was at Croydon:

For many years Mr. Wills was a member of St. Peter's band, South Croydon, joining in 1916. He held, at different times, all the offices of the Society and was elected leader in 1939. When the war came, he had to go to Yorkshire on Government work. During the periods he was able to spend in Croydon, in those years, he taught some of the members of the Girls' Club, attached to the church, to ring handbells and silent bells. This was of great help in forming the nucleus of a band to ring the open bells immediately it was allowed: the 1939 team being weakened through losses by death and members being retained in the forces.

In the belfry of St. Peter's Church, his name is recorded as having rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in May, 1931, and a peal of Stedman Caters in November, 1935. There is no doubt that he rang other peals, but his great interest was to help keep a band together for service and practice ringing.

MR. W. BAYLISS

With the death, at the age of 80, of Mr. W. Bayliss, Bradley, Staffs, has lost the last remaining link with past activities at St. Martin's Church.

'Bradley Bill,' as he was affectionately known locally, was a most conscientious service ringer, and until a few years ago could be seen at every meeting in the district. Although not a great peal ringer himself, his love of bells would take him almost anywhere to 'hear a peal.'

As the only survivor of the Bradley band, his joy was unbounded when, after a silence of some fifty years, the bells rang out again from this tower, just over two years ago, and a long cherished ambition became a reality as he took part in a few rounds on the new eight.

The same eight bells rang out half-muffled, for the funeral service, which took place on March 25th, conducted by the Rev. J. F. Heighway, Vicar of St. Martin's, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, honorary clerical secretary, of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

Later in the evening a last tribute to his memory was paid by the ringing of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part were W. Davies (first quarter) 1. E. E. Speake 2. C. R. Godfrey 3. E. Stith 4. A. D. Collins 5. G. Hughes 6. J. D. Holden (cond.) 7. F. Holden 8.

The sympathies of his fellow ringers go out to his two sisters with whom he lived throughout his life.

J. D. H.

THE BELLS OF A HERTFORDSHIRE TOWER

Miss Jean Sanderson has compiled a brief history of the Church of St. Nicholas, Norton, Hertfordshire, which has been published by the Friends of the Church. With the growth of Letchworth Garden City this old church, dedicated between 1109 and 1119, is likely to be engulfed in the spread of urbanisation.

The tower was not built directly against the west end of the nave, but about eight feet away, and by 1453, when the tower's three stages were completed, the nave had been lengthened to join the tower, the extension giving more than forty square feet extra space. The tower has an internal staircase as far as the bells, after which access to the low, pyramidal roof with what is commonly called a Hertfordshire spike, is over the bell-frame and up ladders. In common with the rest of the church the tower was repaired in 1908.

THREE ORIGINAL BELLS

The bells of Norton have rung for centuries and their history is quite well recorded. In 1552 there were 'iij belles in the steeple and a Saunce Bell.' Was this Sanctus bell hanging in the cote above the chancel arch?

The bell which is now the seventh of the ring of eight was certainly one of the original three. This is one of the earliest bells of the Four Evangelists, so described because on its crown it bears four emblems, a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. It is dedicated: 'Sancte Petre ora pro nobis.' Between 1420 and 1440 lived Richard Hille, a London bell-founder. He died and his wife continued the business, placing a lozenge-shape above the founder's stamp. This bell has the diamond above the 'cross and ring' shield, so it should really be credited to Joanna Hille.

The present tenor is unlikely to be one of the bells there in 1552, although it is impossible to tell exactly when it was cast, or by whom. From its lettering and ornamentation it is probable that Robert Oldfield (1605-1640) cast it, perhaps using a relative's stamp, for the style of the IHS closely resembles that of Henry Oldfield II, who died in 1619.

There is a long gap; then a treble bell was cast by John Briant, a Hertfordshire founder of very good reputation. The inscription is short: John Briant Hertford Fecit 1815.

This may have been the original treble recast and not an entirely new bell, because in 1813 the Archdeacon recommended that 'a new bell be also provided in the room of the old one which was crackt and spoilt.'

In 1827 the bell-frame was repaired by William Saville, of Barley.

Apparently the bells did not form a regular set of three, for the interval between the treble and tenor was a major third, and between treble and second a minor third. Perhaps this grated upon someone's ears, for in 1908 a suggestion was put forward that the bells should be rehung and new ones should be provided. Nothing more happened until 1940, when the estimates were revised for work including turning and tuning, and the belfry steps were repaired. The bells and frame were dismantled and rehung.

AUGMENTATION

In 1946 five more bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and were hung in June, 1947.

The new five all have inscriptions. Each has the inscription John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1946, in addition to the individual one.

Treble: In loving memory of Polly and Cornelius Smith, the beloved parents of Gypsy Smith, the Evangelist.

Second: To the glory of God and a thank-offering for our mother and father, Thomas B. Raban and Margaret, his sister.

Third: This bell was presented by Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Ashton (née Chamberlain) in memory of the Chamberlain family, of Norton.

Fourth: Given by the people of Norton and their friends to the glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the men and women who served during the war, 1939 to 1945.

Fifth: Presented by the British Tabulating Machine Company and their employees in this Parish, as a thank-offering to God, for



ST. NICHOLAS', NORTON

preservation from injury during the years of war, 1939-1945, and for ultimate victory.

A large share of the credit for this augmentation must be given to the late Thomas Werrett, whose enthusiasm did much to kindle local interest.

There are a few local customs at Norton. The 'sermon bell,' a single bell sounding just before the service begins, was rung here even in Elizabethan times. The bells were rung for the New Year, as in many places, but less common usage was the 'vestry bell' chimed

before the annual vestry meeting. This has had to be abandoned in the last few years as the meetings have been held in St. George's Hall.

Details of the first peal on the bells, in 1948, are given on the memorial tablet to Mrs. H. Bailey on the east face of the tower arch. The oak board, bearing details of the Coronation peal, hangs on the south wall above the ringers' gallery. This gallery was erected late in 1950; access to it is by a vertical ladder as it was inadvisable to pierce the wall of the internal steps.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BELFRY PRAYERS

It is greatly to be desired that suitable prayers be used before ringing for service, and before practice. It is suggested that the captain of each tower shall use one or more of the following prayers, and that on some occasions all present shall join in the Lord's Prayer.

BEFORE RINGING FOR SERVICE

Almighty God, may the sound of these bells, which we ring to Thy glory, cheer the sick, comfort the sorrowful, warn the heedless, and call all willing hearts to praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, grant that the church bells may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of the bells to Thine House of Prayer, may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are hindered by sorrow or sickness, or any other adversity, from assembling themselves together for Thy worship may, by the bells, be reminded to their exceeding comfort, of the prayers of the church, and may rejoice in the communion of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE PRACTICE

Almighty God, who hast called us to fulfil the office of bell ringers in the Church; grant us to be of one heart and mind in Thy service, that the pealing of the bells may be dedicated to Thy glory and to the benefit of

Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall, in their daily calling, hear the sound of the bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit unto Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall minister to Thy service by ringing the bells of Thine House of Prayer may be filled with all reverence and godly fear; and, mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may both in the discharge of their service, and in the whole course of their daily life, keep themselves pure, both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Almighty God, giver of strength and skill, who alone makest men to be of one mind: Bless we beseech Thee, the work of our Association. Do Thou so guide us in the exercise of our art, that we may ring prosperity to Thy Church, peace and good neighbourhood to all our members, and eternal glory to Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour; and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WOODHAMS—LOVELL.—The marriage of Denis Woodhams to Miss Maureen Lovell will take place at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, on Saturday, April 23rd, at 1.45 p.m. All ringing friends are welcome at the church. 5715

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MISCELLANEOUS

MASONIC RINGERS' DINNER AND MEETING.—Arrangements have now been made to hold the above meeting in London on Saturday, May 21st, 1960. Details to be obtained from Peter J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Please give rank and lodge number. 5659

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—No practice Tuesday, April 19th.—G. Marriner. 5711

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MEETINGS

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practice on Saturday, April 16th. 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 5651

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bridgwater, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. St. Mary's. Lunch 1 p.m., Tudor Cafe. Meeting at St. Mary's Hall, 2.30 p.m. The following rings are available: Ashcott (6), 10 to 11; Huntspill (6), 10 to 11; North Petherton (6) 10 to 11; Cossington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Woolavington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Bridgwater (8), 10.30 to 12, 4.30 to 5.30 and 7 to 8; Chilton Trinity (5), 5 to 6; Durligh (6), 5 to 6; Cannington (6), 6 to 7; Spaxton (6), 6 to 7; Wembdon (6), 7 to 8. Tickets for luncheon, 6s. (which are essential), can be obtained upon receipt of a S.A.E. (send no money now) from D. Hoare, 13, Coombend, Radstock. 5938

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 18th, to be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Bells 6.30-8 p.m. Sorry for lateness of notice, previous one inadvertently omitted at 'R.W.' office. Names to B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Notts.—B. A. Sollis. Hon. Sec. 5656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Ely. Ringing arrangements: Swavesey (6), 10 to 12; Over (8), 10 to 12; Longstanton (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Willingham (6), 11 to 1; Cottenham (6), 12 to 2; Swaffham Prior (6), 12 to 2; Burwell (8), 12 to 2; Soham (10), 1 to 3; Wilburton (6), 1 to 3; Haddenham (6), 1.30 to 3; Stretham (6), 2 to 3.30; Littleport (8), 2 to 3.30. Service in Ely Cathedral 4.15 p.m. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Stretham, Wilburton, Littleport and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roserea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 5636

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worpleston (8), Monday, April 18th. 6-9 p.m.—W. W. Wright, Hon. Sec. 5653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Bell Hotel. Requests for tickets at once to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Towers available: Beckenham 10-11 a.m.; Bromley SS, Peter and Paul, 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Bromley, St. Luke, 10.30-11.30, 4.30-6.30; Chislehurst, The Annunciation, 4-5.30; Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 5.45-7; Greenwich 4-6; Hayes 10.30-11.30, 6-7; Lewisham 4-6; West Wickham 10.30-11.30.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 5670

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service, All Saints' 11.15 a.m. Business meeting, College Hall, 12.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available:

Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.30, 11-11.10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Claines (10), St. John's (8), S. Swithun's (6) and Kempsey (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgemoor, Evesham. 5635

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting Easter Monday, April 18th. Felixkirk (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Selected method, Cambridge.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 5678

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Bishop, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5685

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bosley (6), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses Macclesfield-Leek route. 5647

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 20th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5699

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Coventry, April 23rd. St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Chapel of the Cross in the new Cathedral, Coventry, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Huts in the Cathedral precinct after the service. Business meeting will follow in the same huts, at which proceeds from the Television Raffle will be handed over to the Provost. All Saints', Allesley, bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea must be in by April 19th at the latest, to me, J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. No names no tea. 5696

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, April 23rd. Committee St. Peter's Parochial Hall. 3.15 p.m. Service. St. Peter's Church. 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Derby. Tea, St. Peter's Hall, 5 p.m. for those who send in names by April 19th, to B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Bells: St. Luke's (8) 2.30-4 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 3-4.15 p.m. and after meeting, also Cathedral (10) after meeting. 5655

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, 21st, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. J. Sanderson. 5701

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5718

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd. Walthamstow. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 5674

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 23rd. 2.15 p.m. at Christ Church Parish Hall, Devizes Road, Swindon. Lunch 5s. 6d. at 1 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 2s. 6d. only for names received by April 16th. Names to E. Sutton, 15, Springfield Road, Swindon. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Christ Church 11-12.30 and 6-9, St. Mark's 10.30-12.30, Rodbourne Cheney 10.30-12.30, Stratton St. Margaret 10-12 noon.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., Churchdown, Glos. 5666

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd. Ugborough (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Anchor Inn, 5 p.m. Names by April 18th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5995

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. J. Andrews, Broadpark, Brampford Speke. 5720

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Look up Double Court and Wells. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to S. Pontings, Highdown, Milford Heath. Milford. Godalming 2176. 5714

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION—Ringing meeting Elland, April 23rd. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Teas provided at 2s. 6d. each. Please notify by April 16th, Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mouth, Wistons Lane, Elland. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 5606

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, Saturday, April 23rd. 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform, by 21st. Thomas Davies, No. 1, Church Street, Craven Arms. All welcome. 5721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Watford. Service 4.30 p.m., Tea 5.15 p.m. Important Business: (1) Proposed that the Benevolent Fund be wound up. (2) Alteration to Rule 10. Proposed that all peel fees, etc., be sent to the Peel Secretary. (3) Alleged lack of Guild interest. Bells available: Langleybury (6) 9.30-11, Rickmansworth (10) 11.30-1, Bushey (8) 10-11.30, Elstree (6) 2-3, Aldenham (8) 2-3.45, Watford (10) 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Teynham (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2 p.m., Service 4, Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names together with cash by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. V. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne. 5608

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. L. Day, 3, Ivy Cottages, Great Chart, Ashford.—C. T. H. 5672

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunstall, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 5676

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. Look up Yorkshire.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5717

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe. 5698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: Sileby (8) 10.30-11.30, Cossington (5) 11.45-12.15, Syston (8) 12-1, Kibworth (8) 12-1, Great Glen (6) 1.30-2.15, Oadby (6) 2.30-3.15, Leicester All Saints' (8) 2-3.30, Leicester St. Margaret's (middle 8 ONLY) 2-3, Leicester St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30-3.30, Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-3.55, Aylestone (8) 7-8.30, South Wigston (8) 7.30-8.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea followed by meeting, in Aylestone Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. A bus will leave Cathedral at 4.40 p.m. to convey ringers and friends free to Aylestone. Numbers for tea, anticipated cost 2s. 6d., and numbers of seats on bus to under-signed by first post Friday, April 22nd (none accepted later). General Committee meet in Vestry of St. John-the-Divine, Wednesday, April 20th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel: Wigston 3244). 5629

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY—Meeting Linton, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 5621

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 5700

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at North Creak, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own teas.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5679

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 23rd, at Pulham St. Mary. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, April 23rd, at High Wycombe. Ringing, Hughenden, 2.30 p.m. Service, Wycombe, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Annual meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and business. Afterwards Steeple Aston (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea by April 20th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 5667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6 bells), Saturday, April 23rd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5675

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moreton Pinkney, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous, to A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Branch Sec., Eydon, Rugby. 5695

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castor (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5658

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Tisbury, Service 4.15 p.m., Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5671

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to G. H. Perry, 65, Preston Road, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset. 5654

SALISBURY GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canonorum, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 5683

SOUTH WALES NOMADS—Practice meeting, Llancarfan, Glam., Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (4) 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 5690

SOUTHWELL GUILD—Annual meeting, April 23rd. Towers open: Mansfield 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8, Warsop and Mansfield Woodhouse 2-3.45. Service at Mansfield 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Mansfield 4.45 for those who notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. S. W. Fossey, 2, Patterson Place, Ravensdale, Mansfield. Business meeting following tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5665

SUFFOLK GUILD—Annual general meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Mary's (8) 2-3 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3-4, Service Cathedral 4, Tea 5 p.m., Palmers Restaurant. Business meeting 5.45 p.m., Abbot Anselm Institute, Cathedral 7-8 p.m. St. Mary's 8-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to me.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 5664

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Ewhurst on April 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5691

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 5716

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall at 2s. 6d. each. Names for tea essential by previous Tuesday, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 5719

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by April 20th, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5652

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Yatton on Sunday, April 24th. Bells 7 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m. followed by breakfast.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5606

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying, by April 25th. Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m. due Derby 10.21 a.m. Party rate tickets available for those notifying me by April 25th. John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. New incumbent, please support.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5704

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and **THE LADIES' GUILD**—Quarterly meeting, St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, Saturday, April 30th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 27th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5687

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, April 30th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Pavay, address by the Rev. Gratton Guinness, of Starston. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. George Colegate (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8), 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. if required, St. Peter Mancroft (12), 3.30-4.10 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich. Cost 2s.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 5705

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS—Meeting at Sandiacre, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea arrangements, Ringing evening at Stapleford. Names for tea early, please.—A. Henson, 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5703

SUFFOLK GUILD—West Central District.—Meeting, Buxhall (6), Saturday, April 30th. Ringing 2.30 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. Great Finborough (6) evening. Names for tea must be in by April 27th.—H. Milton, Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 5697

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hartest (5) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mr. George Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds. 5686

SURREY ASSOCIATION—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in new hall adjoining. Notification for tea by April 26th, to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—R. I. P. Parsons, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5693

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Sheffield on April 30th. Bells available: St. Marie's R.C. (8, 25 cwt.) 3-5 p.m. St. John's, Ranmoor (10, 17 cwt.) 3-4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.) 6.30-9 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 28th inst., to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 5677

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Purleigh, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5712

HOLY TRINITY, HULL.—An open invitation to an augmentation and rededication service on Saturday, May 14th. Service commencing at 2 p.m. Bells (12) available until 9 p.m. Teas available at Manor Cafe (2 min. from tower) until 5.30 p.m. Approx. numbers to F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 5707

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries, please note.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec., 4, Highfields. 5708

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—April 23rd meeting, Holy Trinity, Darlington, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea by April 21st, to Mr. W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Chapter House 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow in The Consistory Court. Those requiring tea, notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 5723

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