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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL
THE BELLS OF THE CENTRAL TOWER

UNTIL recently, Bristol Cathedral had been listed as our only cathedral church with less than five bells, having four 'unringable' bells in its central tower. This position has happily been rectified by the installation of the ring of eight in the north-west tower. The history and details of the new ring have already been published, and this has led to a study of the old bells, revealing a story much more interesting and reaching much further into the past than that of their successors.

Unfortunately, the Cathedral records yield little information on the bells, but some references have been obtained from other sources. One of the earliest references appears in the settlement of the accounts of one Richard Poulet, Esq., who had been 'generall receivor . . . concerninge all leads and belle metall' at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1539. It reads thus: 'of the late monasterye of Seincte Augustyns by Brystowe in the Countie of glouc. x belles.' However, it seems that the Receiver allowed the Cathedral to retain her ten bells for a time, as we read later: 'The belles of the late monasterye of Augustyns in brystowe in the countie of glouc. remayning in the steple of the churche ther beinge a cathedrall churche being in nombre x amounting in weighte to x^ml vj^lib.'

Presumably the Cathedral kept these bells until the time of Edward VI, as a receiver's account, dated May 27th, 1553, states that the Lord Mayor and Crown Commissioners allowed 'the Deane and chappitor of the Cathedrall churche of Bristoll' to keep and sign for 'One great belle for the clocke and iiij other belles.'

Later 16th century accounts show that these bells were in frequent use, e.g., in 1581—

'To Sadler for keeping the clock.....2–6
To him for rynging to sermons.....1–6.'

and later in 1591—

'Pd to the ringers on the Queene's daye 5
of them at xx^d a pece.....8–4.'

The next recorded change is in 1670, when the present tenor was cast, or recast, by Roger Purdue (the Bristol bell founders), probably to replace the 'great belle for the clocke,' about which there is no further evidence.

In 1789 the historian William Barrett records that there were five bells in the tower, although his account of their origin is rather inaccurate, as is his explanation of the absence of the five confiscated bells: '. . . here were designed to be five more as appears by five more vacant frames, out of which there is a tradition the bells were stolen, but others say they were sold to the church of Redclift.' These five bells remained in the tower until 1802, when one of them was said to be cracked and useless and was sold by the Dean as scrap. In an invoice dated July 17th, 1802, we read: 'for an old cracked bell wt 11–0–17 @ 10 per lb 52–0–10.'

The other bells were undoubtedly rung after this date, but only on half wheels: only the present tenor was ever hung for full circle ringing, and then only in a crude manner compared with present day standards. It is recorded that in 1859 a Christmas drunk got into the tower and tried to raise the tenor bell, but he had little success as the rope became entangled in the wheel. Could this have been our friend Arney, whose exploits were published in a recent 'Ringing World' and who recorded a similar incident in the Cathedral?

A recent study of the belfry has revealed several interesting features. The bell frame itself is a massive structure (21ft.×26ft.) of ancient design, and almost certainly dates back to pre-Reformation times. It appears to stand on the floor, supported by massive beams beneath, having no lateral support whatsoever. One visualises that with a ring of eight or more bells swinging, the frame might 'walk around the floor.' The structure is composed of five separate wooden bays running east–west, and two long bays running north–south. The frame is about 7ft. high, and of the first five bays, three are 3ft. 10in. in width, one 4ft. 5in., and the other, containing the Purdue tenor, is 4ft. 8in. wide. The two long bays measure 2ft. 11in. and 3ft. 4in. respectively, and each is long enough to accommodate two lighter bells, as indeed the smaller does at the present time.

A comparison of the sizes of the remaining bells, with the weight of 10,006 lb. or about 90 cwt., suggests that in 1539 there was a ring of eight bells with two small bells, one possibly a Sanctus. These two could have been hung in the ninth bay, but at no time could there have been ten bays as Barrett suggests. Eight bells would be an unusually large number for a church in 1539; five was the usual maximum; but St. Augustine's was one of the great Abbeys of that time.

The history of the bells remaining in the tower is reasonably well known. The two smallest bells were cast in about 1500 by Abbot John Nulande (1481–1515). This appears from the embossed initials (I.N.) on the treble's side; also on this bell appears Nulande's 'rebus'—a bleeding heart pierced by three nails.

Treble (E flat).—Diameter 28½in., height 25in. (first of clock quarters).
Sancte: Clement: ora: pro: nobis.

Second (D).—Diameter 31½in., height 28in.
+Sca: Margareta: ora: pro: nobis.

It is believed that the bell sold in 1802 was a sister bell to these two as (according to Barrett) it bore the inscription 'Sancta Catharina ora pro nobis.'

The third is a tall, straight-sided bell with a rounded crown and thick lip. It has unusually well-spaced lettering and a peculiar Lombardic cross; it is said to date from about 1300 and to be the oldest inscribed bell in the county.

Third (C).—Diameter 35½in., height 33in. (second of clock quarters).
+CLARA: VOCOR: ET: CLARIOR: ERO.

The tenor was cast with canons but has since lost them. This would seem to suggest a subsequent rehanging, of which there is no record. The bell is hung on a large wooden headstock and is the only one of the four bells without canons.

Tenor (E).—Diameter 49in., weight 20 cwt. (hour bell).
+ECCLESIA+CATHEDRALIS+BRISTOLL+DOMUM+DOMINI+1670+ +RP
++CONGREGATE + CETUM + SOLENNEM + IN + DOMUM + DOMINI
1670++RP+.

Our examination of the bells has raised more questions than it has answered. How and when were the bells last rung? Each bell, except the third, still has its clapper, hung by the 'hook and eye' method, with a peculiar wooden sheath near the top. Only one of the three older bells now has a wheel (a ⅝ wheel), but the tenor has a complete wheel and a pulley block in the floor. This was obviously tolled in the 1850's, but it would have been impossible to ring it a full circle because of the short metal stay and peg to prevent it turning over. It has recently been fixed to avoid damage to the electric chiming apparatus. Before the war the three old bells were 'clocked' by the verger seated in the lofty ringing chamber below. For at least the last century the tenor would have been 'unringable' as it is badly cracked.

Lying in one of the vacant bays is a huge ⅝ wheel, 10ft. 3in. in diameter. There is no evidence to show that this wheel was ever used, but it has been suggested that it may be the wheel from the 'great belle for the clocke.'

The central hole through which the bells are drawn up is 4ft. 4in. in diameter, and the beam of one of the 3ft. 10in. bays has been slightly cut away to accommodate this. Thus it appears that the 'great belle' could not have been much larger than the Purdue tenor.

On the inside of the third bell faint chalk marks have been found. These have been deciphered as 'R. (P?) Taylor 1809' (59?) and 'Feb 28/82.' The first agrees with the founders' family tree, but Taylors have no record of anyone being sent to Bristol Cathedral in any of these years.

There is still much work to be done on the history of these old bells, and many blanks need to be filled in. Because of the lack of adequate records much can only be theory, and we would welcome any opinion from other students of bell history. It is hoped that the bells will be open for inspection by anyone interested during the Bristol Ringing Festival on May 14th.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
BASIL JONES	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First on 12 bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	ALAN R. SYDER	8
*PETER L. WOODS	4	WALTER ARNOLD	9
JOHN WARNER	5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	9
ALAN F. THIRST	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	PETER ADCOCK	5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	†PERCY SQUIRES	6
CHARLES MOORE	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	7
RAYMOND LOFTY	4	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* 350th peal. † First peal. First of Major as conductor and 50th for the Association.
Rung to mark Charles Moore's 25th year as Master of this tower.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*DAVID W. FRIEND	5
J DENNIS HOLDEN	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Bristol.
A 17th birthday compliment to David W. Brunning.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for St. George's Day.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER REDWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*ALEC W. FRY	4	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Major.
A compliment to Miss Irene Walmsley, of Northfield, Birmingham, and Mr. Dan Matkin, upon their engagement.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*ANN THORNHILL	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	DENIS MADDOCK	6
JOHN HAYES	3	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal.
Rung for St. George's Day.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BERNARD F. C. GROVES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT (126). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the marriage of Derek A. Bunting to Christina Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD A. WEBSTER	*Treble*	GEORGE WRIGHT	5
*ROY A. SPENCER	2	RONALD RUSSELL	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Major. This composition is rung for the first time.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	†THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	†GEOFFREY R. DREW	6
*JOHN R. SMITH	3	†FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	7
MRS. J. R. SMITH	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* 400th peal. † First in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	ROLAND PARK	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRILL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*ARTHUR SAYERS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	*REGINALD F. CROOK	7
*BRIAN MILLS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Grandsire Major. First of Grandsire Major as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mills, parents of the ringer of the fourth: also for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith—both on April 20th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal for the Guild.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. STANLEY	*Treble*	ERIC J. SUTTON	5
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	†A. TERENCE COLLINS	6
*RONALD A. WRIGHT	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
CHARLES G. JONES	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major. First in method by all except the conductor First of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.
A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	CHARLES G. JONES	5
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ERIC SUTTON	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	‡ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
†PETER T. HURCOMBE	4	‡BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together. First of Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to Richard John, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin, born April 27th, 1960.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and on the bells.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

CATHERINE M. POWELL	*Treble*	*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	5
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	2	*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	6
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. 400th peal as conductor. First of Double Norwich on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Marshall, who are leaving for Crewkerne, Somerset, in May.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*TONY WHITE	*Treble*	REGINALD H. NEWTON	5
†RICHARD E. MORRIS	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	FREDK. A. H. CATTELL	7
FREDERICK LEECH	4	HAROLD T. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.
A 57th birthday compliment to Brig. A. G. W. Heber-Percy, of Hodnet Hall.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's.
Tenor 35 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. POMEROY	5
ANN M. COX	2	MARTYN HAWKES	6
GORDON T. BROWN	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of second, and for the Association.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Selwyn Charles-Jones (the younger son of the Vicar of Evesham) and Miss Sara Egglesfield, which took place at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, this day.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 DERWENT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BRIAN SMITH	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	GEORGE A. SPENCER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
EDWIN G. BUCK	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

MRS. C. W. LAWTON	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
*EDWARD POTTS	2	HAROLD E. LONYON	6
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON	7
*DENNIS HENSHAW	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*N. DAVID ROBINSON	5
*MIKAELA ERIK	2	*GEOFF. PRATT	6
A. REX AGG	3	MICHAEL R. ROSE	7
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	4	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. MICHAEL LAKIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Marcus P. Barton (secretary of the Society) and Marilyn March on their engagement, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Marcus P. Barton.

YATTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	*HERBERT A. PRICE	5
THOMAS W. HARRIS	2	SIDNEY G. SMITH	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
ROBERT H. BRICE	4	JOHN K. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Triples on a working bell.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith.

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CHELFORD, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., March 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Treble*	ROBERT BARRATT	3
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
*HAROLD LONYON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal of Doubles.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ROBERT FERRIS	*Treble*	JOHN CUMMINS	4
*AUDREY PETERS	2	GEORGE PIPE	5
*ROBERT KLIMA	3	*JOHN FRYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FRYER.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: Two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

PETER J. CHILTON	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
KEITH B. TOWNSEND	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*HENRY J. FAULKNER	*Treble*	*PETER F. PAWLEY	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	J. JULIAN PAWLEY	5
*H. LESLIE WYKES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BAKER	4
PAULINE BULL	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5
DELIA E. SMITH	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. LESLIE A. LUNN.
A golden wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of the treble and tenor.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

D. KNOX	*Treble*	*IAN KNOX	4
JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS	2	WILLIAM G. SEAR	5
*MICHAEL D. PEARSON	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.
* First peal. First in the method as conductor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN	*Treble*	*ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON	4
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*AUDRIE SAMSON	3	LIONEL H. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*†JOYCE DODDS	*Treble*	*†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	4
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	*‡§GERALD PENNEY	5
‡GEOFFREY DODDS	3	§STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal together. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. First in the method as conductor. The ringers of 3 and 5 have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung for St. George's Day.

BROADWAS-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4¼ cwt. in D flat minor.

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
First peal on five by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since 1919.
Average age of the band 15 years 5 months.
Rung within the Octave of St. George's Day.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
*MRS. R. WRATTEN	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
VIOLET I. E. RELF	3	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Brian Watts and Yvonne Rye, ringers at Burmarsh.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER D. BAILEY	*Treble*	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	4
*ADRIAN SEMKEN	2	BARRY E. GIBBONS	5
DAVID CULHAM	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.
* First peal in five methods.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4
*HEATHER M. PULLON	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	†PETER J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First in three methods. Average age 15½ years. Youngest band to ring a peal on the bells.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Mark.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4
*PAULINE FENNELL	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
*MARY S. TAYLOR	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stuart Christopher) to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Palin, ringers at Faversham.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents: (1) London; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (3) Bourne; (4) Chester; (5) Munden; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. E. TEBBATT	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
*CECELIA COWLEY	2	*FRANK CHAMBERS	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 12 methods.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. F. R. S. and Mrs. Byfield.

HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
EDWARD HOWES	2	TONY OWEN	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	JOHN WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Carey Coke (daughter of the Earl of Leicester) and Mr. Bryan Ronald Basset.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALAN R. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	ANDREW BECKWITH	4
JOSEPH PAPWORTH	2	CHARLES BURTON	5
WINIFRED ELLIOTT	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BURTON.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Elliott, the tower captain.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

JOHN E. BROUGH	*Treble*	HERBERT SUTTON	4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
*MICHAEL ALLMAN	3	FRANK R. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal on six bells. First of Minor as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*GRACE M. BEARDOW	*Treble*	LAWRENCE SHEARD	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	W. RUSSELL READ	5
MICHAEL G. SWIFT	3	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. KEITH WILLIAMSON.

* First peal in more than one method. First as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beardow (parents of the treble ringer).

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

G. MAURICE TURNER	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
GRAHAME TURNER	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Mansfield-Williams.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Robert W. Leighton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Day, 1960, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
AT HILLCROFT, TOYSE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ANTHONY R. MANN	1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3—4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5—6		

Rung non-conducted and silent.

First non-conducted peal by all the band.

GROOMBRIDGE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT NORMAN'S COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1—2	J. FREEMAN	5—6
E. A. BARNETT	3—4	F. I. HAIRS	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. FREEMAN.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY (SS. MARY AND GERMANUS),
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

THOMAS H. FOSTER	1—2	RONALD R. WARFORD	3—4
BARBARA HALL	5—6		

Conducted by BARBARA HALL.

First peal as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	5—6		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

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HALF PEAL

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 30th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner (cond.) 1. J. Arbury 2. J. Ayres 3. J. W. Manley 4. E. H. Marks 5. C. C. Deem 6. C. C. Turner 7. C. W. Glanville 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sara E. W. William-Powlett to the Hon. E. David Bruce.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Anzac Day, April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. B. Pitcher (first of Major) 1. K. J. Minchinton 2. H. Greenhalgh 3. Diana M. Pipe 4. B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 5. C. H. Bagot 6. J. J. F. Roper 7. G. W. Pipe (cond.) 8. The first quarter peal of Major rung on the bells.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1. Mary Powell (first of Stedman Triples) 2. Marjorie Legg 3. Monica Horseman 4. G. Prescott 5. N. Coombes 6. M. Horseman (first of Stedman as cond.) 7. J. Phillips 8.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Heather M. Pullon 1. J. E. Pullon 2. M. J. Fellows 3. M. D. Fellows 4. P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. L. H. G. Gittins 6. Rung on Wychbold ringers' tour as a 15th birthday compliment to M. D. Fellows.

BOBBING, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Southam (first of Doubles) 1. Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2. C. Mannering, jun. 3. F. J. Cheal 4. A. J. Dunk (cond.) 5. K. Young (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Frith (first quarter) 1. Miss J. Groves (first 'inside') 2. J. P. Brandon 3. A. R. Groves 4. C. Nichols 5. I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For the Easter festival, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Nichols on the birth of a daughter (Wendy Helen).

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Hughes (first quarter) 1. E. G. Swift 2. Mrs. E. G. Swift 3. Miss L. Badcock 4. C. J. Shepherd 5. E. J. Briden 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1. C. Hill (first quarter) 2. Sallie Buchanan 3. D. G. Blows 4. R. Collins (cond.) 5. Ron Collins 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harlow (first quarter) 1. W. H. Tarr 2. E. Langley 3. A. Reed 4. R. Shepherd (first quarter) (cond.) 5. P. Tubbs 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Churchill (first quarter) 1. A. Reed (cond.) 2. W. H. Tarr 3. E. Langley 4. P. Tubbs 5. R. Shepherd 6.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather M. Pullon 1. J. E. Pullon 2. M. J. Fellows 3. M. G. Selby 4. M. D. Fellows 5. P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung on Wychbold ringers' tour.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Tompkins 1. J. Lambert 2. J. Chance 3. A. May 4. H. Daniels 5. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung for the licensing of the Rev. A. E. Bransby as priest-in-charge.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples. E. Rowe 1. Pat Rowe 2. Trudy Newcombe 3. D. Langdon 4. T. Hawkins 5. T. Bailey 6. M. Cubitt (cond.) 7. J. Weeks 8. For Evensong.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Barker (first quarter) 1. Miss P. Sedgwick 2. Miss J. V. Morgan 3. D. Ingram 4. C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First on five for 2 and 3.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1. J. Y. Parker 2. J. Gentleman 3. F. Jaggard 4. A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): Miss H. Cross 1. J. Gentleman 2. W. J. Couperthwaite 3. R. J. Palmer 4. A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. First in four methods by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major. Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1. H. Drake 2. J. Thorley 3. James Thorley 4. A. H. Hawcroft 5. J. J. Taylor 6. L. M. Woodhead 7. W. Stote (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): L. Ainger 1. A. S. Hudson (first quarter) 2. J. P. Brandon (first quarter) 3. Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4. H. Carter 5. I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Brown 1. Isobel Inman 2. Mary R. Andrews 3. Freda Cannon 4. E. Jones (cond.) 5. J. Machell 6. M. R. Oakshett 7. J. Dafters 8. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On April 25th, 1,272 Little Bob Major: Miss M. Stapleton 1. Mrs. E. Grey 2. Miss D. Smith 3. Mrs. J. Bull 4. C. H. Baker 5. B. Johns 6. J. Underwood 7. A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. E. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland 1. N. Leslie 2. R. Hayden 3. M. Edney 4. D. Leslie 5. A. O'Shaughnessy (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. H. Starte (first on treble) 1. Miss M. E. Preece 2. Mrs. C. A. Agg 3. F. J. Plummer 4. W. F. Todd 5. A. R. Agg (cond.) 6. M. D. Trigg (covering) 7.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1. J. R. G. Spicer 2. Miss D. Robinson 3. H. S. Peacock 4. A. J. Davey 5. M. J. Dyer 6. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett (first quarter) 1. Miss J. Drury 2. J. Martin 3. B. Priestley (first in method 'inside') 4. G. Oliver (cond.) 5. Miss P. Drury 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Way 1. S. J. Way 2. Miss J. Creak 3. C. H. Rogers 4. Miss B. Humphrey 5. H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6. J. Mudd 7. N. F. Felton 8. For Evensong.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): L. R. G. Taylor 1. A. F. Lee (cond.) 2. C. J. Barrable (first in four methods) 3. B. Davis (first in four methods) 4. J. J. Jefferies 5. S. Carter 6. Rung on Anzac Day, for the Festival of St. Mark. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Webb, of Warmley.

LEA, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Miss M. Stapleton 1. Miss P. Bull 2. Miss D. Smith 3. G. L. A. Lunn 4. C. H. Baker 5. A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. Prior to Communion. Also on April 27th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Plain and Double Bob): Miss P. Bull 1. Mrs. E. Grey 2. C. H. Bater 3. Miss D. Smith 4. G. L. A. Lunn 5. A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hudson.

LEICESTER.—On May 1st, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mason 1. K. Mason 2. J. M. Jelley 3. K. Townsend 4. A. J. Poynor 5. A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. For Feast of SS. Philip and James.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. King (first quarter) 1. D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2. T. Sherman 3. A. R. Hurst 4. C. A. Hurst 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1. Mrs. C. W. Powell 2. R. N. Pittman 3. S. Brixton 4. H. J. Gaylard 5. F. Knight (first quarter) 6. R. Keeley (cond.) 7. H. C. Keeley 8. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: May Lomas 1. Mary Worth 2. J. Worth (cond.) 3. E. Potts 4. D. Henshaw 5. A. A. Potts 6. W. Stevenson 7. H. Farrar 8. G. Farrar 9. D. Pearson 10. For Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,248 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mary Worth 1. E. Potts 2. D. Henshaw 3. J. Worth (cond.) 4. W. Stevenson 5. H. Farrar 6. G. Farrar 7. A. A. Potts 8. For Sunday school service.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On April 30th, 1,760 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss E. C. Townend (first quarter) 1. Miss D. M. Heap 2. R. J. Warrilow, jun., 3. P. Watson 4. A. P. Whitehead 5. R. J. Johnston 6. T. Taylor (cond.) 7. D. Taylor 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the second ringer.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Broadbridge 1. Gwen May 2. Mrs. P. Bird 3. Joan Smith 4. H. Colcombe 5. Mrs. V. Smith 6. J. King (cond.) 7. V. Smith 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1. Miss B. Loveland 2. R. Collins 3. J. Martin 4. D. Wright (cond.) 5. H. Kingston 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Andrews, ringer of this church.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Case 1. T. Roberts 2. J. Chance 3. E. R. Lambert 4. G. Green (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5. A welcome to the Rev. A. E. Bransby to the livings of Cosgrove with Passenham and Deanshanger.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Fordham 1. L. Pierce 2. H. King 3. L. Sharpe 4. K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. York-Bramble 1. A. Lawrey 2. D. P. Jones (first of Grandsire) 3. W. A. K. Gray (first of Grandsire) 4. R. Baldwin 5. D. Emmerson (first of Grandsire) 6. S. K. M. Knight (cond.) 7. A. E. Hoodless (8).

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1. W. Kingcott. 2. D. Cobb (cond.) 3. D. Yeo 4. J. Brain 5. M. Horseman 6. Rung by West Country Roving Ringers as an engagement compliment to Ronald Short, secretary of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, and Audrey Bailey, of Tewin, Herts, joint secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. W. Treasure 1. Mrs. A. J. Frith 2. L. B. Coles 3. C. Allward 4. F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5. L. Batten 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Edgar King, whose funeral took place at this church.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 1st, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: L. Allen 1. C. Mew 2. R. Daw (first 'inside' in method) 3. B. Bull (first 'inside') 4. B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5. A. Clayton 6. For Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob: P. Negus 1. Miss J. Wallace 2. S. Rayfield 3. H. Blacketh 4. G. Hawke 5. W. A. Wood (cond.) 6. Farewell quarter to Miss Wallace who was married on Saturday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain and Grandsire): Miss B. Carter 1. R. Thatcher 2. D. Hoare (cond.) 3. E. Brown 4. F. Carter 5. J. Holbrook 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of gratitude for the life and ministry of the Right Rev. H. W. Bradfield, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): K. Cotterell 1. Mrs. W. C. Allaway 2. A. Diserens 3. M. J. Thurmott 4. F. W. Lewis 5. R. F. Diserens 6. C. E. Lewington 7. N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Also on April 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1. Jennifer M. Davies 2. R. K. Russ (first inside') 3. N. J. Diserens (cond.) 4. E. J. Munday 5. T. P. Edwards 6. C. E. Lewington 7. R. F. Diserens 8. Both rung as a welcome to Antony Paul Diserens.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Gibbs 1. S. Hodgkins 2. J. Clifton 3. B. Whitworth 4. J. E. Skerritt 5. A. L. Priestley 6. C. M. Payne 7. M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Canterbury Minor: S. Hardy 1. F. Gorringe 2. R. Beard 3. F. G. Wheller 4. B. Aldridge 5. P. G. Braund 6. For Choral Communion, also as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Neal 1. W. F. Jarvis 2. J. A. Hales 3. J. M. Steele 4. R. K. C. Wilkings 5. D. Neal (cond.) 6.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On April 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Collins 1. G. W. Heyes 2. Diana M. Pipe 3. Barbara J. Beeson 4. G. W. Pipe (cond.) 5. J. J. F. Roper 6. Rung by visiting Melbourne ringers. Frst quarter in the method 1, 2, 4 and 6. Believed to be the first quarter in the method in Australia.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Diggins 1. F. C. Maynard 2. H. Rumens 3. D. A. Hewitt 4. P. D. Chapman 5. B. R. Downes (cond.) 6. A. J. N. Boyack 7. F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. H. Sinden 1. Caroline Carpenter 2. Barbara Manship 3. G. Goodman 4. A. Bagworth 5. A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Turner 1. H. V. Young 2. F. Casley 3. G. Sparkes 4. W. G. Harnell 5. W. J. Nurcombe 6. C. Tarr (cond.) 7. A. Gale 8. Rung as a compliment for the engagements of Miss Pamela Stevens and Mr. Anthony Jenkins and Miss Barbara Stevens and Mr. H. L. M. Morrish.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On Good Friday, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Watson (first on eight) 1-2. A. E. Austin 3-4. A. R. Mann 5-6. W. J. Couperthwaite (first as cond. on eight) 7-8.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Honiton on Easter Monday and about 60 ringers attended. The service, which was held in St. Paul's Church, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Fane De Solis. At the business meeting four new members were elected — three from Buckerell and one from Honiton. Proficiency certificates were presented by the president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, to nine members.

Mr. G. C. Woodley was elected chairman, Mr. F. Paw vice-chairman, Mr. W. Webb secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. D. J. Webb vice-secretary, and Mr. C. C. Turner Ringing Master. It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Sidmouth and the quarterly meeting at Stockland.

Ringing at St. Paul's and St. Michael's Churches included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Spliced Oxford and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the Ashford District since the restoration and rededication of the bells at Great Chart attracted some 40 visitors to what is now one of the finest rings in the district. Ringing throughout the day was generally of a high standard. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. Stowell, and the excellent tea was organised by Mrs. Day.

A CANTERBURY OUTING

Organised by Miss Wendy Palmer, six ringers from Canterbury, later joined by two from Ashford, had a day's ringing around Tunbridge Wells on April 20th. Towers visited were Cowden (6), Leigh (6), Brasted (6), Seal (6), Seal Chart (6), Shipbourne (6) and Peckham (6). Seven Minor methods were in the ringing programme.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Members of the Eastern Branch were particularly pleased to see their president (Mr. Nolan Golden) at their spring meeting at Acle on April 9th, as this was the first Eastern Branch meeting he had attended since his illness. Mr. Golden thanked the branch for inquiries made about him and congratulated the Rector on his ringing progress. He referred to the appeal being made throughout the Association for a memorial to the late Mr. C. V. Ebberson.

A silent tribute was paid at the meeting to Mr. George Crowe, of Gorleston and Basingstoke. Messrs. L. Raphael and B. Hinder (Lowestoft) were elected new members and Miss F. Woodgate (Reedham) a probationer.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Alexander) who conducted the service and the organist (the Rev. M. Galley), Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, the branch's youthful veteran, who left a sick bed to be present, and the Misses Lidbetter for the tea arrangements.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on St. George's Day. Six towers of the Branch were represented with visitors from Yeovil, Yetminster, Leigh, and Corfe Mullen. The beautifully toned eight sounded at their best to Double Norwich, which was the method chosen for the day.

Canon Cox conducted the Guild service, while the Vicar of Whitechurch gave the address. He said that since he had arrived in the parish he had been taught to ring. He had learnt with some difficulty to control his bell, and to make it fit in with the other seven. This he likened to our lives which we should control, and fit them in with the rest of mankind.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting. Arrangements were confirmed for travelling to the Guild festival at Wimborne. The next monthly practice will be at Netherbury on May 20th, and the next quarterly at Thornecombe on July 16th. Chardstock tower also will be open.

BISHOP'S DAUGHTER MARRIED

On April 26th, Miss Elizabeth Jane Leonard, second daughter of the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Bishop of Thetford, was married in Norwich Cathedral, to the Rev. Allen Rutter, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Rutter, of Bickley, Kent.

Miss Leonard is a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild and fellow members rang handbells as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral.

In the evening members rang 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, at St. Peter Mancroft. The band was S. Boar 1, A. G. Bason (cond.) 2, C. Bird 3, S. Brothers 4, C Curson 5, S. Gall 6 W. Love 7, C. Goodman 8, W. Barrett 9, B. Gogle 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Peal ringers will note the achievement of Mr. Peter Border in ringing the 56 cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. College Youth friends speculated at Derby on April 30th whether Mr. Wilfred Williams, the conductor, would have reserved the tenor for himself. There was certainly no dallying to bring the peal round in 3 hours and 39 minutes.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast from there in the West and Midland Home Services next Sunday at 7.45 p.m. The captain of the ringers is E. F. Hancock.

The quarter peal at Braywood, Berks, was arranged by Mr. W. Birmingham so that some of his ringing friends could ring there before the church is demolished.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild's week-end ringing course at Big Wood was highly successful. There were 52 present all the time and four part-time. The demand already exists for another course.

'The Ringers' Magazine' for the April quarter contains articles by Norman Phillips, Victor Shepherd, William Butler, Ernest Morris, A. James Glass, John F. Williams, William Birmingham and William Shepherd. All are very readable.

For the time being the treble and sixth bells at Tenterden are considered to be unsafe for ringing. It is hoped to launch an appeal shortly to have the repairs done. The quarter peals published this week were rung without these bells.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who is now in his 79th year, is shortly to be admitted to Bradford Royal Informary for an operation. He sends his congratulations to the band who rang the 22,400 Plain Bob Major

A new edition of 'Who's Who in Music' is in course of preparation for publication in early 1962. Musicians among our readers who would like to be considered for inclusion in the biographical section should write to Burke's Peerage Ltd., Mercury House, 109-119, Waterloo Road, London S.E.1.

The monthly practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, is maintaining its popularity and usefulness. We hear that at the last meeting a touch of Six Spliced was rung by a band comprising officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild and the Middlesex County Association. Members of the London County Association and the University of London Society were also present. Alick Cutler, Ringing Master, also afforded one visitor rounds and call changes, in his endeavour to extend courtesy to all comers.

An anonymous donor has given £425 to Aldeburgh Church, Suffolk, in order to procure a new eight-bell frame.

The silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar of Copt Oak, Leics, the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, and Mrs. Byfield was honoured by a peal on his bells on April 30th. Mr. Byfield, who is chairman of the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, is a ringer at his church.

After an hour and 40 minutes ringing, the Universities Association lost a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden on April 30th. One of the party was not told to change at Audley End and was taken on to Cambridge. With considerable enthusiasm she chartered a taxi to drive her out on to the Saffron Walden road and then hitch-hiked.

Of the five bell towers in Worcestershire, only Bredon, Berrow and Broadwas have had peals, and none since 1938 (at Berrow). The silence was broken by a peal at Broadwas, the first since 1919. Of the unpealed fives in the county, only Birlingham's and the heavy bells at Honeybourne are now ringable. At Broadwas, the tenor was cast in about 1346: the front four were added by Carr, of Smethwick, in 1822. The bells are not in tune, but are more minor than major, and are somewhat oddstruck. Before the peal could be attempted, the bells were well oiled and ropes were replaced. When the band had become used to the unusual music of the bells, quite a good peal was rung.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD REVIEW, 1959

A COMPANY of 150 ringers and wives attended the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Aylestone on April 23rd. Some 11 towers were open for ringing and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by Canon F. W. Pratt with the Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston) as preacher. A special double-decker 'bus transported members after the service to Aylestone where an excellent tea was provided.

Opening the business meeting the president (Mr. Peter J. Staniforth) apologised for the absence of the Bishop and the Archdeacons and had a special word of welcome for Mr. W. H. Clarke, of St. John the Divine, Leicester. Twenty certificates of membership were presented.

The secretary (Mr. Brian G. Warwick) in presenting the committee's report stated that 726 members paid or joined the Guild in 1959 and there were 115 members who owed one year's subscription The most outstanding event was the annual dinner with the Lord Bishop of Leicester as chief guest. A new venture during the year was the introduction of striking competitions.

From the District reports Hinckley District mentioned the performance of Martin Faulkes, of Hinckley, who rang 27 peals during the year. His first peal was rung as recently as December 30th, 1958. The Leicester District recorded with regret the deaths of Mr. John O. Lancashire and Mr. E. J. Jelley, and Loughborough District that of Mr. Charles Allsopp. Two old stalwarts of the Melton Mowbray District, Mr. Evandon Littlewood (Asfordby) and Mr. Joseph Gilson (Melton Mowbray), had been created life members. The Syston District mentioned that three members—Mr. W. Bott (Thurnby), Mr. P. Plowright (Rothley) and Mr. F. Bindley (Thurcaston), had been transferred to the honorary life members' list in recognition of long and valuable service to the Exercise.

Mr. Ernest Morris (the honorary treasurer) in his report mentioned that 1959 could be put down as a successful year, financially, as the General Fund of £93 16s. 1d. had ended up with £96 12s. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £150 14s. 3d. and the Catering Fund £11 4s.

186 PEALS

Mr. Shirley Burton presented the peal secretary's report, which recorded 186 peals (153 on tower- and 33 on handbells) during the year. Methods rung for the first time were Liversedge variation of Kent and Oxford Royal, Biddenden Surprise Royal, Braunstone Surprise Royal, Lyme Surprise Royal and Whitwick Surprise Royal. An 'Ernest' peal of Royal was rung for the first time, the Guild contributing five 'earnest' ringers. A peal of Doubles was rung at Kirby Muxloe by a band whose average age was 15 years 2 months. A Sapcote ringer, John Watkins, aged 11, rang his first peal at first attempt.

The general secretary was the leading conductor with 47 peals called for the Guild, followed by John M. Jelley, 21, and John A. Acres and B. Stedman Payne with 13 each. The reports were adopted.

Officers re-elected were Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, president; Messrs. P. L. Taylor and F. K. Measures, vice-presidents; Brian G. Warwick, general secretary; Ernest Morris, treasurer; and Colin Harrison and J. P. Fidler trustees. Mr. Shirley Burton asked to be relieved of the office of peal secretary, largely owing to his wife's illness and Mr. John A. Acres was elected his successor on a ballot. The other nominee was Mr. John M. Jelley. Conductors are reminded that peal fees and all compositions should be sent to 52, Luther Street, Leicester, within four weeks of a peal being rung. Messrs. W. J. Root and G. M. Brewin were elected auditors.

The election of 22 ringers, one non-resident, one honorary and one rejoined member was confirmed.

The Bishop and Provost had accepted invitations to the annual dinner at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, on October 29th. It was decided by a large majority that the dinner should **not** be known as the 'Harold J. Poole Commemoration Dinner.' A grant of £21 to Blaby, towards the rehanging of the five bells, was confirmed.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 20

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS,
Secretary, Yorkshire Association.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris has been for over 22 years secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He is the second Worcestershire man to serve in the capacity, and follows a line of distinguished men who have been secretary, such as Harry Williams, Clement Glenn and Percy J. Johnson. The Yorkshire Association has always possessed the knack of finding able and conscientious officers, and, having found them, does not easily release them from office. Mr. Morris is no exception to the rule and there is no doubt that he holds the respect and admiration of all Yorkshire ringers.

He was born at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, in 1909, and was educated at the Cathedral King's School, Worcester. He is an accountant by profession. He became interested in ringing when he was 13, and learned to ring at Upton Snodsbury, where Grandsire Doubles was the only method practised. He called his first 720 in this method when he was 14. Finding the orthodox six-scores rather monotonous, he started delving into the field of figures, and eventually produced the double six-score, or 240, now generally accepted and rung, known as Morris's arrangement. There was some opposition at the time of its introduction, and prolonged controversy at Council meetings, round about 1930.

His work took him to the County of Broad Acres, and he joined the Yorkshire Association in 1927. He was soon ringing peals with the late George Barraclough, of Leeds, who was a founder member of the Association, and a close associate of Jasper Snowdon. Mr. Morris is proud to belong to that steadily diminishing coterie of ringers who form a link with those who founded the Yorkshire Association in 1875. Since he was made secretary he has attended every general and committee meeting. He was elected to the Central Council in 1939, and has never missed a single meeting since his election

His interest in composition is mainly confined to peals of Surprise Royal and Maximus, and he has a peals total of over 640, of which more than 500 have been in Surprise methods. Of his peals 327 of them have been rung for the Yorkshire Association, and he has conducted 137. He has rung no less than 126 peals on twelve bells, in 47 different towers, and they include 86 peals of Surprise Maximus. Notable amongst these are Cambridge at Exeter, in 1949, the firsts of Cambridge Maximus at Wakefield (old ring) and the present ring at Leeds, Sheffield (conducted), St. Nicholas', Liverpool, Buckfast Abbey and Evesham (conducted). He also conducted the first of Yorkshire Maximus at Evesham, the first in the same method at Trowbridge, and the only peal of Southwell Surprise Maximus ever rung. This was at Halifax in 1954.

In 1959 he took part in the first peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus, and conducted the first of Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral. He has since rung London Surprise Royal there. In Scotland he took part in the first of Surprise Royal (Yorkshire) at Inveraray, and in the first of Royal (London) at Glasgow Cathedral. He was one of the band which rang in William Pye's last peal at Heavitree. Mr. Morris holds the view that in the field of Spliced Surprise, the only plan that is worth while is that in which all the bells do all the work of each method. He has taken part in the whole Pitman series on this plan from four to nine methods and has conducted peals in up to seven methods.

In 1945 he rang peals on the four standard method plan in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and in 1959 took part in a strictly silent and non-conducted peal, in which all but the treble ringer were members of the Central Council. JAFUS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation To The Rev. R. H. Nind

The Elloe deaneries branch met on Easter Monday at Pinchbeck, where the service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, who gave an address. The organist was Mr. North.

Tea and business meeting were at the Bull Inn, during which Mr. Nind was presented with a two tier filing cabinet, subscribed for by members, in appreciation of his services during the past four years. In making the presentation, Mr. J. G. Ames thanked Mr. Nind for all the good work he had done for the branch during his curacy at Spalding, wished him every success in the mission fields of Jamaica, and hoped that when he returned he would find time to visit the branch where there would always be a warm welcome.

Mr. Nind thanked all who had subscribed for such a wonderful and unexpected gift and said it would always be a reminder to him of happy times at Spalding and the many friends he had made during his curacy there.

Four new members were elected, all from the Pinchbeck tower. Mr. Ames proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting.

Good use was made of the bells of the Parish Church in a variety of methods. There were many visitors.

Tips For Beginners—20

If you have a company capable of ringing Cambridge and Superlative but experience difficulty in getting on to London and Bristol, you may find Ashtead very useful, particularly as it can be rung to very similar rules to Double Norwich.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

One minute's silence was observed at the quarterly meeting of the Halifax Association, held at Elland on April 23rd, to the memory of Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, a member and judge in contests for many years.

The president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) was in the chair and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt asked why so much Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Association meetings. The president summed up a lively discussion by stating that in some towers Cambridge and similar methods were out of reach of many members and this precluded them from obtaining a thorough grounding.

The annual meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on July 15th. Mr. Frank Linfoot was thanked for the excellent arrangements for the meeting.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT DERBY

In the centre are the Mayor of Derby, Councillor G. A. Collier, and the Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. Geoffrey Allen. On the left are J. F. Smallwood and E. G. Fenn (trustees), the Master, J. G. M. Prior and M. F. Moreton (senior steward). On the right are the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddowes, John E. Chilcott (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer) and Burley P. Morris (secretary, Derbyshire Association).

[Photo by courtesy of 'Derby Evening Telegraph.'

THE country visit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to Derby on April 30th was made memorable by the cordiality of the welcome arranged by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a trustee of the Society, and Mr. B. Morris, the secretary of the Derbyshire Association.

No organisation could have received a better welcome for at the dinner, held at St. James's Hotel, the Master (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) was received by the Mayor (Cclr. G. A. Collier), the Bishop (the Right Rev. G. F. Allen) and the Provost (the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes). The London contingent, which accompanied the Master, included Mr. A. A. Hughes and the honorary secretary, Mr. John Chilcott, and they were joined by car loads from Birmingham, among whom was Mr. Albert Walker. In all about 60 members of the Society sat down to luncheon.

Wearing his chain of office, the Master said he would like to say how honoured they were to come to Derby and to be received by the Mayor, the Bishop and the Provost. Why had they come to Derby? About two years ago a well-known figure in London ringing circles came to live at Darley Dale. He wrote to the Society early in the year suggesting that they should hold a meeting at Derby and that was the result. Frank Smallwood and Burley Morris had done all the work to make their visit most enjoyable.

THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE BELL

The Mayor in his welcome said Mr. Smallwood had sent him their handbook giving the history of their old and very great Society. They thought of the part they had played over the centuries in the history of the country. Without bells he thought they could not appreciate the traditions of the country.

'I have tried to think of the first bell I heard; it was one I never liked to hear—the school bell. Now I think the bell I object to most is the telephone bell. It was very pleasant this morning, between telephone bells and people calling at the Mayor's parlour, to hear the bells of Derby ringing out their music.'

The Bishop said, 'I know how much your work means in the life of the Church and I would add a very warm word of welcome to that of the Mayor's.'

The Provost gave to the Society not only a personal welcome but one on behalf of the Derbyshire Association, of which he is president. It was often assumed, he said, that the clergy were not very interested in bells and ringers but they must not go away with the idea that they never did anything for them. When the Mayor asked for the bells to be rung on royal and other occasions he always replied, 'Of course, Mr. Mayor, you will pay for the bells to be rung.'

Conducted by Mr. Albert Walker a very good touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, by: W. T. Cook 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, M. V. Chilcott 9-10, J. Chilcott 11-12.

ELECTED AT 15

Later in the afternoon a meeting of the Society was held when the notification of the election of Mr. Roderick W. Pipe, prior to a peal took place. Other elections to membership were Harold Sherratt: F. N. Paling (aged 15) Nottingham; Brynley A. Richards, Mansfield; Frank Cook, Church Warsop; J. C. Maxwell, London; William Sidwell, London.

The Master said he thought it would be very fitting if they entered in the minutes their proceedings that day. It was the first occasion they had been to Derbyshire and it had been very successful. He thanked Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Morris for their work.

Mr. E. G. Fenn offered the Society's congratulations to the band who rang the peal at Norwich and the meeting joined in extending to Mr. Albert Walker best wishes for an 84th birthday the following Tuesday.

Mr. Walker said it was a real pleasure for him to be among them as he had been a member for 63 years. Keeping good time and ringing had kept him reasonably fit.

Ringing during the day took place at St. Alkmund's, the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Luke's and St. Andrew's, and it was a reluctant party of happy ringers that said farewell to Derby after a memorable day in the history of the Society.

Mr. John R. Mayne was elected Master of the Middlesex County Association at Feltham on April 29th.

During the Easter holiday Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, rang in his 2,100th tower at Quedgeley, Glos.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The 14th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Mansfield on April 23rd. By permission of the various incumbents, Mansfield Woodhouse and Warsop and St. Peter's, Mansfield, towers were open and some good ringing was enjoyed.

A service was held in St. Peter's, Mansfield, conducted by the Rev. Hugh Pettinger, at which approximately 60 members were present. The hymns were accompanied by handbells rung by members of the Warsop band. Tea followed in the Church Hall.

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rev. Hugh Pettinger. A brief silence was observed in memory of Mr. C. Cook and Mr. William Stevenson.

The annual report having been in circulation for a month the various reports and accounts were adopted without comment. Grants of £15 each to Granby and Selston were made from the Bell Repair Fund during the year and the balance now stood at £88 12s. 8d.

The peal secretary's report showed that 53 peals were rung during the year. First performances were Ilkeston Surprise Royal and seven Surprise Minor methods. Seven members rang their first peals and the leading conductor was Mr. R. Hobbs with 23 peals.

The following new members were elected: Miss M. Rollin and R. Fanthorpe (East Retford), Miss E. McNeil, P. Halford, N. Pilkington, R. Pilkington and J. Womack (West Retford), and the Rev. John Banks (Warsop), Mrs. J. N. Keyworth, C. C. Keyworth, Miss N. Tasker, E. Tasker, D. Tasker and T. R. Cooke (Wheatley) and S. E. Denby (Mansfield). The Rev. Shorland Ball, of Mansfield, was elected a vice-president.

All the officers were re-elected and Mr. B. N. Buswell were elected Central Council represen- Messrs. D. H. Rooke, J. D. Clarke and B. N. Buswell were elected Central Council representatives for the ensuing three years.

The design for a new badge was approved and should be ready within the next six or eight weeks.

Following a discussion on the Crawford Cup competition a committee, consisting of the vice-chairman of the Guild and the Ringing Master of each District, was appointed to run the competition. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund produced £1 16s. 6d. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the day's proceedings was moved and honoured.

J. W. R.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRAIGHT WORDS ON VARSITY RINGING

Dear Sir.—In spite of Mr. Johnston's belief ('R. W.' April 15th, 1960) I have never said the Universities Association 'provided little more than a marriage bureau.' Moreover, 'all its activities are "NOT" normally .... definitely southern .... in location. Of the fifteen tours, five have been north of Birmingham and both the next two will be.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROAF.
Hon. Sec., Universities Association.
Trinity College, Cambridge.

HIS LESSON

Dear Sir.—Life gets tedious, don't it? All one receives for honest toil in an attempt to lighten a correspondence that was threatening to become as serious as a Victorian Sunday School is an accusation of 'spite.'

This'll larn me! Let them, say I, crack one another's pates and saints preserve 'em.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.
Harborne, Birmingham.

JUDGING WITH A BEGINNER

Dear Sir.—May I thank H. Chant very much for his most informative article on the judging of competition ringing. 'Judging' of a practice touch with a beginner as marker might well be another way of encouraging our beginners to listen to the bells rather than just pull ropes.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON.
Willesborough.

P.S.—All methods rung by the Willesborough band for service ringing are to be found in the Central Council's Collections.—R. J. C.

'A GREAT ADVENTURER'S' GREETINGS

Dear Sir.—May I congratulate, through your wonderful journal, the Australian ringers on their first quarter peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

I was delighted to see the photograph of these keen young ringers on the steps of St. Paul's, where I once stood with a band of Australian and English ringers after a peal of Bob Royal.

As a voice from the past may I offer my best wishes to all Australian ringers for the future. I shall watch with great interest, having such happy memories of the past.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINTER.
Fareham, Hants.

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir.—In recent weeks there have been several performances published under 'Quarter Peals' which consist of less than 1,250 changes. For instance, 1,200 Doubles were rung at Chelsfield on March 20th, 1,000 at Old Headington on April 3rd, and 1,200 Doubles, 1,188 Minor and 1,152 Major at East Grinstead. As a peal on up to seven bells should contain 5,040 changes and on 8 or more bells a minimum of 5,000 changes, surely the minimum number for a quarter peal should be 1,260, or 1,250 if on more than 7 bells.

Are most of us ringing longer quarter peals than necessary or should these shorter performances not be published?—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.
East Clandon, Surrey.

NOTE.— A sympathetic eye is passed over the quarter peals published. Many would come under the definition of performances. —Ed.

YOUNGEST LADY TO RING MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the statement in 'The Ringing World,' regarding the youngest lady to ring a peal of Maximus, my daughter, Margaret Beamish, rang a peal of Cambridge 12 at Birmingham Cathedral on March 19th, 1949, when she was 13 years and 9 months old, thus beating Mrs. Marriott by 13 months.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH.
Nuneaton.

STRANGE ACTION

Dear Sir.—My daughter, aged 14, has recently taken up ringing at the Church of Holy Cross, Sarratt, near Watford, under the tutelage of Miss June Chiltern and has got on so well that she has been allowed to ring for services with an experienced ringer by her side. Last Sunday, however, she was told by the Rector not to ring any more as she is unconfirmed. She is a baptised member of the church and would in time have been ready for Confirmation. She always attends service after ringing. Is this a common experience among ringers and what action, if any, is advisable?—Yours etc.,

W. E. STRAWSON.
Sarratt, Herts.

RECORD LENGTHS

Discipline, Refreshments and Talking

Dear Sir.—Naturally I was more than interested in Frank Lufkin's band's performance at Kirkby, but a few words in his report stand out very clear. **'And the few bad blows were caused by the members getting refreshments.'**

Some forty years ago when we attempted the 22,222 Stedman Caters (Louis Head) and also before we attempted the record London, we were given to understand by our conductor that refreshments were not allowed in a record length, so we all had a little pocket stitched on our shirts from which we could take a sweet while ringing between hand- and back-stroke. Both of these attempts were abortive. After the Stedman at Leeds, Kent (ideal weight and tower for record), we rang a peal of Treble ten, and London at Warnham. My only others over 5,000 were 11,008 Double Norwich at Erith (Jack Cheeseman's band) and the 9,600 of Double Dublin at Holy Trinity, Guildford, which brings me to the discipline.

Those Trinity bells were sending it out like a gorgeous organ, and one member of the band in his enjoyment only winked at another which brought forth from the conductor, 'Cut that out you'll spoil the beat.' W. T. Beeson would bear out my testimony in this.

Lack of discipline is the cause of most bad striking and no real ringer find any method monotonous as he is all the time listening to the beat. I did notice that Norman Harding kept to our school's tuition by taking only a sweet now and again.

My advice, for what it is worth, is: If you are teaching youngsters stop them from talking while they are learning and ever after. I can assure you that if I am calling the bobs in a peal and anyone dares to speak I immediately say, 'Shut up,' in no polite manner.

I still feel that for a record length the bells should be between 15 and 20 cwt. in an airy ringing chambr. The band should be seasoned peal ringers who are in regular practice and of the right temperament. Records are a serious business, not just a chance joke. More power to Frank's elbow and my heartiest congrats to him and his band.—Yours etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.
Burnham, Bucks.

JUDGING RINGING CONTESTS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Norman Chaddock in his criticism of a paragraph of my article on 'Judging Ringing Contests' attributes virtues to me which I never claimed to possess. My enumeration of the qualities required to judge a contest was in relation to an 'ideal' judge. Far be it from me to claim that I am ideal anything! Moreover, the system is not **my** system, as he states, but one which has been used, so far as I can ascertain, since contests started; I have merely modified it a little in order to try and make it more accurate, chiefly in order to sort out with greater certainty the leading teams. May I also point out that it is no part of the judge's work to assess the **truth** of the test piece; he is there to assess the striking. The rules of the contest almost invariably state that the conductor of another team must be in the belfry to see that the test piece is rung true, and infringement leads to disqualification.

If, as Norman implies, **truth** means that every bell in every row must be heard absolutely clearly and distinctly in the order in which it should appear, then if this rule was implemented there would be far more room in the 'R. W.' for articles and letters. I have no doubt that Mr. Chaddock is well aware of contest rules since he was, I believe, the chief compiler of the rules of the Sheffield and District Society; I have no doubt also that he has often been in the belfry as the conductor who watches to see (and hear, presumably) if the test piece is rung 'true.' I don't, however, ever remember him demanding the disqualification of another team because of a 'jumble'—and he must have sat through one or two!

If with **my** system 'it is possible for a team which all but 'fires out' to win a contest,' it is possible with **his** for a team with only two faults to lose it!

He can take his pick, but, of course, he needn't worry; neither is likely to happen.

His argument that the number of faults allocated should be one less than the number of bells involved in the chord (or discord) is far more valid. The argument, of course, is not new, and I have both discussed it and heard it discussed. One well known judge, with whom I was acquainted, stated most definitely, 'Two's enough at once.'

Apart from the difficulty of having to decide on the number of bells involved, the main reason, I think, for the rejection of this multifault system are twofold.

(a) It is extremely unlikely to affect the winning team.

(b) It tends to punish, quite severely, the less advanced teams.

Of Clem. Glenn I have heard Albert Nash say (and Sid. Palmer will also repeat), 'He saw the mistake coming and corrected it before it was made.' No doubt Mr. Chaddock will know (as I do) several conductors of similar calibre to whom conducting a comparative simple method such as Plain Bob, Grandsire or Oxford in a six-bell contest is mere child's play, so that with a team of proficient ringers things seldom, if ever, reach the stage that Mr. Chaddock envisages.

On the other hand, with a not-so-sure conductor with one or two nervous young 'uns ringing in their first contest, anything can happen—and often does. Many times have I heard after a contest the remark by members of such a team, 'Well, we got through, anyway!' sometimes said with a great deal of pride.

There are, of course, exceptions to both these examples but, as I said before, no system is infallible.

I am all for the underdog and so, in spite of Norman's logic, I shall still continue to give 'two' for these chords. Even with this it is still possible to have four faults in one change.—Yours sincerely.

H. CHANT.
Ryhill, Wakefield.

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LETTERS—Continued

A TEACHING AID

Dear Sir,—I have produced a script of over 30,000 words entitled 'Learning and Teaching How to Handle the Rope and Ring and Control a Church Bell.' This script contains clear instructions on a proved and successful system of learning and teaching bell control, **including raising and lowering** the bell. In it will be found much useful advice on the methods of training a group of pupils, also some suggested exercises leading to better bell control, and a chapter on the use of handbells in initial instruction.

This script, which deals with the subject in detail, will be invaluable to anyone who wishes to improve their style, as well as to pupils and tutors.

Various sections of the script are numbered to relate them to a 35 m.m. film strip on the same topic and specially prepared to illustrate the script. The film strip has 63 pictures and a list of these with short descriptions or captions is also available. A black and white print of the film strip is available too. The film strip is suitable for cutting up to make two inch slides which can be shown on most projectors or any of the simple devices used for viewing colour photos.

An advertisement about the above appears at the back of this issue.—Yours etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

ERIN

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lock in his interesting articles, 'Alphabet for Beginners,' is not quite accurate when he credits Lindoff with composing Erin as a method. It is very much older. What Lindoff did, I think, was to give it its name when he published a peal of Caters soon after he went to Dublin in either 'The Bell News' or 'The Ringing World.'

Seventy years ago this method was very popular in our tower as 'Stedman, all slow sixes' and as such five years later I took part in many touches of it. I think it was used as a stepping stone towards getting us on to Stedman proper.

About fifty years ago Law James took up nearly the whole of a Central Council meeting trying to persuade the Exercise that Stedman was composed as Erin and the quick six was the bob. He was finally silenced when an old ringer from Ashton-under-Lyne proposed 'that we continued to ring Stedman as our grandfathers did.'—Yours etc.,

B.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Methods in Major and Royal were rung at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Leeds Parish Church on April 23rd. Mr. D. Thorp, the honorary secretary, reported that membership had increased and that the finances were healthy. New members elected were the Misses Judith Green and Averil Woolston, Messrs. R. Brier, S. Rhodes, Ian Vicary, Tony Stamp and S. Carson. The clergy and local company were thanked by Mr. R. Lumley and Mr. Arnold Cole replied.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 35 members attended the spring meeting of the Eastern District at Howden Minster on April 23rd. Mr. L. M. Woodhead presided at the business meeting in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Elected as members were Miss Mary Carpenter (Hessle), Miss C. N. Harrison, Messrs. J. I. Bath and G. W. Pybus (Cottingham). Bridlington was chosen for the annual meeting on June 11th.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers for the year 1960-61 are: President, the Rev. A. C. Blythe (Selwyn); honorary treasurer, Mr. S. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, Mr. J. R. Taylor (St. Cath's); honorary secretary, Miss F. A. Secker (Girton); librarian, Mr. H. E. Bishop (Selwyn).

OBITUARY

REV. DOUGLAS BALLARD

The beautiful old church at Stoke-under-Ham was almost full for the memorial service to its former Vicar, held immediately after his ashes had been interred in the churchyard on April 27th. During Mr. Ballard's long incumbency, of 27 years, great improvements had been made to the old Parish Church, and not least among them was the restoration of the bells in 1949. Four of the existing five bells were retuned, one recast, and a new treble added in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and all hung in a new metal frame by Taylors. Since then the parish has been justly proud of its lovely ring of six, with a tenor of 17 cwt., and its well-kept belfry.

Completely uninterested in either bells or ringers up to that time, Mr. Ballard found himself caught up in the local enthusiasm for the work of restoration, and finally asked to be taught to ring. For a man of 69 this was no easy matter, and few people can have worked harder than he did to make himself a useful member of the tower. After his retirement in 1954 he had more time to give to ringing, and until his last illness he was frequently to be found at neighbouring practices, always eager to learn just a little more.

Mr. Ballard found and gave much happiness in his comparatively short career as a ringer. The friendship of his fellow ringers meant a great deal to him, and he himself was a welcome visitor to any tower. It was fitting that the bells of Stoke Church should be rung half-muffled before and after the funeral, in memory of one whose joy it was to offer his humble service as a ringer to God.

MR. F. W. CANNINGS

The Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Mr. Francis William Cannings, of Bathford, Bath, at the age of 95.

Frank joined the Bath and Wells on June 6th, 1903, and in 1926 he joined the College Youths. He was towermaster at Bathford for nearly 50 years and was verger from 1913-55. Frank's interest in ringing never faltered and although in the last few years he could not climb the belfry steps he always listened when the bells were rung. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner: an example of his skill are the altar rails in Bathford Church.

Frank was laid to rest on Easter Saturday in the churchyard and under the tower of the church he loved so much. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. B. Kenley). Ringers present included his old friends Horace Taylor, Jim and Maurice Smart and local ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. S. A. Read 1-2, W. J. Prescott 3-4, R. O. Fry 5-6, G. J. Hawkins 7-8.

MRS. FLORENCE FIELD

On April 22nd the parish church of Long Sutton (Somerset), was still beautifully decorated for the Easter Festival when a large congregation assembled to pay their last respects to Mrs. Florence Field.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Hale. Two of Mrs. Field's favourite hymns, 'On the Resurrection Morning' and 'For all thy Saints,' were sung. To the lovely strains of 'I'll walk beside you,' the cortege left the church for the churchyard where the Ven. J. C. Chute (Archdeacon of Sherborne) conducted the committal.

It was at Piddlehinton, the Archdeacon's former parish, where Mr. and Mrs. Field first attended a service after their marriage. As reported elsewhere, an 'open' quarter peal was rung there later in the day. In accordance with her known wish, there were no wreaths but kind friends were asked instead to send a donation to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

E. T. P. F.

MR. F. M. MITCHELL

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell at Milton, Gravesend, on May 5th. He was 82. His service to the Kent County Association was conspicuous and among the offices he had held were secretary, Rochester District, general secretary and treasurer, treasurer and vice-president. The funeral was at Milton on Wednesday.

MR. JOSEPH D. HARRIS

St. Mary's, Portsea, has lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. J. D. Harris, who died on May 5th, a fortnight before his 88th birthday. About four years ago he met with an accident and this prevented him from doing any active ringing but before this he was a most regular and enthusiastic member of the band.

He was very proud of the fact that during his 68 years as a ringer he had rung for the induction of six vicars of Portsea, including the late Archbishop of York and others who was subsequently elected Bishops. In the belfry of Portsmouth Cathedral is a framed copy of Holt's Original, written in full by him, which he was always proud to show to anybody visiting the belfry. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and many Diocesan and County Associations, including his own Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

F. W. R.

MRS. ADA TAYLOR

Ringing friends in the Rochester District and Ladies' Guild (Kent Branch) will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Ada Taylor, beloved wife of Thomas E. G. Taylor, on April 30th.

Ada, as she was known to her ringing friends, came from a ringing family in Northern Ireland and learnt to handle a bell at Bangor, where her brother is leader. For some years, prior to her marriage in 1946, she was a Sunday service ringer at St. Thomas', Belfast.

Her first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Northfleet, Kent, in 1946 and a year later she rang her second peal, Grandsire Triples, at Lurgan, Northern Ireland. On Easter Monday she was present at Bromley, and the following Saturday attended the Rochester District meeting at Tunstall. On the Sunday prior to her death she rang for Evensong at Milton-next-Gravesend, where she rang regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month and at St. George's Chapel of Unity when a service was held there. She was a member of the Kent County Association, the Ladies' Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Irish Association. She took a keep interest in missionary work, and St. James' Hospital where her cheerful and friendly manner will be sadly missed.

The funeral service took place at St. James' Church, Gravesend, on May 4th, conducted by Canon Selwyn Gummer, R.D. Cremation was at Eltham and the ashes are to be interred in the family grave at Bangor Abbey. Wreaths were sent from the ringers of Swanscombe, Northfleet, Gravesend and Milton.

T. E. G. T.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 540 Single Oxford, 720 Oxford T.B.: Sue Merideth and Ruth Blackshaw 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Norman 1, D. J. Bodicote (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, M. G. Wood (first quarter) 6. To welcome Canon F. M. Cray (Rector of Aylestone) who preached at Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Wood (first away from tenor) 1, D. J. Bodicote 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, P. Norman 6. For Evensong.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"G"

GARTER HOLE.—There is one hole in the wooden wheel attached to the headstock to which the bell is fixed. This garter hole is made in the rim of the wheel to allow the rope to pass through and it is at this point where the rope is usually subjected to most wear. As the bell is rung the wheel turns in a complete circle, first in one and then in the opposite direction, forward and reverse continuously. Consequently the garter hole goes with the wheel and the rope is bent one way on one side of the hole and then bent the other way on the other side, this being in addition, of course, to the strain on rope the ringer imposes in pulling the bell first at handstroke and then at backstroke. So it is important that the garter hole is properly formed and that the two sides in contact with the rope (the hole has two straight sides and two curved sides) are rounded with the largest possible curves and finished with polished smoothness. Sometimes you will find wooden blocks fixed next to the garter hole to give greater bearing surface to the rope.

GLOSSARY of Technical Terms 'for the use of learners,' published in 1901 and now out of print. It was written by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, assisted by such eminent members of a committee as Sir A. P. Heywood, William Snowdon, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, H. Dains and N. J. Pitstow. The book contains some 600 terms (some cross referenced and some described as obsolete) set out in Divisions—I. The Belfry and its contents; II. Preliminary Definitions; III. The Science of Change Ringing; IV. The Practice of Change Ringing. These Divisions are followed by an Appendix giving several systems and methods then practised.

GOLDSMITH.—This alphabet would not be complete without mention of John S. Goldsmith, who died in 1942 and who was the original founder, proprietor and editor of 'The Ringing World.' His pioneer work in the cause of campanology was immense but cannot be assessed, for what do you consider is the value of this paper to you and to the Exercise? He was also a ringer of no mean ability and without the slightest doubt devoted a great deal of his lifetime towards the furtherance of our art. A sanctus bell in the new Guildford Cathedral is the memorial to this great man.

GUIDE.—Guides are very nice, aren't they? Think of the good work done by mountaineering guides, girl guides, guide dogs and even guides for our bell ropes. When ringing chambers have a very high ceiling, the length of rope left free is too long for the sally to fall straight down to enable the ringer to catch it properly and so maintain full control of his bell. Moreover, there could be the danger of two or more ropes becoming entangled in each other. So for the better, this with a limited application in some cases, guides are fitted approximately half way between floor and ceiling, but always above the highest point reached by the sally. Unfortunately guides (for bell ropes) have their disadvantages, such as when they are set to cause the length of rope above them to rise and fall out of the perpendicular, this idea being to make a better circle at floor level where the ringers stand, and also such as when they are fixed to a not too robust iron frame the resultant noise making it difficult for the ringers to hear the bells striking.

The guides are made of iron or timber, though sometimes of hardwood set in an iron ring or collar, but when you get a number of ropes each in turn passing through their guides, the background of noise far too often prevents the ringers from hearing the bells at all clearly. Surely an improvement could be made if the hole in the guide could be made two or three times larger and if a more resilent material, such as leather, rubber, cord or matting were used either instead of, or to line, the guide.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. F. Skidmore

MEMBERS from all parts of the territory of the Association—there were 175 present at tea—attended the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Swindon on April 23rd. The occasion was marked by a presentation to Mr. Frank Skidmore, who was re-elected Master, of an armchair.

In making the presentation, Mr. W. H. Trueman said Mr. Skidmore had held every office in his own branch and all except that of treasurer in the Association. Mrs. Skidmore was given a handbag for her very great help to the Association.

The Master in his report said the affairs of the Association were in a very satisfactory state, the total membership being 1,212, of which 1,131 were ringing members. The treasurer reported an increase in finances.

Peal activities warranted special mention, as about 73 peals were rung on tower bells and two on handbells, an increase of about 50 per cent, of which total 41 were Doubles and Minor. Pride of place must go to 'the Swindon Wizards' who rang the first peal of Swindon Surprise Royal and what is believed to be the first peal of London Minor. A handbell peal was rung for the Association in Australia.

There had been 15 losses by death, viz: H. R. Acock (former captain, Fairford), O. G. Attwood (Ringing Master, Bredon's Norton, for half a century), Albert Ball (Coaley), Arthur W. Baldwin (Cirencester), D. Gardiner (Mangotsfield), Amos Hall (tower captain, Winchcombe), Alfred Pearce (oldest member, Bristol City Branch), Henry John Price (Bibury), Beatrice Emily Richards (Portishead), Horace V. Robinson (tower captain, Wickwar), Thomas Townsend (Swindon), H. J. Vallender (Hartpury), E. J. Webber (60 years service ringer at Purton), Dr. Clifford Salisbury Woodward (joint president of the Association for 20 years), Canon Sydney Robert Wortes (Bristol Rural).

Mr. Philip M. J. Gray had agreed to organise a course of ringing instruction for the North Forest Branch.

Mr. S. G. Riches, the honorary treasurer, in his report stated that the balance sheet showed an increase of the total funds of the Association to £500 from £416 in 1958. This compared with a total value of funds in 1952 of £265 points to a steady consolidation of the finances of the Association during the past seven years.

All the officers were re-elected as were the vice-presidents with the addition of the Rev. W. A. Peel, of Tortworth. Central Council representatives are Messrs. R. Hooper, A. L. Barry, C. Wratten and W. B. Kynaston.

A number of alterations to rules were passed. The subscription is to be increased to 3s. 6d. next year (under 18 1s. 6d.) and new non-resident life members will have to pay 10s. 6d. (the committee are to consider giving them a certificate of membership).

The service was held at Christ Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Bryant, who gave an address relating the way of life to bell ringing. God was the composer and conductor, and ringers' lives the peal, he said.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the next annual meeting will be held at Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Lincolnshire Branch

Prior to the service at the annual meeting of the Lincolnshire Branch at Gainsborough on April 23rd, an all ladies band rang a touch of Grandsire Triples as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. F. P. Shepherd.

Mrs. Bray presided at the business meeting and it was agreed to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. McGuiness on the illness of her husband. The officers were re-elected. Meetings arranged were Gosberton, June 18th, Scunthorpe, July 23rd, and Butterwick, September 24th.

A CANADIAN VISITOR

A visitor to All Saints' belfry, Belton, Isle of Axholme, on April 22nd, was Mr. Harry Bell of 4712, Victory Street, South Burnaby, Vancouver, B.C. Before coming to England, for six months' holiday, the last time he rang was at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, 13 years ago when he covered with the tenor to Grandsire Triples. His previous last ring in England was in 1904, at his birthplace, Lower Peover, Cheshire, where he rang the tenor on Easter Sunday and at Belton he joined in some rounds. The genial personality of this old gentleman delighted the Belton ringers.

A HAPPY PICTURE at the wedding of Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer, which took place at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, on Easter Monday. In the group are the Rector (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow (vice-president of the Central Council), who officiated. Dr. Michael Sprackling (best man), Dr. Tudor Edwards and Mr. Patrick J. Bird (ushers), who discarded their frock coats after the ceremony to ring a congratulatory peal, are also in the group.

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BIRTHS

DARMON.—On May 6th, 1960, to Jean and Stanley Darmon, a daughter. 5907

WILLCOX.—On May 15th, 1960, to Sylvia (nee Beddow) and Ernest at 13, Priory Crescent, Aylesbury, a daughter (Hazel Dorne). 5940

ENGAGEMENT

GILES—GALE.—The engagement is announced between Hazel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gale, 126, The Headlands, Northampton, and Peter, younger son of Canon and Mrs. M. F. Giles, of Wollaton, Nottingham. 5928

DEATH

MITCHELL.—Frederick M., of 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, called home to rest May 4th, 1960, in his 82nd year. 50 years a member of the Kent County Association. 5922

MITCHELL.—Frederick M., at Milton, Gravesend, on May 4th, 1960. Vice-president, Kent County Association of Change Ringers, formerly general treasurer, and general secretary and treasurer. Remembered by all members with great affection and with deep sympathy to his wife and family. 5912

HANDBELLS WANTED

To introduce campanology, Chingford County Secondary School, Wellington Avenue, E.4. (Sil. 7051). Offers to the Headmaster at the school. 5893

PERSONAL

'FOR whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother.' (Mark iii. 35.)

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Forthcoming practices: Saturday, May 21st and Saturday, June 11th, 6 to 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 5920

ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH.—Annual ringers' service, Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 18th, to Mr. Braund, 12, St. George's Road, Foots Cray. 5896

THE VETERANS REUNION (London), June 18th, at Bishopsgate. Will all who hope to come please notify me within the next week, please.—J. Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 5962

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CANCELLATION

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The meeting, arranged for Old Brampton on Saturday, May 14th, is **cancelled** owing to illness near church.—A. B. Cooper. 5934

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, May 14th. Tea at Curds tea rooms.—C. A. Bassett. 5889

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business includes election of one representative to Diocesan Committee.—E. W. Bullman. 5870

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 14th, Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, High Ongar, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5850

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Standon, Saturday, May 14th. Mainly for beginners.'—Durrant, Dis. Sec. 5868

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. 5905

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and A.G.M. will be held at Wimborne, May 14th, 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild. 4 p.m. Service in the Minster, conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30, 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampreston (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 5813

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 5878

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Desborough (8) from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m., on Friday, May 20th. All welcome. 5915

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6), May 21st. Bells 5 to 6.15 p.m. Chew Stoke available 6.30 to 8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5930

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, May 21st. General ringing 3-4 p.m. Ringing contest 4 p.m. Tea (approx. 3s.) 5 p.m., followed by judges' placing and comments. Names to Rev. P. Graham, The Vicarage, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Beds. No names no tea.—Kenneth G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5901

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton, May 21st. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Shotwick (6) after tea (fare 3s. 6d. return). Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5936

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5913

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to Mr. A. R. Andrews, Hall Cottage, Thorington. 5879

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Avening, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 2s. each. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 5926

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishop's Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 5900

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Joint meeting, Malmesbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by 19th, to H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts. 5925

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, May 21st. 6-9 p.m.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing Benington (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Aston (6) available after tea (bring your own). Dinner 7.15 p.m. 'Coach and Horses,' Stevenage. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 5809

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, May 21st, Hawkhurst. Names for tea to A. H. Kemp, Lillesden, Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 5919

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Colwall, Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefords.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lympne (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. H. P. Yates, Long View, Berwick Lane, Lympne.—C. T. H. 5918

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Abergavenny, May 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by May 18th, please, to Miss L. Temlett, Park Villa, Hereford Road, Abergavenny.—J. S. King. 5882

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. E. Manton, 11, Elms Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics. 5929

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Pendlebury, on Saturday May 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 16th, to A. Lomas, 47, Normanby Street, Swinton.—G. D. Fearnehough. 5903

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden, on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5927

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Bowden, Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5943

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon, Epworth evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday, George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5877

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing arrangements as follows: Harmondsworth 3-4.30 p.m. Harlington 4-5 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing afterwards. Names not later than 18th. to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5923

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday May 21st. at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th. to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5858

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead, on May 21st. at 6 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's Minor. —B. C. Castle. 5892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington (Northampton), Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5895

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. James's, Underwood Road, Paisley, on May 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37 Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley. 5935

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. High tea 3s. 6d. Names before 18th. please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5924

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Sandiacre Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5862

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Practice meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, May 21st. Please take own food, cups of tea provided. —H. Denman. 5916

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Meeting, Fressingfield (8), Saturday, May 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th. to L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. To our Norfolk ringers, all will be made welcome.—W. J. Button, Hon. Sec. 5914

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Wenhaston, Suffolk, a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells (the debt having now been cleared). Saturday May 21st. 3 p.m., preacher Rev. T. H. Child. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th. to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth. 5908

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on May 21st. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entries welcomed from any Sunday service band in the county. Forms on request from Secretary. Names for tea should be sent by non-competitors by Thursday previous, to Frank Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom, Surrey. Quarterly business meeting after tea followed by ringing.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey, Hon. Sec. 5863

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8), on Saturday, May 21st. at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5902

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, May 17th.—George North, 11 Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester, Southampton and Andover Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 21st. Goodworth Clatford 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Longstock 2.30 to 3.30. Kings Somborne and Stockbridge 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Stockbridge 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Four cafes available. Mottisfont 6.15 to 7 p.m. E. Tytherley 7 to 8. Broughton 8 to 9 p.m.—G. Dodd, P. Dickenson, I. Hartless, Hon. Secs. 5906

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY, at Arksey, near Doncaster, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by 19th. to Mr. R. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Barnby Don bells (6) will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports will be available. A good attendance is hoped for. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5885

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th. at St. Nicholas', Kings Norton, Birmingham. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, May 25th. to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. 5898

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford, May 28th. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous. Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Necton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by the previous Thursday, to Mr. G. Heyhoe, Necton, Swaffham.—C. Tovell, Sec. 5941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Enstone, on Saturday, May 28th. Reply numbers for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., 'Rosemary,' Freeland, Oxford. 5921

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 28th. at Potterspury. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tickets for tea at 3s. each. C.W.O. from Mr. W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, before May 21st. Ringing will be available at the following towers: Gayton 6, Alderton 5, Grafton Regis 5, 11 a.m. to 12 noon: Towcester 6, Cosgrove 6, Stoney Stratford, 12 to 1 p.m.: Easton Neston 8, Whittlebury 5, Paulerspury 6, Wicken 8, 1.30 to 3.15 p.m. All except Easton Neston open after tea. Potterspury 6, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Green's Norton 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 5883

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, May 28th. Britford. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Downton also available in evening. Please send names for tea by May 24th. to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5909

MANCHESTER UNITY ODD FELLOWS

A.M.C., May 28th to June 4th. at BRIGHTON, Sussex.

Special service, St. Peter's Church (10), Sunday May 29th. at 3 p.m. Ringing 2.30 p.m., when all Odd Fellow ringers—also visiting ringers—will be cordially welcomed.

A. W. Bond, St. Peter's Ringers.
Brother Frank Stenson. 5939

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 4th. at Granby. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be given by May 31st. to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 5938

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 6th. at Cheimsford. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting immediately after service in Chapter House. Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet, cost 2s. 6d., if purchased by closing date, June 1st. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Watham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6), High Easter (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch. 5899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—A district full day's outing is being arranged to the Spalding area, Lincs. on Saturday, July 9th. All who wish to take part please send names by May 28th. to A. Bridges, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5917

OUTINGS

BROMHAM, BEDS.

Bromham ringers, and friends had an enjoyable outing on April 23rd. despite the coach driver's theories of map reading which resulted in arriving at Chalfont St. Peter half an hour late. At Waltham St. Lawrence, a trade-mark was left by the coach on a gateway when turning. Ringing on the nine at All Saints', Basingstoke, after lunch somehow 'didn't go.' On the recast Farnham bells, the part rang for a wedding, but the best ringing of the day was at Dorking. After ringing at Redhill the party had their money's worth on the homeward journey when they managed to cross the Thames about four times. Thank you, Kathleen, for your good arrangements.

K. C. F.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH.

Several lovely old churches in North Devon were visited by the ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, during a half day's tour on April 30th. At Halwill there was not only ringing but cups of tea and cream buns (kindly supplied by a former Plymouth resident). An hour was spent on the beautiful eight at Holsworthy and at Clawton the Rev. John Scott joined in touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor. The last tower was Ashwater. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. J. P. Sims, and the arrangements were made by Mr. H. H. Thomas. A welcome visitor was Mr. Coles, of Hatfield.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

Three car loads of Stratton ringers made an early start on Easter Monday to ring in three counties. The party was augmented at Ottery St. Mary, where well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Some very nice ringing was enjoyed at Chard and also on the lovely eight at Crewkerne. At West Coker a death in the village prevented ringing.

An adjournment was made to try some of Rene's Cornish pasties before ringing on the grand ten at Yeovil where a visitor commented, 'Stratton boys certainly put their backs into it to make ringing enjoyable.' Into Dorset and Sherborne Abbey where Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob was the order of the day and the ringing was very good. The locals expressed a wish to hear something a little different, so Reg from Bridgerule obliged by calling some Cornish Bob.

On the homeward journey, a stop was made at Honiton where the Devon Guild meeting was being held and a nice touch of Stedman Triples was called by Tom.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the S.W. Branch at Ugborough, last visited in 1934, on April 23rd. proved a great attraction and was attended by over 50 ringers. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers and included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. These bells, strangely keyed, have a tenor of 24 cwt. and two dating back to 1762.

At the meeting members stood in sympathy for the passing of Mr. G. H. Myers, Mr. E. W. Biffin and Mrs. Paul Field. Mr. L. Cundy and Miss M. Shepherd were admitted members and Guild certificates were presented by the chairman (Mr. H. H. Thomas) to Mr. Gordon Gilley (Plympton St. Maurice) and Mr. A. J. Sandy (Launceston).

QUARTER PEALS

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Treble Bob Minor: (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): P. M. Dawson 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, P. Wheatley 4, R. J. Lumley (first as cond.) 5, J. Rhodes 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Suzanne Baker (first quarter) 1, V. Cott 2, D. Parker 3, D. Manger (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss P. Badland 1, Mrs. C. J. Beadle 2, Miss S. Thayer 3, C. J. Beadle 4, J. E. Goddard (cond.) 5, D. W. Shepheard 6.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josie Hutchings 1, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 2, M. D. Pearson 3, I. Pett 4, W. Sear 5.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Richards 1, L R. G. Taylor 2, D. J. Barnett 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. 50th quarter together for 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Cork 1, R. J. Bray 2, G. S. Luxton 3, G. Skinner 4, A. Newton 5, E. G. Cork 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, A. C. Thorne (first of Triples) 8. For evening service.

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