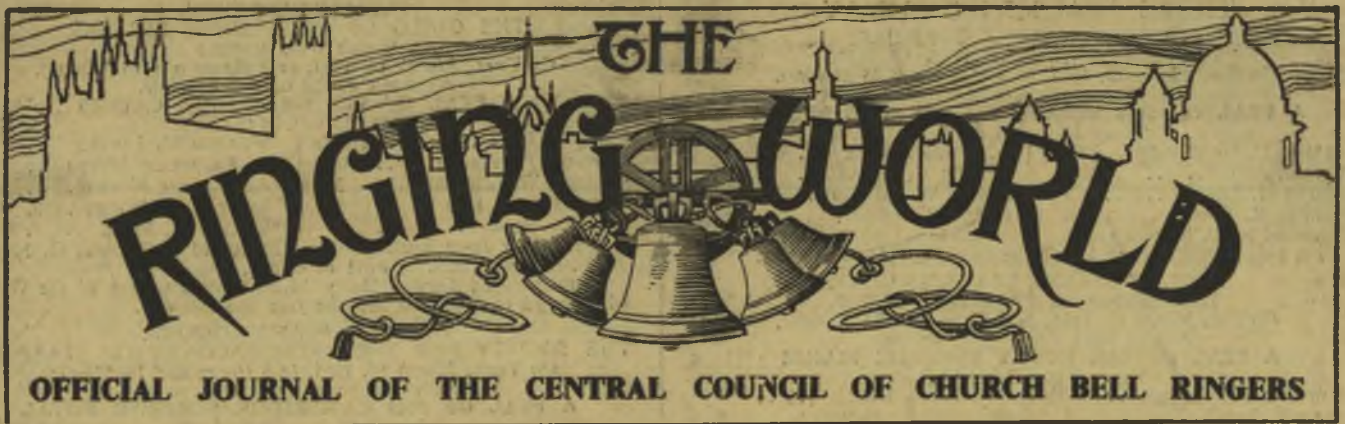




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EASTER

By REV. P. T. ROBBINS

MOST familiar events and places have associations for people—associations which sometimes take the form of a mental picture which springs to mind whenever the event or place is mentioned. Say 'London,' for instance, and many people will immediately picture the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, or the river with its bridges, or Trafalgar Square.

There is a particular mental picture which the word 'Easter' always produces in my mind. I think of an ancient church, with a simple, strong, stone tower, with the flag of St. George flying bravely above; beneath in the churchyard is a sea of daffodils; and one can hear the bells ringing. Oddly enough this picture, fanciful though no doubt it is, and probably built up from dimly-remembered pictures on Easter cards, takes us right to the heart of what Easter really means.

First the church and tower. There is a church of some sort in every parish, and it is there as a standing reminder of God. The country church tower among the trees and the town church spire above the chimney pots alike remind heedless, busy people of the things of God, and the tower, if he has eyes to see this, tells how men ought to lift their hearts and hopes to God on high. Easter likewise is a reminder about God. To the first Christians it was the thing on which their whole faith in God rested. They were not too sure about Jesus after Good Friday. The Resurrection convinced them that Jesus *was* God's Son; God *was* in Christ; the whole life and death of Jesus was something which God had done. For us, too, Easter should be much more than a welcome opportunity for a holiday; it should be a tremendous reminder about God. For so much of our lives we forget altogether about Him. We even wonder whether there really is a God at all. But once upon a time there was an empty tomb, and the One who had been in it was raised from the dead by God. Let us never forget that.

Then there are the daffodils round the church. They may in fact be over by Easter, but the flowering of bulbs in spring always cheers our hearts because it speaks to us of the return of life after the deadness of winter. But winter is by no means the gloomiest thing we see. The world contains a lot of deadness: fear, frustration, anxiety, suffering, that continual falling short of goodness and happiness that all of us experience, and above all the gnawing certainty that everything in our life is bound to be terminated by death. But Easter tells us of the new life which is to come after the winter of this present one. We think of when God raised Jesus to new life—a new life which was not just a continuation of the old one, but something new, higher and finer. At Easter we recall that this new life is the high hope and destiny of all us who believe and trust in Christ.

Finally the bells. Bells ring out with both a proclamation and a summons. 'Hear what we have to say,' they call, 'and come!'. It was in this spirit that the early Church set out upon its task. Their faith and their joy were not things to be kept quiet or enjoyed in private: they were things to be proclaimed fearlessly and insistently and shared with all men. And why? Because men as they were were doomed to death and destruction, and must be summoned to share in the wonderful gift of life which God was offering. Thus they preached, and converted. And so it is today. Both as ringers and as plain Christians, we have the privilege and duty to proclaim both our faith, and also the wonderful grace and the mighty acts of God in which we put our faith, and to summon others to believe and to share in God's gifts.

And so on Easter Day, when those who are more fortunate than this writer go to their towers to ring—some at dawn for the earliest service of the day, others later in the morning, and all once again for Evensong—remember how you are a living part of this symbol of Easter—the church and its tower, the signs of new life outside, and the sound of ringing—and pray that up and down our land, and indeed wherever bells are rung on this joyful day, the sound may be in people's ears as a reminder of God, and of the hope and new life which are in Him, a proclamation of His truth, and a summons to faith and service.

THREE PEALS IN ONE DAY

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
GORDON H. LANE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	GORDON H. LANE 5
DEREK P. JONES 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	GORDON H. LANE 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Believed to be the quickest peal of Minor rung on tower bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in C.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	BARRIE HENDRY 8
*ANNE BARR 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 10
R. GEORGE MORRIS 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

RODNEY FRENCH Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT 6
STEPHEN IVIN 2	ROBERT L. PIRON 7
AVRIL IVIN 3	RALPH MITCHELL 8
JEAN ADDICOTT 4	ARTHUR GIBBS 9
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ROBERT L. PIRON.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., March 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in C.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(South West Branch.)

On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*JOHN P. SIMS Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 6
*YVONNE C. PORTER 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 7
*HAROLD W. MILFORD .. 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 8
†FREDERICK E. DAY 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 9
*D. ROY BOULD 5	*WALTER H. MARK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First 10-bell peal. † First of Caters.

In memory of George Harry Myers (vice-president of the Guild), who passed to higher service one year ago this day.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*JILL V. MORGAN Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB 6
*†PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 2	*JOHN H. ALLEN 7
ANN BARR 3	ANTHONY AGER 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	JOHN McDONALD 9
CLIVE M. SMITH 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*YVONNE EDWARDS Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 8
†WILLIAM DAVIES 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Treble Bob, and of Royal. † 75th peal together.

† First of Royal. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Mills. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
*MARGARET E. FORT .. Treble	THOMAS W. SMITH 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
STANLEY ANDERTON .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to honour the promotion of Arthur Burton to the rank of serving officer in the St. John Ambulance Brigade; also his 50 years' ringing at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
DAVID J. PURNELL 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

DAVID J. PURNELL Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

LEDGBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

R. GEORGE MORRIS Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
MURIEL REAY 2	PETER BORDER 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.

THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

GUY ROWORTH Treble	VERONICA E. DUPRE 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 2	JOHN H. LOTT 6
ANN M. COX 3	D. J. NEAL SMITH 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	PHILIP CHALK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP CHALK.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

PETER BORDER Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL 5
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
J. R. MILLHOUSE 4	PATRICK J. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., March 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*CECIL H. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	*RALPH L. CLARK 6
*DIANA M. PIPE 3	*JOHN H. FRYER 7
*WILLIAM D. WATSON .. 4	*JOHN J. F. ROPER Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Double Norwich in Australia.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	*DAVID P. HILLING 5
*PAMELA N. JERVIS 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 6
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS 3	HOWARD OGLESBY 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERNARD C. MANN Treble	SYDNEY C. EASTER 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 6
JAMES L. TOWLER 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
HARRY R. APPLETON .. 4	ARTHUR HUBBLE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Conductor's 700th peal, and 250th as conductor.

A birthday peal for A. G. Mason and the conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*KENNETH A. EARNSHAW Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	†DAVID J. TAYLOR 6
M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 3	KEITH JORDAN 7
†GARY WIGNALL 4	*JAMES BAKER Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. Rung to commemorate the 25 years' incumbency of the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 PYTCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (Tipler's B 15).

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

J. RICHARD HOUGH Treble	*ALAN J. GRIFFIN 5
B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
PETER H. LANGTON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER DALE Treble	CAROL FERNLEY 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 6
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Composition: 29 course block reduced.

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

YVONNE L. ELOIE Treble	*RAYMOND HAINES 5
*EDWARD A. HAINES 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
†I. ANN ABRAHAMS 3	†CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD .. 7
*EDWARD C. READ 4	REV. ROGER KEELEY .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by REV. ROGER KEELEY.

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

PYTCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38.56 x 14.78

2nds place 1-e. 4ths place bob.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK VICKERS... .. Treble	*JAMES LINNELL... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER... .. 2	*CHARLES E. TRUMAN... .. 6
*BARRY SAUNDERS... .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of London Major.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. Bennett.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MAJOR

Consisting of 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*TOM CHAPMAN... .. Treble	†NORMAN HAYES... .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN... .. 2	†DEREK C. JACKSON... .. 6
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS... .. 3	†DAVID E. HOUSE... .. 7
†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON... .. 4	*R. ROGER SAVORY... .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Spiced Cambridge and Plain Bob. † First of Spiced.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ERNEST J. BLOWER... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE... .. 5
MICHAEL J. HALLETT... .. 2	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL... .. 6
DAVID E. BELCHAM... .. 3	MARK F. HATCH... .. 7
ROY D. TOMLIN... .. 4	SIDNEY BULL... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT... .. Treble	JOHN RYDER... .. 5
MICHAEL THOMSON... .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER JONES... .. 3	VICTOR NEAL... .. 7
HENRY PARKER... .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD... .. Tenor

Composed by D. JOHN HUNT. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HILARY N. KIPPIN... .. Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN... .. 5
TOM CHAPMAN... .. 2	NORMAN HAYES... .. 6
R. ROGER SAVORY... .. 3	DAVID E. HOUSE... .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NASSINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Old, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED A. GINNS... .. Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER... .. 3
RONALD A. RUSSELL... .. 2	DAVID C. URQUHART... .. 4

ROY W. SPENCER... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung to the glory of God.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

AND

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of EMMAUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: Capel, Woodbine, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

KENNETH PARK... .. Treble	NOEL F. MOXON... .. 4
PETER CARBUTT... .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND... .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY... .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

Rung in memory of Joseph Herbert Peace, a past ringer at this church.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE... .. Treble	LESLIE F. BAILEY... .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD... .. 5
PETER M. ADCOCK... .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO... .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Norwich to Bunwell.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Editha.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*GEORGE HARPER... .. Treble	HARRY HARPER... .. 4
GORDON H. LANE... .. 2	*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY... .. 5
*HENRY E. HARPER... .. 3	GRAHAM T. BALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM T. BALL.

* First peal in three methods.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

A. WILLIAM BIRD... .. Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN... .. 4
*MICHAEL UTTON... .. 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER... .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung immediately following the wedding of Mr. D. A. Prettyman, of Somerleyton, and Miss J. A. Walker, of Herringfleet, Suffolk.

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RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOHN W. SAMPSON Treble | NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3
†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2 | THOMAS J. BROCK 4

†MICHAEL J. PARKER Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal, first attempt. † Tenth peal together.
For Mothering Sunday.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HENRY KIRK Treble | ALAN G. KIRK 4
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2 | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
DAVID J. ADAMS 3 | ALEX RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK (aged 14).

* 25th peal; has now 'circled the tower' to peals. First as conductor.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Childwall and Thelwall, (7) St. Clement's and Double Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble | PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
RAYMOND PECK 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bedford.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

FREDERICK J. SAGE Treble | PATRICIA HEATHER 4
JOHN MANLEY 2 | PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3 | DONALD H. NIBLETT Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal of Surprise Minor for the Society.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SEDLESCOMBE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

RAYMOND G. SMITH Treble | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3 | FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the hand, in the county, and for the Association.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*BRIAN BULL Treble | †LEONARD ALLEN 4
†BRIAN COATSWORTH .. 2 | NICHOLAS DAVIES 5
*ANTHONY CLAYTON .. 3 | PAUL CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN RYDER Treble | HAROLD WORRALL 4
VICTOR NEAL 2 | HENRY PARKER 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, for many years leader of this tower.

LYNSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble | †BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | IAN H. ORAM 4

RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods. † First peal on five bells.
First in seven methods on the bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 16 twelve-scores and ten six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble | †REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH .. 4
SIDNEY D. EDWARDS .. 2 | *JOHN S. WALKER 5
EDWARD R. VENN 3 | †PETER J. HERITAGE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1 to 12) Grandsire, (13 to 17) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (18 to 22) Grandsire, (23 to 32) Plain Bob, (33 to 37) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (38 to 42) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*NOEL D. DEAM Treble | EDWARD R. VENN 4
ALEC GAMMON 2 | ROY H. JONES 5
*JOHN S. WALKER 3 | WILLIAM G. CUDD Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alec Gammon.

WOULDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

JOHN NIXON Treble | JOHN COLEMAN 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2 | MONTY W. GILBERT 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3 | MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

* 225th peal. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT 3, SALTERS ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 5-6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3-4 | JOHN E. ANDERSON 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 212 extents. Tenor size 4½ in D.

*J. PLADDYS 1-2 | †I. LOWES 3-4
Supervised by J. PLADDYS.

* First peal of Minimus, and 'in hand.' † First peal. First on the bells.

For St. Patrick's Day.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE UNIVERSITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 1-2 | †W. RUSSELL READ 5-6
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 3-4 | *W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First of Major for the Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. K. Williamson.

QUARTER PEALS

BECKFORD, WORCS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, D. Devereux 4, J. Attwood 5, R. Perks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ben Haviland, a generous benefactor to this church, whose funeral took place this day.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Hodgson (first of Caters) 1, Miss J. Lavender 2, Mrs. M. Chilcott 3, S. Kimber 4, R. J. Cook 5, F. D. Jennings 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, L. Bance 8, L. A. Reece 9, J. Scholfield 10. For Evensong, and for Confirmation, R. J. Talbot.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher (first quarter) 1, Marion Butcher 2, J. Margaret Tate (first in two methods) 3, E. J. Phillips (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Phillips 5, S. D. Butcher 6. By Sunday service band.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Saban, chorister for over 50 years and past churchwarden, who was interred earlier in the day at this church.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hatch (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, J. Blackford 3, E. Booth 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. Pike 6. A thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Gordon Roe, M.A., at St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

BRENTFORD, MIDD.—On March 2nd, 1,479 Splined Doubles (in 25 methods, with 84 changes of method): A. Clayton 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. G. Spreadbury 4, P. Catermole (cond.) 5, A. R. Millidge 6. Most methods by all, Rung on St. Chad's Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stone 1, Angela Grainger 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, B. North 4, G. North 5, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Snowwell 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Chichester. Also at the Church of St. Nicholas, on March 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. R. Rapley 1, J. R. Wilson 2, S. E. Armstrong 3, Angela Grainger 4, A. J. Thomson (first on ten) 5, R. Wake 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, H. Stalham 8, A. R. Riddington 9, A. W. Bond 10. Rung as a compliment to Henry Stalham, on his 89th birthday.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Suckley (first quarter) 1, H. Shone 2, I. Marshall 3, D. Shallcross 4, P. Swindley 5, G. F. Sperring 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8. For Matins.

CHIDECK, DORSET.—On March 11th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: Judith Harding 1, A. Buswell 2, E. Haines 3, R. Robertson 4, R. L. March 5. First of Minimus by all.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Feb. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, E. Jackson (first of Major) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, T. Senior 6, E. Pannell 7, F. Hodgson 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd 1, Ethel B. Clear 2, C. A. Read 3, Olive M. Boulden 4, G. F. O. D. Pratt 5, F. Oakshott 6, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 7, M. Brice (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

EPFING, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-7 covering): J. Statham (cond.) 1, J. Aldridge 2, C. Moore 3, M. Osborne 4, E. Freeman 5, A. Freeman 6, K. Christian (first quarter) 7. For Evensong.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Farnsworth 1, C. Eades 2, F. Pack 3, E. Eades 4, B. Jenmett 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, G. Nicholson cover. For Mothering Sunday.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—On March 12th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Miss G. Ick 2, F. Barker 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace (first in method) 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung in memoriam the late Ernie Prior, who passed away on January 28th, aged 81 years.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Nicolai Stroud 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, R. C. J. Hagley 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, R. C. Hagley 5, D. Debenham 6, P. Stroud 7, H. Jones 8. First quarter for 1, 5, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen K. Easton (first quarter) 1, Elaine W. Woolston (first quarter) 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, G. H. Busby (first 'inside') 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. For the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough, on Mothering Sunday.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, A. Duggan 2, Miss N. Jeffery 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, E. Potter 5, Rung for Mothering Sunday.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Yuill 1, B. E. Frost (cond.) 2, D. Benfield 3, D. M. Trueman 4, J. W. Felce 5, J. Payne 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Norton 1, E. Baker 2, E. Norton 3, R. Luxton (first quarter) 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. For Mothering Sunday.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Fry (first of Treble Bob) 1, S. Parsons 2, W. Farmer 3, V. Willard 4, I. Goulter 5, J. Homfray 6, C. Wratten (cond.) 7, G. Drew 8. For Evensong.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Feb. 22nd, at 6, Hall Grove, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances Fairbank 1-2, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 3-4, W. R. Read 5-6, F. K. Williamson 7-8. By members of the Leeds University Union Campanological Society.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dances', Strand, on March 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. W. G. Skinner 1, Jean Lavender 2, A. S. Richards (cond.) 3, J. W. Smith 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, R. E. Finch 6, A. M. Macve 7, J. E. Cannell 8. First of Cambridge for 2 and 5. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Miss M. King 2, M. Gathercole 3, J. Tomsett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, F. Ranson 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, W. Oatway cover. For morning service.

MARCH BALDON, OXON.—On March 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Sheenagh Gammon (first quarter) 1, Julia A. Chandler 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. S. Walker (cond.) 4, P. Heritage 5. Also on March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5.

MARSTON, OXON.—On March 11th, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Dunkley 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler (first 'inside') 3, Helen Williams 4, J. S. Walker 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clare, married this day.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 8th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Cambridge): B. A. Todd (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela. Warren 3, D. J. Tubbs (first in two Surprise methods) 4, R. I. Vaughan (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong. Also on March 12th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. F. Warren (first of Minor) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, P. G. Smart 4, R. I. Vaughan (first in four Minor methods) 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday service. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Shirley B. Aston 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. A. R. May 5, R. F. Warren 6. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 3 and 4.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on March 12th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: Miss J. White 1, R. J. White (first 'inside') 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, G. H. Bedford (first quarter) 5. For Mothering Sunday. First quarter peal by an all-local band for over 20 years.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Millidge (first on five) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, B. Bull 3, A. Bishop 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 7th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: R. Hills 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 6, and first in the method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. Stafford-Morris, Rector, who died March 2nd.

OXFORD.—On March 12th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,800 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. H. Jones 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the marriage of Michael Allsworth to Sheila Hines.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and St. Bart's): Miss P. Wallace 1, P. Negus 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Hawkes 5, Mrs. Croll 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Daws, sister of the Vicar.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On March 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor, in 12 methods: P. T. Hurcombe 1, J. R. Cooper 2, B. Bladon 3, I. H. Oram 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6.

READING, BERKS.—On March 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 London Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Ruth S. Niblett (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, D. N. Niblett 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, Freda Hankey 2, G. Qliver 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, R. Streeter 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer P. A. Gittins 1, Karen M. Featherstone 2, G. C. Paul 3, R. J. Danby (cond.) 4, M. R. Harvey 5.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, D. Orledge 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. First in the method for all except 3, 5, 7.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On March 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Oxford): R. Tarbatt (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Peace 2, Susan Peace 3, S. Ramsden 4, J. W. Buxton 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On March 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Stenson 1, N. R. May (first 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. R. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On March 12th, 1,260 Doubles, in five methods (Kennington, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Margaret J. Cozier 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5. A birthday compliment to mother of treble ringer.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, D. Wight 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 4, R. Hartley 5, W. F. Oatway 6, D. P. Hilling 7, C. Tovey 8. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Appleby (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, R. Hartley 5, C. Tovey 6. A farewell to P. Appleby, who has gone to East Grinstead.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): Miss P. Lansley 1, R. Druit (first in three methods) 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss J. Cook 6. For Lenten service.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On March 12th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 360 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob) 7 covering: R. Mumford (first away from tenor) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Katherine Burchall 3, Eleanor Roac 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, W. Rushby 7. For Young Wives and Husbands Guild's Evensong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,272 Kent Table Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Stutely 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (first of Kent Minor) 4, E. E. Davey 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. G. Daw (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, K. B. Townsend 3, S. Harrison 4, P. Atkins (first 'inside') 5, P. J. Chilton 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, F. Bindley 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Knott (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Browne 2, K. Wannell 3, P. Jupp 4, J. Barrett (cond.) 5, R. Berry 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, D. W. Gray 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. A birthday compliment to Reg Wilkins. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, C. A. Gray 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday service, and to celebrate the christening of Catherine Margaret Neal.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita M. Webb 1, Sheila C. Matthews 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, I. G. Smith (first of Minor 'inside') 4, H. Taysom 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Webb.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plowman 1, A. R. Elliott 2, A. Stone 3, E. F. M. Samson 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, W. West 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (David Patrick Michael) on March 3rd, to Major and Mrs. Samson.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On March 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: R. O. Beck 1, Doreen Cox 2, V. G. Roberts (first of Yorkshire Royal) 3, P. C. Wright 4, A. E. Cox 5, J. Brain 6, P. N. Tubbs 7, E. J. Chivers 8, G. Salmon 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. Rung for Evensong, on the 250th anniversary of the death of Bishop Thomas Ken.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

AN attendance of 44 was recorded at the Manchester University dinner on March 11th, at Rowntree's Restaurant. Previous to this 12 members of the Guild nearly distinguished themselves by ringing 3 hours of Stedman Cinques at the Town Hall before the president called Stand. The time of the breakdown (5.30) proved most convenient.

After an excellent dinner the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Mr. Derek Ogden, who was in the chair for the evening.

The toast to the Guild was proposed by Canon R. L. Hussey, who hoped we wouldn't be as unfortunate as the ringer recently mentioned in the 'Daily E...s' who was jabbed with a sword by an irate listener. Mr. G. Fearnough replied and suggested Canon Hussey might follow a nineteenth century example and fill the tenor bell at Salford with ale, to the Guild's obvious advantage. The visitors were toasted by Mr. G. F. Wix and in reply Mr. R. B. Smith kept the gathering in suspense for several minutes with a tale of the dangers of non-ringing wives.

Following the speeches came the Guild's annual meeting. The president apologised for the absence of the Ringing Master, who had contracted mumps, and wished him a speedy return to health. He mentioned the new successful venture of the Northern Universities meetings and that the Universities Association proposed dinner in Manchester next January when they intended to give the North a 'looking over.'

The Master's report was read by Mr. John Soanes and mentioned, in glowing terms, the successful tours and service ringing, and also the many notable peals lost.

The following officers were elected for 1961-2: President, Mr. Derek Ogden; Master, Mr. John Soanes; secretary, Mr. B. Sheppard; committee, Messrs. P. Baker, D. W. Jones, R. J. Johnston; auditor, Mr. Neil Bennett. Five life members were elected.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a successful quarterly meeting at St. Saviour's, Torre, Torquay, on March 18th, when all the towers in the Branch were represented, together with visitors from the South West Branch.

Under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, the Branch Ringing Master, the bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, the ringing ranging from rounds for the beginners to Cambridge Surprise Minor. One interesting feature was the ringing of two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by a ladies' band.

There was a full choir present at the service which was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Porter (Vicar), who warmly welcomed the visitors. After a bountiful tea, prepared by the ladies of the parish, the business meeting followed. Mr. W. J. Harvey was voted to the chair in the absence of the Branch chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood, who had to return home earlier in the afternoon.

Messrs. R. Pearse, of Torre, and J. Burton, of Babbacombe, were elected members of the Branch, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Ilington and Widecombe-in-the-Moor, on July 22nd, subject to permission. With regard to the suggested joint meeting with the South West Branch at Buckfastleigh, it was resolved to include Dean Prior and that the date be Saturday, May 13th, if suitable to the South West Branch. After votes of thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting, there was further ringing at Upton Parish Church.

A. L. B.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Southill on March 11th, although the attendance at tea was rather disappointing. A short service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. F. Ginever, with Mr. M. Lockey at the organ.

Methods rung ranged from London Surprise to rounds for the probationers.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

The annual meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints', Staplehurst, on March 11th, jointly with the Maidstone District. Fifty members attended the service, taken by the Rev. T. H. Vickery, who, in his address, praised ringers for their work.

After the tea, provided by local ringers, the Maidstone District meeting was held with Mr. Vickery, father of the Rector, who was unable to attend, in the chair. Seventeen new members were elected to the Association and one life member. Dr. Hatcher spoke about the District party, an annual event, coming off soon, and also the Association certificate which will be available at the annual general meeting at Maidstone on Easter Monday.

On behalf of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Mitchell thanked the Maidstone District for allowing them to join their meeting. In reply Mr. P. Carter welcomed the Ladies' Guild, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and thanked the Rector, the organist and Mr. Vickery.

After the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the Ladies' Guild meeting started with the election of five new members. The officers re-elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie; committee, Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mrs. F. J. Cheal, and Mrs. R. Wratten taking the place of Mrs. C. Tester, who had resigned. Central Committee representatives, Mrs. Barnett and Miss M. R. Andrews. Also a 'Ringing World' correspondent, Miss J. F. Barnett. Next meeting, Dartford, on April 22nd.

J. F. B.

WORCESTER.—On March 11th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, S. T. Holt 2, J. Whitall (first quarter) 3, D. Price 4, J. Slater 5, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, C. Skidmore 8.

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At the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to be held at Moreton-in-Marsh on April 8th, members will be asked to decide between two propositions for a memorial to Frank Skidmore—a library to be called 'The Skidmore Library' or that the incumbent of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, be asked to name something to be used in the Church of St. Ambrose as a memorial to Frank Skidmore.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Bedford in July.

The peal at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, on March 4th (see page 170), was conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pipe, of Melbourne, are 'coming home' for three months in April. They hope to meet many ringing friends at the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent, on Whit Tuesday.

The Rev. A. J. Vincent, of Kenwyn Vicarage, Truro, has been elected general secretary of Truro Diocesan Guild, in succession to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheła, of Crantock, Newquay.

Gretton, Northants, band has rung its first quarter since its recent affiliation to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The ringers wish to express their appreciation of the services of Mr. C. Green, of Glaston, over the past six months, for his help and encouragement.

With his usual aplomb, writes our Brighton correspondent, Henry Stalham rang in a quarter of Stedman Caters for his 89th birthday, on March 17th. Both Messrs. Len Stillwell and Herbert W. Woolven would like to be associated with the compliment and we are sure there are many others.

In sending a peal of Doubles containing 4 variations of Plain Bob, 2 of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Grandsire, Mr. Roy W. Spencer, of Oundle, comments: 'It seems to me that the real point is whether or not this peal was worth ringing. Doubles methods (or variations), struck well—as this peal was—are far preferable to more ambitious methods scrambled through.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the fifth attempt, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major has been scored in Australia, conducted by George W. Pipe, on the front eight of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. In the band were six 'firsts' and a first 'inside' and these people are to be congratulated on their splendid performance. Special mention must be made of the efforts of the three 'Sydneyiders'—John Fryer, Bill Watson and Ralph Clark (his first above Bob Doubles).

Fourteen-year-old Alan G. Kirk, of Fairfield, Buxton, has made a good start in conducting by calling a peal of Minor in three methods on March 14th.

On March 9th a team of schoolboys rang the bells of Rotherham Parish Church for the Grammar School's annual Founder's Day service. Assisted by boys from Kimberworth Secondary School, Grammar School boys rang Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Little Bob Minor, also call changes on the back eight.

The ringers who stood in the quarter peal at St. Matthew's, Clapton, on March 12th were very thrilled to hear the bells 'come round' because they knew that Charles Gray had scored his first quarter for 30 years. Maybe old friends of Charles will be pleased to know this.

The course on bellringing held at Grantley Hall and opened by the president of the Yorkshire Association, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, was again a great success. There were lectures and activities in various important phases of our art, and ringing at five towers varied from four bell change ringing exercises to London Surprise Major. A detailed report will be available soon.

A popular friend of ringers is the new Bishop of Guildford. At the consecration of the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, Provost of Southwark, as Bishop, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, last Saturday, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung before the service and Stedman Caters afterwards. Mr. F. E. Collins was the conductor. Later in the day there was a peal attempt.

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FIRST PEALERS' PSALM

BY ANOTHER DAVID (MARSHALL)

1. I was glad when they said unto me:
We will go into the House of the Lord.

2. Yea, we will go into his Belfry: and
Ring a Peal of Stedman.

3. But now I repent me of my foolish
ways: I have been misled by the wiles of them
who wish to see their name in 'The Ringing
World': I wish I had not consented to ring
in this peal.

4. I have never rung a peal before: Never
have I stray'd from the ways of righteousness.

5. Twice do I ring each Sunday: never
have I written provocative letters to the editor
of 'The Ringing World': But now I am
fallen into wickedness.

6. Yea, I am in the company of peal
ringers and wrongdoers: I am trying to ring a
peal.

7. My bell is become exceeding heavy:
My arms are as of lead: My throat has a
raging thirst: How long must I suffer this
agony and torment.

8. I have been ringing for ninety minutes:
The time goes by so slowly.

9. Yea, the clock face mocketh me: There
are ten score minutes in every hour.

10. I pray that soon I will be delivered:
That I may be saved from the fruit of my
iniquity.

11. But what is this I hear, am I to be
saved already: I hear the sound of an
approaching pile up, a noise of great confusion.

12. The treble man cries in vain, who is
doing their first half turn: But no one
answereth except the tenor man, who shouts
listen to the striking.

13. Is the conductor dumbfounded, why
does he not shine in all his glory: and tell
everyone what to do.

14. Is he not the greatest in Derbyshire:
is he not the leading Conductor.

15. Perchance he is confounded by the
tongue of Jafus: When he calls Bob there is
no bob.

16. Suddenly his eyes light upon me, his
voice rasps out like a cornflake: Go down
before the fourth into the slow: Wake thy-
self up and close your backstroke leads.

17. I am confused and smitten with
despair: I know not whether I am going up
or coming down.

18. He yells, know ye not whither thou
goest: Turneth ye the seventh at backstroke.

19. Yet not all these men are transgressors:
There is one called Burley the Righteous,
who calleth on his Maker for inspiration.

20. Now the bells fireth, their clappers beat
out on their lips in tumult: a still small
voice calls stand.

21. With acrimony and rancour they fall
upon me: Recriminations come from every
side. I say they hem me in on every side.

22. And now it is six o'clock, so potman
set them up: Before the night is o'er we will
have a few more rounds.

23. There is a moral to this story: Which
they do not teach in the College of Cam-
panology.

24. If you are of a peace loving nature,
and wish to spend your days in tranquillity:
Then dismiss all ambition to become a bell-
ringer.

25. Glory be to our bellringing forefathers
and to their sons: and to the bells we ring
upon.

Let them sing out in all their glory: For
ever- and ever-more.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 13



MISSSES GRACE & KATHERINE
BURCHINALL,

Southwell Diocesan Guild.

THERE have been many examples of married couples, parents and children, brothers and sisters ringing peals together, but the record of the Misses Grace and Katherine Burchinall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, must surely be unique. They are twins and have rung every one of their 282 peals together!

Born at Branston, Lincs, on June 10th, 1897, they were educated at Lincoln High School, one of them finishing as head girl. In 1919, when their father retired from farming, they went to live at Sutton-on-Trent, but did not learn to ring until 1924. The bells had been increased from five to six (and later made eight), and the late Mr. E. A. Midwinter asked them to join the band. Their first peal was Bob Minor, rung on January 24th, 1925, and was the first peal on the bells. Since then they have rung 57 peals in this tower, which include all the peals on the bells, except one. They were joint captains of Sutton-on-Trent after Mr. Midwinter's retirement, until their resignation in 1960.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 27th, 1931:

Today is the anniversary of the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784 and which stood as a record until 1911.

A hundred and five years ago today the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield.

W. Wilson plans a pilgrimage to the Menin Gate.

Death of Mrs. Goldsmith, at the age of 84.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 31st, 1911:

From more than one quarter we have had news of misunderstanding on the part of the newsgagents. Ringers have asked for their 'Ringing World' and have been handed a paper with a somewhat similar sounding title having to do with roller skating. It's funny! The passing craze of rinking is as nothing compared to the science of ringing. Our art will flourish when roller skating is as dead as the dodo.

They have a very high reputation for being excellent strikers, and are extremely safe in a peal. Few of their peals have been of their own arranging, and they think with gratitude of the late Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, who invited them to stand in many peals of Treble Bob with his band, and also of the late John Flint, of Bolsover, who was most kind in fixing up peals for them in Surprise Methods before the war which they had no opportunity of practising locally. They also made several visits to Handsworth, Sheffield, for peals with Fred Watkinson and his band. More recently, Mr. Harold Denman has given them many invitations to ring peals at Gamston, and they have rung over 100 peals with him. Mr. Jack Milhouse has also included them in several 10-bell peals. Jack has often mentioned that he was very grateful to them, in his early attempts at conducting, for they could always be relied upon not to make any mistakes!

They would also like to thank Mr. 'Mick' Exton, of the Southwell Guild, who has been a great help to their local band, and has always been willing to put learners through their first touches. They have always been able to maintain a good Sunday service band, and the bells at Sutton-on-Trent have been rung regularly for two Sunday services. Katherine has conducted one peal of Minor, and Grace has conducted three. Five of their peals have been rung with an all-ladies band. They have rung many peals of Yorkshire. Two of their peals on which they look back with pleasure are a Coronation peal for King George VI in 1937, which started at 6 a.m., and which included Jack and Tom Vessey, also twins, and a similar peal for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. Some years ago, while staying in London for Easter, they were invited by Mr. William H. Hewett to ring at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and he called their first quarter peal of Stedman Caters.

They are both very keen workers for the Church, and have been members of their P.C.C. for over 30 years, and also producers of the Church Drama Group. In fact their loyalty to their local hand has always been uppermost in their minds.

The Misses Burchinall, in their quiet manner, have done a lot to maintain good ringing in their own District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, previously part of the North Notts Association. They are very grateful to all those ringers with whom they have come in contact, for they have met with nothing but kindness wherever they have gone ringing, and always been made most welcome. In return it is very certain that those particular ringers hold the twins in very great respect, both for their unfailing cheerfulness and reliability, as well as for setting such a perfectionist standard in their ringing. APACE.

FIRST SUBSCRIBERS

(Continued from last issue)

MAULDEN, Willoughby E., Framlingham. Joined the Norwich Diocesan Association on January 16th, 1908, and rang his first peal—Oxford T.B.—at Framlingham on September 29th, 1909. Of this band he is the sole survivor. Rung about 200 tower- and 40 handbell peals.

SEDGLEY, Charles J., Ipswich. Born King's Lynn, 1887, where he learnt to ring. Took part in second peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Ringing Master, Suffolk Guild, from formation, in 1923, to 1956. Member Central Council, 1927 to 1956. Peals rung 344 (conducted 86), including 16 different methods of Maximus.

Godalming In The News

The progress of the Godalming band, which has enabled them to ring a quarter peal (reported in this issue), is due in no small measure to the hard work of the Guildford District secretary, Mr. S. G. Ponting. The ringer of the treble, who rang very well, is only 10 years old.

HIGH SPIRITS AT DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

TO present a formal report of such an informal function as the Derbyshire dinner is no mean task. This dinner bristles with surprises, and the unexpected invariably happens.

This year was no exception. Such was the demand for tickets that, owing to the limited accommodation of the Corporation Hotel, Derby, many were disappointed that their applications had to be turned down. Large parties, however, attended from various Districts: one from Buxton, led by Alex Richardson and Colin Gould; another from Bolsover, led by Ben Cooper, and there was, of course, a very big contingent from Derby itself.

After an excellent meal, Mr. J. F. Smallwood introduced the guest of honour, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire Association. He warned Mr. Cartwright that it was the general practice to shoot any speaker down in flames if he exceeded his allotted ten minutes, and referred to two dark and sinister characters who seemed to spend the period between one dinner and the next collecting information about people, which could be twisted, magnified and distorted by such low cunning and diabolical ingenuity as to completely destroy the reputation of the victims. He said he would not be surprised if, before the evening was over, Mr. Cartwright was consulted in his professional capacity as a lawyer by some of those who would, he felt sure, suffer at the hands of these two conspirators.

Mr. 'Bill' Cartwright received a very warm welcome; and was obviously affected by the warnings he had received. However, he did bring greetings from the Worcestershire Association, and conveyed them to the company with a warmth which was much appreciated. He did not propose to refer to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, for he did not know that gentleman, but he would like to congratulate the Association on its progress, and the quality of its performances. Although this was his first visit to the Derbyshire dinner, he could assure them it would by no means be the last.

This concluded any semblance of formal proceedings, the floor was cleared, and fun and games became the order of the evening. The Derbyshire choir was assembled, and under the brilliant conducting of Mr. R. Carlisle, of Basford, gave an excellent account of itself. Most of the words of the songs (sung to well known tunes) were of the usual scurrilous nature. The First Pealers' Psalm, by another David (Marshall) was very cleverly rendered, thanks to the excellent pointing by Mr. R. Carlisle. See page 221.

'CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS'

The award this year went to Mr. David Marshall, of Sawley, and Mr. Gordon Halls, supported by holders of this Order, all wearing their badges, read the preamble, followed by the citation.

The citation stated: 'We first became aware of your outstanding ability when we heard of the daring exploit in which you made a gross profit of £200 from the wreckage of your own car. No, you didn't smash it up yourself, but parked it in the middle of the main street of Cheltenham, where some important driver couldn't fail to hit it...

'As a writer of letters to "The Ringing World" you have exercised great ingenuity. Here, one of your techniques is to write a conglomeration of figures relating, at least you say they relate, to some new method. Of course, no one can understand what you are writing about. Certainly not the editor. This enables you to write again, several times,

gaining publicity by pointing out all the "printing errors."

'If there are any recriminations forthcoming you have an excellent alibi—you blame the other David Marshall who comes from Rugby.'

Referring to his job at Sawley, as Ringing Master, the citation added 'that everything now came under "Marshall Law." 'The Vicar, having read Dorothy Sayers' "Nine Tailors" and Ernest Morris' "Bells of All Nations," was well equipped and indeed ambitious to become a bellringer himself. This you could not tolerate so you devised a scheme to frustrate the Vicar's ambition.

'Knowing the simplest plans are always best you encouraged the Vicar to have a lesson in bell-handling, impressing on him the necessity to hold firmly on to the sally at all costs. This had the desired result, and the Vicar of Sawley was very nearly the first space man.'

THE ANTHEM

The choir sang the 'Capita Magnissimus' anthem, the last verse which went as follows:

David Marshall number nine,
Wrecking clock chimes is his line.
And the Parson in a rage
Sacked him for his vandalism.
Marshall liked his ringing job,
And refused to give it up.
So that David still stays on
And the Parson's gone to Osmaston.

One of the items in the evening's entertainment was choosing a Beauty Queen, 'Miss Derbyshire Association.' The judges were Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. J. F. Smallwood. After careful deliberation they declared Miss Susan Turner (of Sawley) the winner. It was a sight for sore eyes to see our staid, legal luminary investing this very charming little lady with a band consisting of a sally, which he at first placed round her neck! It was afterwards placed in a more suitable position.

More fun and games brought a happy evening to an end, all too quickly, and to Gordon Halls, Denis Carlisle and their latest recruit we extend our congratulations on an extremely well organised affair, and thanks for their unsparing efforts to ensure our enjoyment.

JAFUS.

THE BAND

The bronze waits, slider-poised, its stillness caught
In light sieved through the louvres by gusts of cold
Steeple-wind; ropes twitch as the band take hold
Down in the ringing room; the chime-wires, faint,
Frustrate the whirring clock. Grasping the third,
Perched on a box, the pig-tailed youngster stares
Earnestly at the treble, who prepares
To shout 'Look to!' Bent, somewhat deaf, grey-haired,
He 'counts 'un up, and counts 'un down again'
And still calls men to worship. Last of all
The captain, on the tenor, takes the strain,
And ponders on the length of touch to call.
'She's gone!' Upward the quickened sally bounds

As the bells swing and settle into rounds.

J. EASTHAM HOTTON.

Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

'What a lovely day! It's just right for going to a meeting.' So thought more than 30 ringers on March 4th, and they came many miles to Norton. Ringing began promptly at 3 o'clock and the bells were kept going until it was time for the service, which was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. C. Ritchie, who is himself a ringer.

Despite a request for names for tea, three times the number expected arrived but the ladies who were preparing it rose to the and there was sufficient food even if there was very little room to eat it.

Mr. F. Plummer was chairman of the business meeting which followed. Elections were: Members, A. Buck and Miss C. Dear (Baldock), T. Hatchett and L. Hatchett (Sandon), Miss G. Sims (Norton); non-resident life members, R. Edwards (Erdington), T. Hyde and P. Rogers (Henlow). No coach will be run from the Northern District to the A.G.M. at Hertford this year. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a District social in the autumn. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Mrs. Ulrich (organist). The secretary made two corrections to the District report: Cottored are to be returned and rehung, but not recast; Stevenage St. Nicholas' bells have been restored since Norton's.

J. S.

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Marlborough Branch

The most successful meeting of the Marlborough Branch for a long time was that at Overton, which was attended by 50 ringers. The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. F. Smedley), and despite a far larger number than had been expected the organisers coped magnificently with tea.

At the meeting Captain Robinson, R.N., of Overton, reported on the Guild committee meeting, mentioning ways and means of broadening the experience of new recruits by ringing in different towers, the recognition by 'Outward Bound' movement of bellringing as a character-building activity among young people, and making the fact more widely known that bellringing was an accomplishment, for which a badge was given under the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. On behalf of the company Capt. Robinson was thanked by Mr. T. A. Palmer (secretary).

After the usual votes of thanks ringing was resumed on Cambridge, Kent T.B., Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, Grandsire, rounds and call changes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'TRUE ROMAN SPIRIT'

Dear Sir.—*Omnia Britannia, it would seem, in tres partes est divisa.* With the advent of the trans-Pennine express perhaps our trans-paludian Liverpoolian friends will feel the urge to indulge in a little exploration. They will discover that their implied prehistoric preconceptions are wildly astray: that there is, in fact, land east of Manchester and that the world is anything but flat.

Rather reluctantly, sir, but with true Roman spirit, we must bow our heads and our pride to the yoke, ceding our record of 12 hours' continuous handbell ringing, as published in the taciturn annals of 'The Ringing World,' Vol. LVI, July 15th, 1960, p. 481 (*ad papyrus comitum*), reading from front to back and from left to right.—Yours sincerely,

W. BRUTUS READ.

NERO G. SWIFT,

FLAVIUS K. WILLIAMSON.

(Qui, pro Societate Universitas Leodensorum tinnabula tinniverunt.)

FAMILY TOWER CAPTAINS

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Irving's letter in your issue of March 10th regarding tower captains, I am afraid I must disappoint him in so much as he cannot claim a record.

Here at Kelvedon my grandfather, William Elliott, was made tower captain in 1886, and on his death in 1937 my father, Joseph Elliott, was appointed captain—a position he still holds. Therefore, not only have we had only two captains in 75 years, but both from the same family! Incidentally, the Elliott family has been ringing at Kelvedon since the late 1700's—about 190 years.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

A MEMORY TO BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH

Dear Sir.—When reading the report of the Henry Johnson dinner, my thoughts wandered back to 1925 and I, like Mr. E. C. Shepherd, felt the loss of Bishop Ryder's Church. At that time (1925) I left our small village in Buckinghamshire to find employment in the city of Birmingham. Grandire Doubles was my limit but I was made welcome at Gem Street by Mr. James George, who at that time was trying to teach a young band Stedman as their first method. The year 1927 saw me back at my old tower in Buckinghamshire and the start of Stedman Doubles for another band, which resulted in peals of Stedman Doubles being rung in North Bucks, one with 40 different callings.—Yours, etc.,

J. E. WHITLOCK.

Wolverton, Bucks.

GUIDE TO SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir.—May I, through your columns, draw attention to the Central Council's new publication, 'Ringing for Service' (price 1s. post free), a guide to the efficient organisation of the Sunday service band.

This booklet, which is well illustrated, will be invaluable to tower captains and those responsible for maintaining Sunday service ringing.

Ringing Associations may consider it worth while having a stock of the booklet to issue to any tower needing help or guidance.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

LUBBESTHORPE AND ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. C. Brown's letter on page 179 of 'The Ringing World' of March 17th, it is quite true that there is very little difference in the 'blue-lines' of Zouche and Lubbesthorpe Surprise Royal, but the fact remains that they are different methods and therefore must have a different name. There are, of course, many people who argue in exactly the same way, but what is the solution? At present, a different method must have a different name to avoid confusion. When we rang Lubbesthorpe we certainly did not ring Zouche (although we rang something very, very similar).

Different compositions were, in fact, used for these peals.

5,040 ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

By Shirley Burton
M W H 23456—

—	—	—	4	6	5	3	2
—	—	—	5	2	3	6	4
—	—	—	5	3	6	2	4
—	—	—	6	3	4	2	5
—	—	—	3	5	4	2	6
—	—	—	2	3	4	5	6

5,040 LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

By Shirley Burton
M W H 23456

—	3	—	4	3	6	5	2
2	—	—	5	2	4	3	6
—	—	—	5	4	3	2	6
—	—	—	2	5	3	4	6
—	—	—	2	3	4	5	6

The phrase 'Rung without previous practice' means just what it says. None of the band had ever struck a blow of either method before the attempt for the peal, and both peals were rung without a practice attempt—without even a second start.

Perhaps Mr. Brown would also give us his views on Yorkshire, Braunstone, Biddenden and Wye—four methods with different names and yet differing no more, really, than Zouche and Lubbesthorpe.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester.

XINGU SURPRISE WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Xingu Surprise Minor, rung at Countesthorpe on February 11th, 1961, as it would appear that it is impossible to obtain a true extent in this method.

I would like to offer apologies to all who may have been caused inconvenience or heartache, and thanks to all those who have pointed out to me the error of my ways.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Dear Sir.—Having had the privilege and pleasure of ringing with most of those included in Mr. Meadows' verses, I now feel I know them much better.

I have yet to catch hold (of) with Rodney, but if his ringing is as delightful as his writings, well, I've missed a real treat: yet I tremble to think of his verdict on my belfrymanship or peal ringing habits. After all, who doesn't get a hole in their sock sometimes. Thankee Mister Middlers!

BOR DEE 'CEE' VEE.

Has Dee Vee every finished a peal fully shod?—Editor.

IVYCHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letters of Messrs. E. Rowe and J. Acres re Ivychurch, and apologise for the slip that occurred in the article in question. I was relying entirely on local information gained when I visited Ivychurch and inspected the bells in September of last year, and since I am acquainted with ringers who rang there before the war and who found them almost unmanageable then, I wrongly assumed that this was the last time they were rung.

The bells in their present condition could probably be rung with a lot of difficulty, but the fittings are very poor and two of the wheels are broken. Added to this, the bells are hung far out from the headstocks and there is a long rope-draught to the ground floor (the tower being about 80 feet high).

The bells themselves were originally cast by John Wilnar in the first quarter of the 17th century, but the fourth bell was recast by Samuel Knight a century later. I measured the diameter of the tenor as 44½ in., note F, so it would probably weigh about 14½ cwt., although Mr. Dove seems rather optimistic in crediting it with 17 cwt.

The wooden bell frame was originally constructed for four bells to swing parallel to the four walls of the tower, and took the shape of a 'hollow square.' The present timbers are thus older than the present bells. The frame was altered (without doubt, by Wilnar) to accommodate the augmented ring by shortening the pit of the old second bell, and adding a new pit in the space provided next to the old treble pit. The old treble was now placed in this pit and the new treble placed in the old treble's pit. Similar instances occur at the 5-bell towers of Bredgar and Ruckinge, and a modified example to carry six bells at Brabourne.

I wonder if Messrs. Rowe or Acres rang at Kingsnorth (5, 10 cwt. in A flat) on their Kent tour? These bells are in better condition than Ivychurch's, although the old fittings are present with horizontal iron 'peg' stays and vertical iron sliders. However, an 'unringable incumbent' resides here at present, and the bells are only swing-chimed, as at Ivychurch. They were, however, rung before the war.

To any ringers wishing to ring at Newchurch (5, 12 cwt. in G), near Ivychurch, they may be interested to know that only the front four are ringable, and that with a lot of effort. (It required three of us to ring the treble up 'right'!) The wheels are far too large, and the draw of rope so great that the sallies all lie on the floor before ascending at backstroke, although the ropes are not too long.—Yours faithfully,

'MARSHMAN.'

Romney Marsh.

GUILD'S AUTHORITY?

Dear Sir.—Recently it has come to our notice and we are sure to many more that read 'The Ringing World,' that a controversy is in progress over Surprise Royal compositions.

We have not, unfortunately sufficient knowledge to join in this argument. We have, as has the rest of the Guild, been drawn into it. We have been led to understand that when the honorary secretary of a Guild writes under that designation that he is writing for the whole Guild!

We should therefore like to enquire at what Guild meeting the views subscribed by the honorary secretary were voiced and approved.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

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TWELVE BELL TOWERS

ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.
ST. MARY THE GREAT is the University Church of Cambridge; it is a vast church with an impressive tower which rises above Market Hill, an area liberally sprinkled with a gaudy array of stalls. Nearby, bathed in dignity, is a group of buildings incorporating the Senate House, Caius College and that remarkable and lovely structure, King's College Chapel.

The church, as seen today, has been rebuilt on older foundations, and the fabric dates mostly from that period notable for ecclesiastical architecture, being commenced in 1478 and finally completed in 1608—that year witnessing the laying of the last stone of the tower.

St. Benedict's Church originally held the University's bell patronage. It so happened that nearly 600 years ago the then Rector of St. Benedict's, Allen, quarrelled with the Chancellor as to the right of the University to the use of the bell. (It is believed that this church—attended much later by Fabian Stedman—did, in fact, possess five bells at that time.)

The turbulent waters on which the Rector and Chancellor were unhappily engaged were, to an extent, calmed by the timely intervention of Hugh de Balsham, Bishop of Ely, who decreed that the 'bell' in question should 'be rung in a civil and honest manner,' but with the condition that the clerk of the church be satisfied for such ringing in the usual manner.

However, this arrangement did not last: the University removed its patronage from St. Benedict's Church to that of Great St. Mary's, and thus it has remained ever since.

This 'Great' edifice possessed a chime of eight bells for many years, but details of that ancient octave appear to have vanished in the mists of time. Bowtell gives us one clue, for his account preserves this inscription: JOHANNES YORKE ME FECIT IN HONOREM BEATE MARIE, and from this we glean information that the bells—or some of them—were cast in the 14th century.

A SMALL TING-TANG

The parish book for the year 1514 mentions 'an obligation for Tho. Church, bell-founder of Bery.' Next we hear of John Warren, a versatile man, who made a small 'ting-tang' for Great St. Mary's Church in 1607. He is better known for his work in connection with the erection of the tower, and his little bell marked the completion of this stately sentinel from which 12 bells are heard today. Warren gave much of his time and labour in forwarding its erection, and he lived but one year after its completion.

His son, John, caused a tablet, in memory of his father, to be placed beneath the tower, and it is a most beautiful testimony of the deep regret felt at the passing of this enthusiastic builder-cum-founder:—

'A speaking Stone

Reason may chance to blame

But did it know

Those ashes here doe lie

Which brought the stones

That hide the steeples shame

It would affirme

There were no reason why

Stones should not speake

Before their builder die.

For here John Warren

Sleeps among the dead

Who with the Church

His owne life finished

Anno Domini 1608

December 17.

'A MERRY DIN'

Queen Elizabeth loved bells, and to commemorate her visit to Cambridge on August 4th, 1564, 'a merry din' was created on almost

every bell in the town—that is, all with the exception of St. Mary the Great; and for their oversight or unwillingness to arrange that the bells be rung on this auspicious occasion the churchwardens suffered a fine of 'ijs. ijd. to the Queen's Almoners servant for not ringing at the Queen's coming.' A few years later—in 1587—the ringers were paid the sum of xijd. for ringing 'at the triumph.'

It would appear that during the reign of Elizabeth I St. Mary's Church possessed four bells, and there were termed as 'forbell, myddell bell and great bell,' together with Thomas Church's tenor, the latter being recast in 1595. These were later augmented—'the foure belles,' which were suspended from a frame badly in need of repair, emerging as 'five TUNABLE belles. . . . Evidently those bells, before recasting, were of such doubtful quality that they would have driven an Elizabethan madrigal composer mad! Another bell was added at



ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

some time, but the name of the founder and the date of its installation are uncertain.

The year 1667 witnessed further augmentation, Robard Gurney making two new trebles for the church. Much later, at a meeting of church officers held on November 16th, 1721, it was agreed that the services of a bell founder be obtained in order to have the bells recast; and at another meeting on June 15th, 1722, it was further decided to increase the weight of the eight bells, the tenor not to exceed 28 cwt. At the same time it was agreed that a new frame, wheels and other fixtures be provided. The bellfounder in question was Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, creator of a great bell at St. Paul's, Cathedral.

TWO ADDITIONAL BELLS

Apparently enthusiasm ran high at this stage, and it seems that money was no object, for yet another meeting on August 2nd, 1722, agreed that two additional bells be added to make a ring of ten. The founder was paid £71 12s. for the new bells, and these were delivered to

the church on the 25th day of the same month. There is no record testifying to the tuneful merits of this ring, but Ludlam, who graduated as 11th Wrangler in 1748-9, and who seemed to enjoy criticising everything and everybody, was disgusted with them and condemned their creator in no uncertain manner.

The Whitechapel foundry passed from Phelps to Thomas Lester, under whose direction it experienced difficult times. It became a flourishing concern, however, after Thomas Pack joined Lester, and later, under the name of Pack and Chapman, the old established foundry was 'on the job again' at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

This firm recast the tenor, which emerged from the fiery furnace as a 'maiden' bell on Valentine's Day, 1770. It is a splendid bell and weighs 27 cwt. 13 lb. The tenor, of fine tonal quality, mesmerised Cambridge, and two ringers, Chas. Day and Jno. Paris, successfully raised money for 'two tribbles to make a peal of 12.' Pack and Chapman duly obliged.

Friend Ludlam again enters the scene, his bewailings and grumbings undiminished.

Promptly finding fault with the young bells, he stated most vigorously: 'The best bell, the best peal of bells in the world are in this town [contradicting himself] and yet they [Pack and Chapman] never regarded them. They undertook to cast two bells, one of which should be an 8ve and 4th, the other an 8ve and 5th or 12th, to the tenor of St. Mary's, Cambridge, which is D in the modern opera pitch. They did send two things called bells; but neither ringers, singers, nor the Professor of Music at Cambridge, have been able to determine which note they speak; the general sentiment is that they speak no note at all.'

Ludlam was irritated—perhaps reasonably so—by the fact that the new trebles were made much too thick and heavy—for fear that they should have insufficient power—and were, indeed, acknowledged by some as being a blot on the fair name of the ring.

To conclude the history of the bells: William Dobson, of Downham Market, recast the 11th in 1825, and it is a very fine bell, understandably so, for founder Dobson was held in high esteem in his occupation.

Number seven was recast by Taylors in 1923, and in 1954 this firm introduced the offending trebles to the melting pot and rehung the ring in a new cast-iron bell frame supported by a foundation of heavy rolled steel girders.

The treble and second retain their original inscriptions testifying to the initiative and generosity of Messrs. Day and Paris, and other bells are inscribed with their respective founders' and various churchwardens' names. They constitute a ring of 12, satisfying both to the ear and in their handling.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Shortly after 1722 a peal was rung on the bells—then ten—and a Society of Cambridge Youths was established in 1724. A year later, on November 5th, a peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples was achieved, and another peal in the same method materialised on October 22nd, 1734.

The Society had several eminent men on its registers, and a few of these ringers are mentioned below:—

Charles Mason, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College and Woodwardian Professor (1725); John Roper, apothecary, afterwards a major in the Army, killed at Val 1747 (1728); Richard Dawes, M.A., Fellow of Emmanuel College, a celebrated critic (1730); Samuel Roe, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Vicar of Stotfold, Beds, author of works against enthusiasm, etc.; James Gifford, Mayor 1757-8 (1738); John Incarsole, a gentleman totally blind but an excellent ringer and musician (1767); John Bow-

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12 BELL TOWERS—Contd.

tell, bookbinder (1773); Humphrey Argent, organ builder (1777); Maurice Rocket, boot-maker (1839); John Carr, innkeeper, a native of Waltham Cross, who was well known in East Anglia as a ringer (1843); others included a hairdresser, a common-carrier, stone-cutter, carpenter, house painter, bricklayer, farrier, farmer and a weaver.

THE PEALS

From 1770 to 1852, 14 peals were rung on the bells, the first on the 12 consisting of 5,610 changes of Grandsire Cinques, on Christmas Eve, 1770. Then followed: 5,220 Bob Royal, January 29th, 1773; 5,120 Grandsire Caters, November 10th, 1774; peals of Bob Major on March 14th, 1779, and May 15th, 1781, respectively; a 'dumb peal' for Lord Robert Manners, M.P. for Cambs, May 20th, 1782; 6,600 Bob Maximus, January 21st, 1788; 6,000 Treble Bob Royal, February 16th, 1790 (bookbinder Bowtell rang the tenor); 7,002 Grandsire Caters, October 31st, 1791 (Bowtell again bringing up the rear); a 'dumb' peal for Louis XVI of France, January 25th, 1793; 5,039 Grandsire Caters, February 14th, 1793; Holt's Original, June 2nd, 1797; a 'dumb' peal of Grandsire Triples for the Duke of Northumberland, 1847; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, March 11th, 1850; and 5,039 Grandsire Caters, February 16th, 1852.

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major was rung on January 27th, 1897 (conducted by G. F. Woodhouse). This was followed by 5,111 Grandsire Caters on August 18th, 1905 (conducted by George R. Newton); 5,040 Stedman Triples, July 11th, 1906 (Rev. F. E. Robinson); 5,040 Stedman Triples, October 3rd, 1910 (Rev. H. S. T. Richardson); and 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on June 21st, 1912 (Rev. H. Law James).

Two peals were rung by visiting ringers on August 4th, 1913, comprising 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus and 5,019 Stedman Cinques, conducted by William Pye and John H. Cheeseman respectively.

A peal of 5,021 Grandsire Caters came round on July 14th, 1924, and 5,039 changes in the same method was achieved on August 24th, 1924, both peals of which were conducted by E. G. Hibbins.

Recent peals rung in the tower are: 5,019 Stedman Caters on August 18th, 1945 (conductor, John E. Spice); 5,003 Grandsire Caters, March 24th, 1951 (Charles W. Smith); 5,079 Stedman Caters, September 10th, 1951 (F. E. Haynes); and the first peal after the bells were rehung consisted of 5,019 Stedman Cinques on September 1st, 1955, conducted by F. E. Haynes.

T. A. BEVIS.

A SONNET

The bells were hanging in the silent tower,
When up the steps there came a band of ten.
Each in his way all set to ring with power,
And bring sweet music to the world of men.
Firmly they grasp the ropes, and with fixed gaze
Upon their leader look for his command;
Then at his word, the bells all leave their slays,
And speak their message over all the land.
'When mirth and joy are on the wing we ring,
And at the passing of a soul we toll,
A peal of merry notes for brides we bring;
When danger fills the air, our notes we roll.
Anon we tell to all men far and near,
The birth and death of each succeeding year.'

S. L. BARLOW.

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OBITUARY**MR. CHARLES SMART**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Smart, of Leatherhead, at the age of 84 years, who passed peacefully away in his sleep whilst staying with one of his daughters at Merstham, Surrey, on February 22nd.

The funeral took place at Leatherhead Parish Church on February 27th, and was attended by his two sons and two daughters, family friends and several Leatherhead ringers.

Mr. Smart commenced his ringing at Sandhurst, Berks, and was well known in that District for several years. A change of occupation caused him to give up ringing until after the first world war. He went to Leatherhead in the early 1920's and soon attached himself to the local band, where he was a very valued and welcome addition, being a regular Sunday service ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, but was always ready to stand in if needed.

On Sunday, February 26th, at Leatherhead Parish Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major was rung as a tribute to his memory, by A. H. Winch 1, G. Marriner 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, W. E. Oatway 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

MR. C. O. MOORE

Mr. Charles Oakley Moore, sometime general secretary of the London County Association, died on Sunday, March 12th. He was also a Past Master of St. Clement Danes' Lodge of Freemasons and a Past First Principal of St. Clement Danes' Royal Arch Chapter.

THE EARL OF SHAFESBURY

We regret to announce the death, in hospital at Salisbury, on Saturday, of the Earl of Shaftesbury, who was 91 years of age. He was Lord Lieutenant of Dorset from 1916 to 1952 and president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Earl was elected an honorary member of the Central Council in 1937 and remained so at the time of his death.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**Mid-Devon Branch**

On March 18th the Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Tor Parish Church, Torquay. Over 40 ringers attended from the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches, including ringers from Babbacombe, Buckfast Abbey, Dean Prior, Emmanuel, Plymouth, Paignton, Plympton St. Maurice, St. Andrew's, Plymouth, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Tavistock, Torre, Townstal and Upton. The six bells were kept going during the afternoon with ringing to suit all tastes and under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. E. Porter, who gave the address. The organist was Mr. K. P. Ward, and the choir, which led the singing, was formed from the regular Tor Church choristers and a number of the visiting ringers.

After the service an excellent tea was provided by the Tor ladies' sewing group. A business meeting followed, with Mr. W. J. Harvey in the chair owing to the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood. In the evening, further ringing took place at Tor and on the eight bells of Upton Parish Church.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Visitors were present from as far afield as Hitcham, Bucks, and Bradford-on-Avon for the quarterly meeting of the Andover District held at Goodworth Clatford, on March 18th. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise on the pretty ring of six.

At the business meeting Mr. A. W. Alliston was elected chairman until the annual meeting, as both the chairman and vice-chairman had resigned. New members elected included three ladies from Highclere, one from Sydmon-ton and the fifth from this previously unringable tower.

Next meeting, May 27th, Sydmon-ton, with Burghclere after tea. It is hoped that all towers in the Branch will compete for the Aird Challenge Cup in August.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION**Southern District**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association was held in Limerick, on St. Patrick's Day. Every tower in the District was represented and also in attendance were Mr. F. E. Dukes (general secretary) and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (Ringing Master).

The bells of St. Mary's Cathedral were put to plenty of use during the day, by the visitors and locals. During the afternoon six teams competed for the R. R. Cherry Cup for good striking. It was won by St. Mary's Cathedral 'A' team, who had 27 faults. Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, were second, with 38 faults. The judges, Messrs. Dukes and Dunwoody, favourably commented upon the high standard of all teams. Based upon the number of blows struck, the maximum percentage of faults was 5.8 per cent., the winners having only 1.34 per cent. Mr. Roy McCormack acted as District Ringing Master for both the contest and for the day's ringing.

The business meeting was held after lunch in the National Hotel, Limerick. It was presided over by Mr. C. Galbraith, District chairman. The Dean of Limerick, the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot—himself a ringer—welcomed all the visitors to the ancient city. Before business was dealt with a tribute was paid to the late Mr. Ernest Harris, of Waterford, a life member.

A well deserved tribute was paid to Mr. Pratt, who, because of health, has decided not to seek re-election as president. Good wishes were sent from the meeting to Mr. Pratt and to Mrs. Dukes, who by the time this report appears will have undergone an operation.

A prolonged discussion took place as to the 'open-hand' stroke lead being used for call changes and in competitions. The meeting asked for clarification on the 'open-lead.' The rule in regard to judging the striking states that the basis should be as laid down in Snowdon's 'Ropesight.'

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president of Executive Council and chairman of District, Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith (Limerick); District Ringing Master, Mr. Tom McDonald (Cork); District secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, Mr. Paddy Hanley (Limerick); to Executive Council, Messrs. G. H. Ellis and R. McCormack.

After tea the results of the Cherry Cup competition were announced and the cup presented to Mr. G. H. Ellis, captain of the winners, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. They now compete in the all-Ireland final for the Murphy Cup on April 22nd.

The attendance shield was presented to the captains of Bandon and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, who scored 100 per cent. for 1960, along with St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, by Rev. Canon McCann.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

The meeting at North Muskham on March 18th attracted a good number of ringers, with visitors from the North Notts, Nottingham and Mansfield Districts, and also from Lincolnshire. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a wide variety of Doubles and Minor methods.

At the service, the Rev. Mr. Snow, new Vicar of North Muskham, welcomed the company to the church, and apologised for not coming in the ringing room as he was in the midst of a Sunday school party. An excellent tea was served in the Newcastle Arms, overlooking the River Trent, and the business meeting was held afterwards in the church. Four new members were elected from Balderton and one from Newark, and the Rev. Mr. Snow was elected a vice-president. Orston was confirmed for the May meeting, where it is proposed to hold the District elimination contest for the Crawford Cup.

B. N. R.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—Owing to renovation of the tower, no ringing will be possible after April 3rd, 1961. Recommencement will be announced after completion of repairs. 7926

SCOTLAND.—If you will be in Scotland, May 21st-28th, and are interested in ringing during your stay, please write to H. Oglesby, 25, Taplow Road, Taplow, Bucks, as soon as possible. 7915

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 1st, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: April 4th, St. Paul's Cathedral 6.30 p.m.; April 11th, St. Lawrence, Jewry, 6.30; April 18th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; April 25th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chikcott.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Evercreech. Service 12 noon. Lunch and tea at Bell Hotel. Ringing arrangements: Evercreech (10) before service. Castle Cary, Ditchet, Shepton Mallet (8), Bruton, Douling, Pilton, Pylle and West Pennard (6) all from 10.30-11.30 a.m. and after tea, Wincanton (8), Batcombe, Henstridge, Horsington and Templecombe (6) after tea.—G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7930

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Trumpington. Ringing arrangements: Great Grandsen (6) 10-12 noon, Gamlingay (6) 10-12, Bourne (8) 11-1 p.m., Orwell (5) 12-2, Melbourn (6) 12-2, Meldreth (6) 1-3, Haslingfield (5) 2-3.30, Harston (6) 2-3.30, Trumpington (8) 3.15-4.15. Service Trumpington Church 4.15. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Trumpington 6.15-7.15, Great St. Mary's, Cambridge (12) 7-8.30, St. Bene't's (6) 7-8.30, Histon (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m.—The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15, and tea arranged at 5, for all who notify me. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.55 a.m. and 7.30-9 p.m., Claines (10) 3-4.30, St. John's (8), St. Swithun's (6) and Powick (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7848

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting, Bedale (8), Easter Monday. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Dalton, c/o Bucktrout and Firth, Bedale.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7912

BARNSLAY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7920

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston, Saturday, April 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to S. Carter, Tower Lodge, Kelston.—Alan Lee, Sec. 7897

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 8th, at Blunham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London and Double Court. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7922

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bowdon, April 8th, with Grappenhall Branch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, before Tuesday, April 4th.—C. K. Lewis. 7951

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Alkmund's (8) 2.15-3.15 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3.15-4.15, St. Peter's (8) 4-4.30 and after meeting. Committee meet. St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 3.45. Service in St. Peter's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Note: Have a thought for the caterers and send in names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by Tuesday, April 4th.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7925

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 8th, meeting at Merstham. Tea at the Golden Wheel Cafe. Names to Mr. A. Cheasley, 20, High Street, Merstham, by 6th. Nutfield in evening.—C. A. Bassett. 7933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 5.30 until 8.30 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 7936

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. McClelland, 1, Beulah Road, Epping. 7898

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 8th, at Moreton-in-Marsh, 2.15 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea (reasonable charge), to G. H. Harper, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, by Monday, April 3rd. No name no tea. Bells available:

Bourton-on-the-Hill, Bourton-on-the-Water, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, all 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Other towers in the area may be open on application to the incumbents. In conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Committee, a course on bell ringing will be held at The County Farm Institute, Hartpury, Gloucester, September 8th/10th. Charge will be £2 7s., including accommodation, meals and tuition.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 7874

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at Cullompton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous, to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 7882

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. 7945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, April 8th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Nicholas' Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Special business: resolution to alter Rules 8 and 13. Ringing arrangements: Aston (6), Benington (8) 9.30-11.30 a.m.; Little Munden (6) 10.30-12 noon; Braughing (8) 11-1 p.m.; Great Amwell (6), Widford (6), Hunsdon (8) 2-3.45; Hertingfordbury (6), Bengoe (8), All Saints' (10) 2.30-4; St. Andrew's (8) 3-4.30, All Saints', St. Andrew's, Bengoe, Hertingfordbury and Great Amwell after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. (Telephone 3612.) 7863

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, on Saturday, April 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. Metham, 11, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, April 4th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields, by Thursday, April 6th. All welcome. 7909

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 7913

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, April 8th. Bring own food. Buses 142 and 145 from Preston, 1.50 and 2.20 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 7953

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 8th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 1.2-3 p.m., Humberstone (6) 2-3, St. John-the-Divine (10) 2-3.15, Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.55, South Wigston (8) 7-7.45; Aylestone (8) 7-8.30. Service at Cathedral 4. A special bus will convey members (free) from the Cathedral to tea in Aylestone Parish Church Hall. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Important business affecting alteration to rules regarding quarterly meetings and raising of subscriptions. Please send names for tea and bus by Thursday, April 6th (none accepted after first post) to undersigned. General Committee meet Wednesday, April 5th, 7.45 p.m. in vestry of St. John-the-Divine.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 7879

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(General body).—Saturday, April 8th, St. Mary's Church Road, Leyton. (Central London Underground—Leyton Station.) Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 7873

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at West Malling, April 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mr. P. Carter, Ringers, Newtown, West Malling.—P. J. Osborne, Sec. 7877

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7885

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, April 8th. Cheadle (R.C.). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 5th, to Mr. A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7870

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes, Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7927

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting, Oxendon, Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7928

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Devizes St. John, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hutchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7355

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, April 8th. Kingsbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 4th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7888

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 7910

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Extraordinary general meeting at Hinstock, on April 8th. Business: badges, six bells; ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Whittaker, Shrubbery Cottage, Hinstock, Market Drayton, by Wednesday, April 5th. 7947

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 8th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Rooms, for those notifying Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by April 5th. Business meeting follows tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 7899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 2.15-3.45 and 7-9 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3-4.30 and 7-9, Rushmere 3.15-4.15, St. Matthew's 7-9. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5.15. Business meeting, Diocesan House, immediately after tea. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower Room, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by first post Friday, April 7th.—J. W. Blythe (Gen. Sec.), 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 7942

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper, Saturday, April 8th, not April 1st, as advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify, by Wednesday April 5th. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 7893

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wimbrough Green (6), on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 7931

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 7924

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford, on April 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 4th, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 7935

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements: St. Ebbe's (8) 10.30-12 noon, All Saints' (8) 11-12.30 p.m., New College (10) 11-12.30, Magdalen College (10) 2.30-4, Merton College (8) 2.30-3.30, St. Mary-the-Virgin (6) 3.30-5, Christ Church (12) 3.30-5, St. Giles' (8) 3.45-5.15. Luncheon 12.45 for 1 p.m., at the 'Forum Restaurant', High Street, for those who notify Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th. Please remit cash (10s.) with application. Business meeting in St. Giles' Parish Room, Woodstock Road, 5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7892

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, St. Peter's (8), Macclesfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7918

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 15th, at Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. The agenda contains important matters which concern you so please attend. Names for tea would be appreciated (as this is at a café), by April 12th, to L. J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. F. C. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham. 7938

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th, to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston. 7917

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication, by the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, of the 'Flo Field' Memorial Treble on Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Lewis, The Forge, Long Sutton, Langport (L.S. 301). Definitely no name no tea. National buses 12.30 p.m. ex Taunton and 12.30 p.m. ex Yeovil stop at Church. 7745

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Avisham (10), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice, Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea by the 13th to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Avisham, Norwich (NOR 07 Y).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7929

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Great Ryburgh, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. Please note alteration of date.—C. Tovell, Sec. 7932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Meeting, Shenington, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th to C. Clarke, Deddington, Oxford. 7921

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch and new Branch.—Ringing course at Monks Risborough, Saturday, April 15th, starting in the White Cross Hall, 3 p.m. Talks by Messrs. A. D. Barker and W. Wilson. All ringers welcome. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. No name, no tea guaranteed. 7939

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, Wolstanton.—On Saturday, April 15th, an open invitation is extended to all ringers to ring the bells of the above church from 6 to 9 p.m. Convenient buses to all parts from the church.—D. R. W. 7914

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 7940

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea by April 11th, to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec. 7940

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Revelstoke, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7944

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Armitage Bridge, Saturday April 22nd. No cafes—bring own teas.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7908

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting: change of date. Due to local circumstances, the aforesaid meeting will now be held at York on Saturday, May 13th, instead of May 6th. Full details later. The Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Bradford on October 14th. Please reserve date.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7955

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD.—On March 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. R. Warner 1, D. A. Hughes 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, D. Tubbs 4, S. G. Pouting (cond.) 5, A. W. G. Oliver 6. For Matins. Also on March 18th, at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. G. Pouting 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, E. Warner 3, D. Tubbs 4, H. A. May (cond.) 5, R. W. Lee 6. For adult Confirmation service for diocese.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Feb. 18th, 1,280 Wessex Surprise Major: I. Goulter 1, Miss S. R. Parsons 2, A. T. Collins 3, E. Sutton 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, P. T. Hurcombe 6, A. R. Peake 7, G. R. Drew 8. First in method by all the band and on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 10th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Peck 1, H. W. Barrett 2, J. Pilgrim 3, C. J. Gibson 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, P. S. Bedford 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge 4, W. A. Yates 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Judith M. Atkinson 1, I. C. Maycock 2, M. J. Austin 3, Jane B. Tuffin 4, Christine Collett 5, J. A. Bennett 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, C. T. Biscoe 8. First of Triples for 1, 4, 5 and 8. Ring half-muffled in memoriam Harry Tovey, one time churchwarden in this parish, by the U.B.S.C.R.

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