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ARE OUR BELLS REALLY NECESSARY?

MANY of us recall vividly the rise in popularity and the subsequent decline of the cinema organ. To an important degree this has been linked with the fortunes of the cinema itself. With the phenomenal rise of the industry in the 'thirties came the building of bigger and more luxurious cinemas, bulging programmes of over three hours with two feature films, newsreels, and the recital on the 'Wurlitzer' into the bargain. Now all that is rapidly going, though the art of the cinema is here to stay, even in a television age. But not the cinema organ.

Meanwhile the church organ continues to function, and indeed is prospering, with the Royal School of Church Music doing a wonderful job, so that standards are steadily improving. Also, organists associate together, and recently it was my pleasure to talk to the Kent County Association of Church Organists at one of their Saturday meetings! Oh, I believe the pipe organ is being challenged by electronic instruments, but not seriously in the minds of the true organist.

There are a few concert organs in our leading concert halls, but the real home of the organ is in church, where it has a job to do Sunday by Sunday in the Christian worship. How fortunate for the organ and the organist, you may say. But this is to misunderstand the nature of our Church heritage. True, there were churches before there were organs; nevertheless, it has been in the service of the Church that organist art has developed and grown. And having evolved so strongly it hardly looks like becoming extinct.

Our bells, too, have their life and purpose in the worship of God in His Church, and during four centuries the ringer's art has evolved and progressed in this land of ours. In a great many of our churches there are rings of bells, and the vocational element of our art looms as its dominant characteristic. We love our bells, we love ringing them, but somehow it would be difficult if it were in a secular environment.

Now challenge faces us as this age of church building proceeds. For there is a distinct danger that in the new churches bells as such will not figure as an essential part

of their life but be considered as a superfluity and luxury, with unwelcome repercussions in the older churches in the guise of reluctance to keep their bells in going order.

This is where we ringers come in! Ought we not to pursue a more positive policy in regard to the heritage of the bells, by ensuring that we play our part in keeping them in order? Spread over 100 years the cost of a new ring of bells is not really prohibitive, and the cost of maintaining an existing ring considerably less. Yet we live from hand to mouth, waiting for our bell ropes to wear out before ensuring a supply of new ones, remaining relatively passive when restoration is necessary.

True, our Association makes grants from the Belfry Repair Fund, but these are only a tiny part of the cost involved, and we are always having misgivings about the grants we *do* make. Which is the real sting in the tail of this article.

We do not value our bells, and therefore by implication we do not believe in their necessity. When we join a tennis club we expect to pay a subscription adequate to cover the organisation costs of the club, for the rent and upkeep of the court, and for equipment. If we go to a cinema we expect to pay for our pleasure, while after ringing that peal we quench our thirst at quite an enormous cost. Yet we dislike even the suggestion of a peal fee, though we know it will be reported at no little cost in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and in our own Association report: we know that the capital value of the instrument we are using runs into thousands of pounds.

Again, our subscription is 3s. per year, a bare shilling more than when the Association was formed in 1880, and only a fraction of its real value.

I repeat what I have said on several occasions, including my report to the Association for 1960: in maintaining our funds at about £1,200 we are, in fact, fighting a losing battle against the forces of inflation. We certainly wouldn't be so complacent if we found our earnings pegged at 19th century levels. Yet we are almost proud that the intrinsic worth of our funds is no more than a fifth of what once they were.

When from our funds we are able to make grants towards bell restoration of £100, then, and only then, can we again lift up our heads and look the world in the face.

E. S. J. H.

[From 'The Belfry']

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In three methods, being 1,824 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,632 Yorkshire, with all the work of each method for every bell; 21 changes of method.

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.	
JOHN WORTH Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 2	DEREK OGDEN 8
BASIL JONES 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	EDWARD JENKINS 11
JOHN NELSON 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5011 ERIN CINQUES

Tenor 35½ cwt.	
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 8
PETER WOODWARD 3	KENNETH PARK 9
NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	IAN M. HOLLAND 10
*PETER SCHOLEFIELD 5	RICHARD E. PRICE 11
*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6	JOHN E. KIRBY Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBRY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on 12 bells. First in the method by all, except the ringer of the fifth, and for the Association.

Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
Five course block.	
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 2	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
*NEIL BENNETT 3	BRIAN HARRIS 9
BASIL JONES 4	DEREK OGDEN 10
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH 11
*F. JOHN NELSON 6	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Londinium Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.	
NORAH M. RANGLES .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
GEORGE H. RANGLES 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt.	
HOWARD SCOTT Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 8
PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
At the CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
*SALLY OATES Treble	ALBERT M. TYLER 6
DONALD E. COBB 2	D. JOHN HUNT 7
MARY HALL 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 8
ANTHONY E. COX 4	DON C. EXELL 9
FRANK HANSFORD 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

* First peal. First of Caters as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.	
JOHN PARSONS Treble	GEORGE BISHOP 6
JOHN DREWITT 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 7
*MICHAEL BISHOP 3	BRIAN R. WHITE 8
*JOHN H. NAPPER 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
FRANK WHITE 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

* First peal on ten bells.

Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.	
*MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
REGINALD W. REX 2	REGINALD F. CROOK 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 8
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	ARTHUR SAYERS 9
*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 5	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Royal. First of Kent Royal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GLENFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

GLENFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—70—38, 14—14, 50—36—90. L.H. 12 1573.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F	
JOHN SOANES Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
ERNEST MORRIS Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., March 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
Johnson's variation.	
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elkington on the birth of a daughter on March 27th.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILDOn Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE 2	*PETER S. BENNETT 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
*BASIL JONES 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
JOHN WORTH 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 250th peal together.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHEILA BRADDER Treble	EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP 6
HAROLD F. WOOD 3	PETER H. LANGTON 7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 4	ADRIAN J. TUMBER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID BURBIDGE Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
*BARRY R. CARE 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 6
*ALLAN R. JONES 3	JAMES LINNELL 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ROSEMARY FLEMING 2	HENRY D. BUTLER 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	E. ROY WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Brian J. Glover and Marion J. Skinner, which took place at this church on March 25th. Also in honour of the engagement of Mr. N. M. Hughes D'Aeth to Celia F. Whitfeld.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*MARK G. WOOD Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 11).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Easter Festival.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*DAVID W. STENSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
†MARK G. WOOD 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 4	†CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Plain Bob Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.

*DAVID C. J. PADFIELD .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 5
†PETER BRIDLE 2	§JOHN BRAIN 6
†DON C. EXELL 3	CLIFF RICHARDS 7
†KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. 4	F. CECIL MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by CLIFF RICHARDS.

* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First 'inside.' § First of Triples. First as conductor.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
MARGARET A. LADD 2	PETER F. BORER 6
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
MONTY GILBERT 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

Rung on the 200th anniversary of the 40,320 Plain Bob Major rung at the same tower on April 7th and 8th, 1761, by 14 men.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5
*LINDA J. KEW 2	†A. RAYMOND CRAWFORD 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	DAVID P. HILLING 7
†PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 4	W. DAVID WARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Triples.

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' Also a birthday compliment to R. Hartley.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DR. E. V. WOODCOCK .. Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
DENISE SHALLCROSS .. 2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	JOHN S. DEAN 7
ROBIN J. LEE 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN S. DEAN.

* First peal. † 200th peal. 50th peal on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
PETER J. COLES 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

DEREK G. ASIRIDGE .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES 5
CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 6
*BARBARA STEVENS 3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 7
BARRY J. COUZENS 4	TREVOR T. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung on the 15th birthday of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, a member of the local band.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 960 each Bristol and Rutland, 320 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
AVRIL IVIN 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
ALAN J. FROST 4	JAMES H. PAILING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to welcome Dominic Julian Chapman, born April 1st, 1961.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IAN M. HOLLAND Treble	MARIAN E. ARCHER 5
KENNETH R. GOODALL .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL 6
*RICHARD FARNSWORTH .. 3	DAVID ARMSTRONG 7
JOHN W. SYKES 4	CYRIL RUSBY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

* First peal. The treble ringer has 'circled the tower' to peals.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*STELLA J. T. MITCHELL .. Treble	SUSAN J. RAWLINGS 5
JILL M. LANE 2	JANET E. CLEEVE 6
*CHRISTINE A. BOXALL .. 3	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 7
PAMELA M. JERVIS 4	ANN M. COX Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ANN M. COX.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JEAN F. BARNETT Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major rung at this church on April 7th and 8th, 1761.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ANNE EDWARDS Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	IAN R. PANTON 6
ALAN R. SYDER 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 7
*ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*KATHLEEN M. WATKINS .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. 5
DEREK G. ASIRIDGE 2	EDMUND MORRIS 6
J. ARTHUR HOARE 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
BARRY J. COUZENS 4	DAVID K. WALKLAIE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DEREK G. ASIRIDGE.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hazel Way, captain of the Sketty band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Annable's London, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (4) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

ANDREW M. MACVE Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
JOHN R. COOPER 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of 18 Surprise methods in the county, and for the Association.

For the marriage this day of Roger Larkin, of the local band, and Valerie Mary Wheeler.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 11) Grandsire, (12 to 22) Plain Bob, (23 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

*MICHAEL BILLINGS Treble	†DAVID LEE 3
MARK G. WOOD 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 4
†ERIC ROBERTS Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First on five bells. 400th for the Guild as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Stevens (Sunday School teacher) and Mr. Denis Nadin, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in' B.

*MELVYN EDWARDS Treble	†DAVID HUGHES 4
†DAVID TAYLOR 2	*DAVID PIKE 5
PHILIP SAUNDERS 3	*MONTY TRICKEY Tenor

Conducted by DAVID PIKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON 4
STANLEY R. WILSON 2	LEONARD BLANCHARD .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	ALBERT SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Faith Herriman and Robert F. Balaam (ringer at this church).

ST. MARTIN'S, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*DEREK B. WILLIAMS .. Treble	HENRY C. LEWIS 4
MARY C. POYNER 2	HARRY POYNER 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 3	ROGER POWELL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal.

Rung for Easter.

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* First peal in ten methods. First in ten methods on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.—On March 26th, 720 Kent T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medhurst 1, Miss P. Turk 2, Miss B. Foster 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss M. Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. G. Godard 1, Sylvia Sims 2, G. Godard 3, H. H. Thomas 4, J. P. Sims (cond.) 5, F. Collins 6. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Mr. Peter Lopes, elder son of Lord and Lady Roborough.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, R. G. Townsend 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, W. H. Trueman 5, W. W. Daniel 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled, following the funeral at this church of Joe Durham, bellringer.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. H. Gregory (first on 8 and on a working bell) 1, P. Bridle 2, F. C. Mogford 3, J. D. C. Richards 4, C. J. Richards 5, H. S. Gregory 6, D. C. Exell (cond.) 7, Kathleen M. Exell 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Pantan (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Frith 2, Miss J. Groves 3, A. R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, T. Clark 2, I. Norris (first 'inside') 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Pat Norris 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold (15, first quarter) 1, Hannah-Penfold 2, Alice Ward (13, first 'inside') 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CHERTON, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Dickson 1, A. R. Carter 2, Mrs. M. A. Williams 3, W. O. Haythorne 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, C. S. Williams (first quarter) 6.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Hart 1, J. Pladdys (first as cond.) 2, M. Todd (first quarter) 3, A. R. Patterson (first quarter) 4, M. W. Lewis 5, W. G. Headley 6. First in two methods by all and on the bells.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss L. Coveney 2, P. Rye 3, G. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, J. D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of George Ruck and Julie Cooper, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Eves 1, G. Heath (cond.) 2, D. Powney 3, W. Cook 4, W. Alexander 5, W. Cannings 6. For 'The Ringing World's' Golden Jubilee.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. King 1, C. Richardson 2, N. Pearson 3, E. Chapman 4, B. Foster 5, D. Pearson (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Easter Tuesday, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pauline A. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Delia E. Smith 3, T. A. Gilbert 4, C. H. Baker 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6.

HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.—On April 6th, 1,440 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): B. Barber 1, A. Walpole 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. W. Forde 4, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Warnes, one time a ringer at this church.

HALE, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan Taylor 1, T. Hancock 2, E. Ford (cond.) 3, H. Sealy 4, B. Knight 5, H. Taylor 6. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3, on their engagement.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad 5, G. Miller 5, E. Curzon 6, S. Clarke 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins (Nicholas John).

HATHERN, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Minor (London and Single Oxford): R. Adkins 1, J. Exon 2, C. Cowley 3, T. Harris (cond.) 4, B. Smith 5, D. Smith 6. Rung for the wedding of the Rev. C. Bull and Miss M. Warrington.

HAZELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. F. M. Marshall 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, K. E. Pinney 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, W. H. Poole (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Vernon 1, A. Ballard 2, C. P. Rice (first 'inside' in method) 3, Elizabeth A. Wilcox 4, W. W. Bradbury 5, C. R. Hayward 6, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 7, P. Hollick (first quarter) 8. An engagement compliment to Elizabeth A. Wilcox and John Vernon.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Smith (first of Minor) 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, N. O. Abell 3, D. Harbridge 4, P. J. Berzdahl 5, C. R. F. Muncey (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. Windart and Miss M. Vinser.

HULL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. G. Reed 1, J. R. Perrett 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, T. I. Booth 4, G. W. Pybus 5, J. A. Singleton 6, D. S. Johnson (first of Major as cond.) 7, J. S. Rank 8. First of Major for 1, 5 and 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. Rosemary Brown 1, M. Woodbridge 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Allen (first quarter) 6, W. Oxenham 7, N. Wright 8. Rung half-muffled, by the local band, in memory of Jack Dearlove, former captain of the tower, who died on April 1st, 1961.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. R. Perrett (cond.) 1, J. S. Rank 2, J. I. Booth 3, R. D. Gibson 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung by Old Boys of Hymers College, Hull.

LAMAS, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. T. Miller 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, D. E. Rust Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Allen 1, E. Nixon (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry 5, M. Wall 6. Rung for the christening of Judith Brundson.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: John Phillips 1, W. T. Cook (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, R. W. Hinde 4, G. W. Massey 5, James Phillips 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, M. P. Moreton 9, J. G. A. Prior 10, J. H. Crampion 11, D. R. Randall 12. For evening prayer. Also at St. Clement Dances, on April 9th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: C. Rogers 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, A. D. Collins 3, H. J. Eldred 4, Miss J. Cook 5, M. Sprackling 6, C. W. Outley 7, W. Oatway 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, E. G. Coward 10. For Matins, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Outley, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Roach 1, D. H. Gendall 2, K. G. Davey (age 15, first as cond.) 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, A. Willis 5, J. Harvey 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: K. F. Eastment 1, R. J. House 2, M. A. Stenhouse 3, D. J. Leech 4, A. F. Diment (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Mr. Birch, a former Rector, whose ashes were interred this day.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, T. Phillips 3, P. Blake 4, L. Derrick 5, C. Kortright (first in method as cond.) 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. H. Aleay 4, G. Blake 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Howard, daughter of Mr. C. W. Sams, tower captain.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Bray 1, G. Coles 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, T. Ridgman 4, S. Skinner 5, G. Luxion 6, E. G. Cork 7, A. Dyer 8.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Margaret J. Cozier 1, R. H. Jones 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in 11 methods for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Shorter (a former ringer), who was married at this church on March 25th. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Julia A. Chandler 1, R. H. Jones 2, Helen Williams 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Smith (first 'inside') 3, J. S. Walker 4, N. D. Deam 5.

OLDSWINDFORD, WORCS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill (first 'inside') 2, J. Lawley (first as cond.) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, J. Tandy 5, B. Wootton (first quarter) 6. For Matins. Also on March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill (first as cond.) 2, J. A. Tandy 3, J. Lawley 4, M. D. Fellows 5. First in the method for all except 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of C. Collins, interred the previous day.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, J. Ayres 3, G. E. Reter 4, R. J. Quick 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, J. Arbury 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Hassell 2, W. J. Marlow 3, M. Holbrook 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 26th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Harris 1, P. Walker 2, A. J. Adams (first of Surprise Major 'inside') 3, Miss D. Elson 4, C. Coles 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6, E. R. Venn 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Harris 1, C. Holloway 2, A. J. Adams 3, C. Coles 4, E. R. Venn 5, M. S. Cloke 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. First in the variation for 2, 3 and 5. For the Easter Festival.

PENN, BUCCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wendy Hussey 1, R. Hazell 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, E. R. Godham 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, D. G. Rowlands 6. Rung for recording as a greeting to Joel McGaughey, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Roach 1, D. H. Gendall 2, K. G. Davey (cond.) 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, A. Willis 5, J. Harvey 6. First quarter by an all St. Mary's, Penzance, band for over half a century.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. W. Shire 1, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 2, R. Lee 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, T. Langdon 6. A farewell to P. N. Tubbs.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 9th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: R. W. Pipe 1, Alma M. Greaves 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, P. W. Webb 4, H. F. Myers 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, G. Davies 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Arranged for the conductor, on holiday at Brixham, and ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8, members of Birmingham University Society, touring the area. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Collings 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Dav 3, S. O'Shaughnessy 4, H. F. Myers 5, R. G. Abbott (St. John's, Croydon) 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. MacDonald 1, A. Naylor 2, F. D. Mitchell 3, N. N. Beedham 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 3, 4. For morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Bull 1, L. Allen 2, C. Mew (cond.) 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Bishop 5, D. Brookes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the wedding of Susan Goddard, of the local band.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles: Susan Mason 1, A. D. Sansom 2, L. G. Berridge 3, F. E. Crosier 4, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 5.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob (Triples: Miss Janet Rowe 1, W. E. Ellis 2, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. S. Sandwell 6, M. F. Hatch 7, C. Timms 8. For Evensong.

RICKLING, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. W. Watts 1, R. C. Heazel 2, R. Bassett (cond.) 3, F. W. Tharby 4, T. Bassett 5. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Canterbury, April Day, Old, Plain Bob): A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, H. Curtis 3, M. Bennett 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Hodgkins 1, Ann Chettle 2, J. M. Clarke 3, Christine Wood 4, J. M. Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, W. Dickens 8. For Sunday service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. W. Darvill 1, Clare Chambers 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, S. P. Darvill 4, K. J. Darvill (first on eight as cond.) 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, G. W. Dehenham 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On March 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chamberlain (first of Minor) 1, A. T. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Bunyan 3, Rev. C. G. Woodhead 4, B. B. Mullah 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. J. Baylis 1, E. H. Smith 2, Lesley Roberts 3, J. A. Cobb 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, F. C. Henbest 6, A. K. Street 7, R. G. C. Henbest (first quarter) 8. Rung by local band for Evensong, and for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grand-sire, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, April Day): Miss R. Morgan 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, L. L. Willis (cond.) 4, E. H. Hill 5, A. Ensor 6. In memoriam, half-muffled, for W. Creswell, chorister and ringer for many years.

SOUTHGATE.—At Church Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Pamela Miller 2, H. Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, A. D. Collins 5, L. G. Gates 6, M. Rowe 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong, also a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Peck and to mark her engagement to John Bloomfield, B.A.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, J. J. Ford 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor 6. To celebrate the engagement of Joan L. Taylor to Eric J. Ford, also for the christening of John Albert Ford, nephew of the conductor, and grandson of the ringer of the 2nd.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, W. Smith 2, J. Grauton 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. For the wedding of Mr. Thomas Hawkins and Miss Thelma Selwood.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, J. A. M. Salter 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6, W. G. Lavers 7, D. M. Hughes 8.

STRETTON, BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Murfin 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Fearn 3, B. Topliss 4, D. Eames 5, F. D. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Perkins, for ten years people's warden at this church, who passed away March 18th, aged 85 years. First quarter on the bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jacqueline A. Reason 1, Patricia A. Burt 2, A. F. Lee 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, Carol A. Ritchens 6, L. J. Cox 7, J. W. Isaacs 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. F. Lee (first in method as cond.) 1, D. J. Barnett 2, Patricia A. Burt 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Jacqueline A. Reason 6, C. J. Barrable 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor, at first attempt. Both rung half-muffled.

QUARTER PEALS

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. White 1, I. Stoter 2, A. R. Wood 3, K. Leach 4, D. Stoter 5, H. White (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method by the band except conductor. Believed to be the first quarter in the method on the bells by a local band. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Aven (first of Caters) 1, Rosemary S. Hawkes 2, R. G. Smith 3, B. Hullah 4, S. F. Dolley 5, R. D. Bell 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell (cond.) 8, G. W. Seaman 9, A. Hickson 10. For evening service.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. Fox 1, Helen Butler 2, Barbara Butler (first quarter) 3, R. Howes (first quarter) 4, Susan Howes 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Susan Howes 1, R. Howes 2, G. McIlhone 3, A. Howes 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, V. Fox 6. First quarter in three methods for all except the conductor. Rung by an all-local band. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Howes 1-2, A. Howes 3-4, Susan Howes (cond.) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the three ringers. First quarter of Doubles 'in hand' for all. First quarter as conductor. First quarter 'in hand' by an all-local band.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 in front): Elaine Batchelor (first quarter) 1, Susan Porter 2, Marilyn Giles (first quarter) 3, V. Bull 4, A. Bull 5, N. Knee (cond.) 6, T. Mallard 7, P. Roynon 8. For evening service.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, J. T. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke 4, M. Foster (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For morning service.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Clark 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, D. M. Hughes 4, J. A. M. Salter 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Smith (age 13) 1, Jennifer Coombs (age 13, first quarter) 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delaney 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. For early service.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On March 26th, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure): E. P. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First quarter in more than four methods by all.

WILTON, WILTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Trimby 1, R. Haines 2, A. Newman 3, H. Roper 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6. Rung in memory of the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 1, W. C. Shute 2, L. J. Lockyer 3, W. C. West 4, H. W. D. Bishop 5, J. T. Barrett 6, A. V. Davis 7, E. A. Bishop 8. For the memorial service for the Earl of Shaftesbury.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean F. Barnett (first of Stedman) 1, Janet Buss (first of Stedman) 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, R. P. Pullen (first quarter) 4, S. A. White 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Timms 1, Judith Coggins 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, Marilyn Bird 4, M. C. F. Collett 5, B. J. Coggins 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, J. Dixon 8. For the wedding of Mr. W. Brooks and Miss G. Wilkins.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Schroder (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Cane 2, H. J. Allen 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Andrews 5, P. D. Cane 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Cane (also a member of the band) and Mr. T. W. Gore.

WYMONDHAM, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. J. Stimson 3, F. J. Stimson 4, R. C. Tyler 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mr. Ernest Marriott, bellringer and churchwarden for many years.

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Mr. K. Gibbons, of Iver, Bucks, was asked by his tape-recording correspondent, Mr. Joel McGaughey, of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., for a recording of the bells of Penn Parish Church. A well struck quarter was rung and recorded entire. The Vicar (the Rev. O. E. Muspratt) recorded a greeting to introduce the bells.

Hurstpierpoint (Sussex) band have set themselves the task of raising £76 for handbells. A good start was made by holding a jumble sale that raised £56 15s.

The quarter peal at Hutton Cranswick, Yorks, on April 4th was believed to be the first quarter rung by a band of Old Boys of Hymers College, Hull.

The peal at Bristol Cathedral on April 7th was the 50th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rung by Mr. D. John Hunt.

If any gentleman lost a watch at the meeting at Ecclesfield on April 8th, will he please communicate with Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham.

The ringers of Old Headington are pleased with the removal of the ringing chamber from ground floor level. The first quarter in the new accommodation was rung on April 9th.

Mr. F. Collins, who has been ringing at Bickleigh, Devon, for 35 years, has rung his first quarter, believed to be the first on the bells. A peal has, however, been rung here.

The first course of London has been rung on the bells by a local band at Haslemere Parish Church. The band are also progressing well with Cambridge Minor and have enthusiastic handbell sessions.

To handbell tune ringers Mr. N. Chaddock commends 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' by Nancy Poore Tufts. Copies are obtainable from the Abingdon Press Ltd., Nashville 2, Tennessee, U.S.A.

A call change ringer at Wem, Salop, Michael Wycherley (16), has learnt method ringing by attending Association meetings and by visiting other towers on their practice nights, the nearest being 10 miles away. He has now rung his first peal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Since February, 1960, 11 'last Friday' peals have been attempted at Bristol Cathedral, and all 11 have been scored—a 100 per cent record. These peals included the following 'firsts': First peal for seven, first of Triples—2, first of Major—2, first on 8—4, first in the method—29. First as conductor—2. First in the method as conductor—5, first 'inside'—2.

Will the purchaser of Postal Order No. K1/93/786326, for 9s. 6d., at Calcot, near Reading, please send his name and address to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

Bristol Cathedral School Guild of Ringers has lost its founder in the person of Mr. Frank Carter. In addition to ringing a quarter peal (second attempt), the Guild would like to thank him through our columns for his work for the Guild.

The peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday, reported in our last issue, was rung at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Amcotts). The bells were not rung until after the church clock had struck three. The peal on Easter Eve at Snaith was also a 'special request' peal from the Vicar.

Mr. P. Amos sends us a correction regarding the weight of Massington tenor. The weight given by Gillett and Johnston and clearly printed in the belfry, where it has been for years, is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., and not that given in a recent peal. Another of his corrections is that Barnack, Northants, has a minor five and not a peal ringing six. The sixth bell is hung dead by itself.

Miss Yvonne C. Porter, a very popular member of Plymouth St. Andrew's Society, who took part in a quarter of Stedman Triples on Easter Day, for Evensong, and was one of the Plymouth contingent that took part in a tour of some six Somerset towers on Easter Monday, was rushed to hospital in the very early hours of Wednesday, April 5th, and operated upon for appendicitis. The sincere wish of her many friends is for a speedy and complete recovery.

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ACTION AT THAXTED

A LARGE crack has been discovered in the mediæval crocketed spire of the magnificent Parish Church at Thaxted, Essex.

It is the Vicar's intention to put the repairs to the steeple in front of the other repair work at this grand old church, in spite of the fact that the steeple repairs were completely unexpected. Towards the end of February a parishioner noticed that one of the crockets was missing from the steeple, and on telescopic inspection the fault was revealed; ladders have been erected and the trouble—£700 to £1,000 worth—confirmed.

This lovely old church has a magnificent ring of bells hanging high in the tower, being rung from the ground floor. There are four old bells in the ring, one, two and tenor (15 cwt.) by Mears 1778, the sixth by Thomas Gardner, 1734; the four remaining bells were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston during the period 1948 to 1950 and are unique.

THE JUSTICE BELL

The third bell has a decoration of the linked vine and cross symbolising the linking of all nations through the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Round the shoulder are the words from St. Paul's sermon to the Athenians.

'He hath made of one blood all nations,' and round the base of the bell the text from the Revelation of St. John, 'And I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.'

In the centre of the bell, 'I Ring for Justice in All the Earth.' On the other side is the gridiron of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of cutlers, also of Thaxted Church.

DANCE OF FELLOWSHIP BELL

The fourth bell is decorated round the shoulder with morris dancers in action and round the base with the emblem of the dancing. This is a remarkable and unusual form of adornment. In the centre of the bell:

'I Ring for the General Dance.'

Praise Him in the Cymbals and Dances.

Praise Him upon the Strings and Pipe.

On the other side is the emblem of St. John the Baptist—The Hand Baptising.

THE PEACE BELL

The fifth bell has round the shoulder in Latin: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.'

Round the base of the bell is a quotation from the Revelation of St. John: 'And I heard a great voice from heaven saying, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God."'

'And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.'

In the centre of the bell is 'I Ring for Universal Peace.' On the other side: the emblem of Our Lady, the sword piercing the Winged Heart.

THE CRAFT BELL

The seventh bell has cast round the shoulders small panels depicting the sun, the moon, the stars, the earth, mountains, rivers, sea, sheep and cattle, birds and trees, lightning and clouds.

Round the base of the bell are panels showing the arts and crafts of man, pottery, engineering, agriculture, clock making, painting and music, organ building, book binding, cutlery, spinning and weaving, brick making.

In the centre of the bell: 'I Ring for Joy in Craftsmanship.'

'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were Created.'

On the other side is the emblem, the Sacred Host and Chalice.

The bells each have the name of the Vicar and churchwardens who are still in office together with the original and subsequent bell founding firm.

It is not often that a Vicar can persuade his people that the bells are important and that everything must be done to give priority to the tower repairs in order that the ringing

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 16



MR. A. PADDON SMITH, J.P.,
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of
Birmingham.

Few ringers have held as high public office as Mr. Arthur Paddon Smith, J.P., of Handsworth, Birmingham, for after serving on Birmingham City Council from 1935, being made Alderman in 1949, he was elected Lord Mayor in 1950. He had the unique experience of taking part, while in office, in a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, on April 22nd, 1951, conducted by Albert Walker, and rung in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. It was a performance of which he is justly proud, especially as it was just 30 years after his previous handbell peal, also Stedman Cinques, conducted by Percy O. Laffin.

Paddon, as he is affectionately known, was born on March 26th, 1881, at West Bromwich, and educated at Hoar Cross School and privately. He learnt to ring at Handsworth Parish Church in 1896, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on February 6th, 1897, at this church, being only 15 years old.

He has led an exceedingly busy public and business life, being a director of Messrs. Lucas Ltd., before retiring, and a Justice of the Peace since 1942. Due to his business activities, he has not been able to give as much time to peal ringing as he would have liked, but until fairly recently he had been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Martin's for 50 years. He has always been noted for

being an immaculate striker, especially when ringing the 11th to Stedman Cinques, his favourite method, and his stylish handling of a big bell was a pleasure to watch, and an example to everyone. His total number of peals is 268, of which no fewer than 140 have been Stedman Cinques, including 11 on handbells. The other 128 peals have included many methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Maximus. He never took up conducting, as there have always been plenty of good conductors in Birmingham.

A PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S

He is particularly proud of the great compliment paid to him on May 21st, 1938, when he was invited to ring in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung half-muffled to the memory of William T. Cockerill. Another peal which he recalls with pleasure was Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on June 22nd, 1911, the only twelve bell peal rung in the United Kingdom on the Coronation Day of King George V. He also rang the 9th to the first peal on the 12 bells at Exeter Cathedral, Stedman Cinques on July 6th, 1924, rung by the St. Martin's Guild, and conducted by Albert Walker.

Although so busy, he has found time to render good service to the St. Martin's Guild. He was secretary of the Society for 20 years, a Central Council representative for 40 years, and is at present a vice-president and trustee.

During his earlier years he made frequent business trips abroad, and visited many interesting places, including every European capital except two. He has travelled through the whole continent of Africa, from Cape Town to Cairo, including the Victoria Falls. Another trip took him to Israel, where he had the opportunity of seeing Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Dead Sea. He has been to India, and visited every centre of commercial importance, and many historical monuments like the Taj Mahal, Agra. Later he continued his journey to Rangoon and Singapore.

Now, although not taking an active part, he is as keenly interested as ever in ringing, and always attends the Johnson dinner, to which he first commenced going over 50 years ago. He has frequently been chairman, and is very popular in this office, as he has many memories and anecdotes of the old school of Birmingham ringers. His friends in Birmingham, and other places, hope he will continue in good health to enable him to have this annual meeting with them, and revive happy memories of days gone by, when Paddon was one of the leading ringers of the city.

APACE.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. The bells were rung to various methods, followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar. An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies. After the vice-president, Miss I. B. Thompson, had thanked the Vicar and the local ringers for their arrangements, the gentlemen adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the president, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, who took the chair. The vice-president was re-elected. The secretary (Mrs. B. Bennett), due to family commitments, resigned and Mrs. W. M. Warwick was elected in her place. The general committee are Miss Foulk and Miss Rhodes; District Committee: Mesdames Buswell, Hartley and Staniforth. The next meeting was arranged for April 29th (please note alteration of date) at Attenborough. There is a good train service from Leicester (2.40 p.m., cheap day fare 3s. 8d.). A joint meeting with the West Midland District at Chilvers Coton has been arranged for June 10th. Three new members were elected.
W.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

On April 8th a very happy and successful meeting was held in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Pebmarsh. Forty-two members from 18 parishes attended. The Rector (the Rev. S. C. Little) conducted the service, which was choral and Miss Tyler was the organist. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and friends.

Mr. H. Pratt presided at the business meeting. One new member, Miss L. Perry, was elected. By kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Colchester, the next meeting will be held at Wickham St. Paul on May 27th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Good Attendance At Annual General Meeting

RINGING was available at no less than 11 towers in and around Hertford on April 8th for the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association. Those who were abroad early in the day were able to compare the new six at Aston with the historic eight at Benington, where Squire Proctor's band rang many of the first peals of Surprise Major. The peal boards at Little Munden and Braughing also bore witness to the exploits of famous ringers of years ago.

After lunch Widdford, Hunsdon, Great Amwell, Bengoe and Hertingfordbury led members into Hertford itself, where the bells of St. Andrew's and All Saints' were in demand. The service at St. Andrew's was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. H. Gill, A.K.C., who expressed his pleasure in welcoming members to Hertford once again.

Tea was served to 130 members before the president, Mr. W. C. Hughes, opened the meeting by presenting two books to Mr. H. V. Frost in appreciation of his services to the Association as general secretary for nine years. The president continued by welcoming members from all parts of the county and highlighting the events of his year of office. He urged the younger members to concentrate on four 'P's': Pulling, or handling; Perseverance, after being able to ring rounds; Planning before entering the tower; and Perfection, to which all ringers should strive. His term of office had culminated in his presentation to H.R.H. the Princess Margaret, only two days earlier, as representative from his local tower, when she visited Hemel Hempstead.

The meeting stood in silence in respect for six members who had passed away during the year. They were: the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood (associate), C. Gale (Little Munden), F. W. Brinklow (Oxhey), C. J. Kazer, W. Wenban (Stanmore), and J. H. Foreman (Thorley).

BOOKCASE PROBLEM

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Watford, were accepted, and arising from them was the unfortunate story of the new bookcase intended for the Association's library in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. This had been made, but it had refused all efforts to persuade it to negotiate the steps to the ringing chamber. Undaunted, the trap door, through which the bells were hoisted, was uncovered only to find that the ceiling of the church below had been boarded over from underneath!

As the annual reports had been made available a fortnight before the meeting the various reports were taken as read. Eighty-six peals had been rung during the year, 15 being methods new to the Association. The honorary treasurer reported a working balance over the year of £17, which, with over £100 transferred from the Benevolent Fund the previous year and the Association's investments, placed the financial situation in a strong position.

Mr. G. W. Seaman, of Watford, was elected as president for the ensuing year. Following his installation with the insignia of office by his predecessor he expressed his pleasure at the honour which the Association had bestowed upon him. The officers were all re-elected as follows: Messrs. A. R. Agg (general secretary), F. J. Plummer (honorary treasurer), H. V. Frost (assistant secretary), G. W. Debenham (peal secretary), C. F. Sayer (librarian).

BENINGTON GREAT RINGING DAY

It was agreed that the Association should grant the sum of £5 towards the A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund of the Guildford

Diocesan Guild. It was also agreed to make an attempt to revive the Great Ringing Day at Benington. This event was held regularly before the wartime ban on ringing, but has not been promoted in the post-war years. The meeting did not accept a proposition from the Northern District to alter the Rules of the Association relating to the notice which is required for presentation of motions to the annual meeting. It also refused to confirm the proposal of the General Committee to delete footnotes to peals published in the annual report.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the incumbents and others who had helped to make the meeting a success. Further ringing at local towers concluded a long and enjoyable day.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 21st, 1911.—

The editor, in congratulating the Ashton-under-Lyne band, who established a new record of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, writes: 'A great deal of the success of the feat is due to the genius of Mr. Sam Wood. He not only composed and conducted the peal with masterly ability, but in that tactful management that is required in connection with such undertakings he has all along proved himself to be the right man for the task... The previous Maximus record, which has now been demolished, was established as long ago as 1833, by the Painswick Youths. It was a peal of 10,224 changes rung in 6 hours 50 minutes.'

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 24th, 1931.—

Three noteworthy events in the history of the College Youths. Seventy years ago they rang the celebrated 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill. In 1868 they rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, and in 1901 St. Stephen's, Westminster, band scored for the first time three Surprise peals in one day.

In April, 1800, the Cumberland Youths attempted to ring 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton. In the ninth hour an unlucky accident befell Mr. George Cross, the composer of the peal, who, whilst attempting to slacken his knee buckle, got his leg entangled in the coil of rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height and thence, falling down on his head, he broke his collar-bone.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The East Devon Branch held their annual meeting at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. A large number of ringers and friends attended the service, held in the Parish Church.

At the meeting, which was presided over by the chairman (Mr. Woodley), the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) presented certificates to seven young members. All officers were re-elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Saturday, May 12th, 1962.

An excellent tea was prepared by the lady ringers of Sidmouth. Five new members were elected.

BIRTHDAY AND EASTER BELLS

On Saturday seven members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers met at Dean Prior Parish Church, Buckfastleigh, and rang on the bells touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter peal. This was for the Festival of Easter and as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Churchward, a former sexton and bellringer at this church, and who was present for most of the afternoon. Those who rang were Miss Sylvia Sims, Messrs. A. L. Bennett and W. G. Lavers, Revs. P. Angold, P. Dowling, A. O. Mowan and A. de Guinand, and all agreed to send a message of goodwill to Miss Y. C. Porter, of Saltash, who was to have been present and who is now in hospital, recovering from an operation.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern District and the Cunningham Cup competition were held at Bangor, on Easter Monday. There were over 100 members present, while friends brought the number up to 130.

On arrival the members and friends were entertained to tea by the local ringers, and welcomed by Archdeacon G. A. Quin, the local Rector and the District chairman.

The District officers were elected unanimously, as follows: Chairman, Canon S. P. Kerr, Coleraine; District secretary, John T. Dunwoody, Holywood; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. Jeffery, Belfast; honorary treasurer, R. S. P. Laird, Bangor; Ringing Master, H. Brown, Holywood.

The cup competition, in which 10 teams took part, gave the following result: 1 St. Mark's, Dundela, 6 faults; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 7; 3 St. Bronach's, Rostrevor, 8; 4 St. Thomas', Belfast, 15; 5 St. Donard's, Belfast, 16; 6 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 17; 7 St. Macartan's, Enniskillen, 21; 8 SS. Philip and James', Holywood, 26; 9 St. Patrick's, Coleraine, 31; 10 St. Patrick's, Ballymena, 41.

Miss Young and Mr. McFall, of Carrickfergus, and Mr. Taylor, of Gravesend, acted as judges.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on March 25th at St. Mary's, Speldhurst. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by Rev. G. W. Nightingale, and 26 members enjoyed tea at the George and Dragon Inn, where the meeting was held afterwards.

The company expressed their thanks to Mr. W. Dobbie for arranging the meeting at Speldhurst, after the difficulties he had experienced in arranging a tower for the quarterly meeting.

Mr. Dobbie passed round the newly designed membership certificate and took names of those wishing to be presented with one at the annual meeting. Thanks were expressed to Rev. G. W. Nightingale and the local tower captain, Mr. E. Turley, for making arrangements for the use of the bells. Joined by still more members, the company continued ringing various methods during the evening. M. A. L.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREAT ST. MARY, CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir.—I read with great interest the recent article on the bells of Great St. Mary, Cambridge, where I was privileged to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, 49 years ago, with a band which included the three brothers Pye, the Pitstows, Jack Goldsmith and Keith Hart.

What prompts me to write is that there was at that time a Seages apparatus in the tower and I wonder whether I am right in thinking there is a board in the ringing chamber recording a peal rung on this apparatus. Perhaps Mr. Bevis could tell us.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10. King's Close,
Crayford.

'THE BELL' SONG

Dear Sir.—In answer to your article in 'The Ringing World' regarding 'The Bell' song, my father, now 61 years, sang this song when at school. In fact, it was only a few weeks ago I recorded his rendering of the song. We haven't the printed words or music so it had to be done from memory.

If Mr. Ernest Morris or the good lady, Mrs. Mary E. Simpson, could give me any further details that would help me in obtaining a music copy of this song, I would indeed be most grateful.—Yours sincerely,

R. A. LARGE.

Little Trench Farm,
Tonbridge, Kent.

'THE RINGER'S GLEE'

Dear Sir.—I am interested to know if anyone among your wide circle of readers knows the old ditty called 'The Ringer's Glee.' I have only the first verse of this, which goes as follows:

'We're country clodhoppers, as you may well know.

We're ringers, an' singers, an' fiddlers also.
At wedding's and wakes we'n a merry peal, then—

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.'

I should like to obtain all the words and music of this glee, and if anyone could loan me a copy I should be very grateful. It would be returned to the owner as soon as possible, and postage would be refunded. Failing the music, could anyone let me have all the words.—Yours sincerely,

T. OGDEN.

119. Smallbrook Road,
Shaw, Oldham.

PEALS AT SHENSTONE

Dear Sir.—For the information of C. M. S. (page 178) I give details of two peals at St. John's Church, Shenstone, Staffs, as taken from my late father's peal records.

On Sat., May 2, 1891, in 3 hours.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples

Taylor's Six Part.

Fred. J. Cope Treble	Henry E. Meacham	5
Francis Sedgwick	Joseph Key	6
Rev. Donald Jones	Wm. J. Fearneyhough	7
William J. Ford	Jas. H. Gallimore Tenor	

Conducted by F. J. Cope.

On Sat., June 24, 1899, in 2 hours 56 minutes.

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Taylor's Six Part.

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*Arthur Bowler	Charles Barrett	6
*William Dempster	Frederick Cope sen.	7
Henry Meacham	J. H. Gallimore Tenor	

Conducted by F. Cope sen.

* First peal.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. GALLIMORE.

Claypath, Durham City.

MR. HALL DEFENDED

Dear Sir.—I do not know Mr. Hall, and so far have never visited or rung in the Parish Church of Stapleford, Cambs, but I do feel I must defend him as much of what he wrote in 'The Church Times' is in accord with my recent experiences.

In pursuing their art, we all know that there are many who go about it with reverence, and know the purpose of the Church and its bells. Against this, there is a growing section who have no respect for the feelings of others, and treat the bells as though they were their own toys, and the churches they visit (to quote both the late Bishop Blagdon and Bishop Stopford, of Peterborough) as museums. I would go even further and say I have been to meetings when you'd think the church was a cinema.

On quite a few occasions I've known some of what might be termed present day headstrong youngsters rev up their motor cycles outside the church and even ride them through the churchyard, parking them there, and I've seen them parked in the porches, with the oil dripping on the floor.

I recall an outing once where this revving up for several minutes caused people living near the church to look out of their windows in wonderment of what was going on, with all this 'hullabaloo'; and it was at 9 p.m.—the last tower called at!

Quite recently, I had a letter from a certain Vicar, containing these sentiments: 'Dear Mr. Amos.—It will be all right for you to use our bells for a peal, but please give your party of ringers strict instructions to leave any motor bikes, etc., outside in the street—the last party of visitors used the churchyard to garage their vehicles and as a breakdown shop. Not being content with this, they littered the churchyard with cigarette-ends and ice-cream papers. Even worse still they upturned a bicycle to mend punctures on the grave of the man whose widow has just paid £1,000 to have the bells restored.'

The vicar concerned has asked me to now let the matter drop, and I respect his wishes after this letter, seeing that he has (to quote his own words) punished them in refusing them future permission. It was, however, a matter which filled myself, as well as others in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with disgust when we heard about it—it is the sort of thing which Mr. Hall would make great play of. They were from a neighbouring diocese.

Finally, what can be the point of ringing in 25 towers in one day? Tower grabbing and an abuse of the bells is the only suitable term for it. Here again, I agree with Mr. Hall.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

PEALS AT LYNSTED

Dear Sir.—I would like to bring to notice that the peal of seven methods of Doubles, rung at Lynsted, Kent, on March 18th, was not the first peal in seven methods on the bells. The first peal in seven methods on the bells was rung on October 30th, 1955, conducted by myself.—Yours faithfully,

E. NAYLOR.

Bath, Somerset.

DAVENTRY, NOT RUGBY

Dear Sir.—Referring to your report of the Derbyshire Association dinner, I would like to point out to the other David J. Marshall that the David J. Marshall lives at Daventry not Rugby as erroneously reported by Jafus.—Yours faithfully, (THE)

DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Daventry, Northants.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting of Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers held at Connaught Hall on March 22nd, it was decided that this year an annual dinner should be initiated. In his report, the retiring Master, Mr. A. J. Tumber, said that during the past year Southampton's reputation as a 'ringing' University had grown considerably, and he thought that, judging by the success achieved by the Reading University Society with their first dinner, Southampton could well do the same. The meeting was all in favour of this enterprise, and the date of Saturday, December 2nd, was fixed.

Earlier, the Master had expressed his pleasure at seeing a greater membership than ever before, with a large proportion of beginners. This fact had been responsible for the scoring of only two quarter peals in the year, but he emphasised that a great deal of good work had been done, and that he was certain that the Guild was starting the new year in a very strong position.

In outlining the Guild's activities over the past year, the Master mentioned that representatives had attended the major University dinners—Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Reading; ringing visits had been made to Bedford, Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Wells and London; the summer tour was in Kent, in conjunction with Reading University; and during the recent Arts Festival at Southampton University, the Guild had provided a 15 minute demonstration of handbell ringing, which had also led to an appearance on Southern Television, and a photograph in 'The T.V. Times'!

The Guild's practice night—at St. Nicholas', North Stoneham—would in future be a Thursday, beginning at 8 p.m.; handbell practices would be at the University at 1.15 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, as usual. The Master had previously drawn the meeting's attention to the fact that the Guild was now the proud possessor of a magnificent set of twelve handbells, which, he felt, was particularly invaluable to a University Guild, which did not have a tower of its own.

The election of new officers was as follows: Vice-president, Mr. G. Pargeter; Master, H. N. Evans; vice-Master, Miss K. Ruscoe; secretary/treasurer, A. S. Harrison, South Stoneham House, Swaythling, Southampton; committee member, J. R. Goodenough.

The meeting was closed by the new Master, who thanked all the members for their enthusiastic support, and especially the retiring officers for the hard work that they had put in in raising the Guild to its present position.

A. S. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Two great losses by death sustained by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild—the Earl of Shaftesbury and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart—were referred to by Mr. N. Knee, the Branch chairman, at the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. John's, Devizes, on April 8th. The new Rector, the Rev. W. D. C. Williams, conducted the service with the Vicar of Southbroom as organist. A company of 48 sat down to tea served by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hyde.

Ringing at St. John's and Southbroom ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Bedfordshire Association

The monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held on March 25th at Kempston. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m., and improved from Minimus to Major before tea. A short meeting took place in the ringing chamber after Evening-song, which was at 6 p.m.

Next meeting: Felpersham, May 6th.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

THE second session of the 24th Council (64th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1961, in the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the honorary secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Application by the Devon Association to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Life Members (Rule 7 (i) (b)). Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. A. Walker, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
2. Election of Honorary Members. Mrs. J. G. Steeples retires and is eligible for re-election. There are four vacancies.
3. Loss of members through death.
4. Minutes of the last meeting.
5. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
6. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1960.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
(c) Literature and Press Committee.
(d) Biographies Committee.
(e) Records Committee.
(f) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(g) Peals Analysis Committee.
(h) Peal Boards Committee.
(j) Sunday Service Survey Committee.
(k) Methods Committee.
(l) Peal Collection Committee.
(m) Towers and Belfries Committee.

MOTIONS

10. (a) 'That the Conditions required for peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's Handbook be amended by the addition of the following:—
"A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells."
Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. R. Cooper.
- (b) 'That this Council deplores the present trend of ecclesiastical architecture in that no tower capable of containing a peal of bells to be rung traditionally is incorporated in new churches nor is any provision made for the addition of a tower, and urges the Royal Institute of British Architects and all Diocesan Authorities to be mindful of the essentially English art of bell ringing and ensure in their design for new churches that the voice of the Church through the bells is not lost to future generations.'
Proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. E. H. Edge.
11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. G. W. Pipe will give a résumé of ringing in Australia.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

A LEICESTERSHIRE WEDDING



MISS OLIVE TINSLEY, younger daughter of Mr. E. Tinsley, captain of the ringers at St. Remigius' Church, Long Clawson, Leics, and Mr. Kenneth Royden Rodgers, whose marriage was solemnised on Easter Monday at Long Clawson. Both bride and bridegroom have been Sunday school teachers and ringers; the bride has also been organist. The Vicar, the Rev. A. Wilcock, officiated at the choral service. As the happy couple left the church a wedding 'peal' was rung by friends from the Melton District.

Later in the day, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grand-sire) was rung by J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. E. Hinman 3, R. H. Cook (cond.) 4, H. Clayton 5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet and was attended by about 30 ringers, together with ringers from Ripon, Halifax, Sowerby, Calverley, Rothwell and Horbury, in the North and West District. Good use was made of the ring of eight and the service in church was conducted by the Vicar.

Mr. H. Walker presided over the business meeting, owing to the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Five new members were elected: Messrs G. R. West and G. S. Sharpe (Hessle), Mr. B. Baxter (Howden), Mr. P. Copley (Sherburn-in-Elmet) and Mrs. M. Lunn (Barnby Dun). Howden was selected for the annual District meeting on July 1st, if possible. A discussion took place on the proposal to help towers where the bells are silent on Sundays as is suggested by the Association.

The vote of thanks included one to the Mothers' Union for a splendid tea, which was replied to by Mrs. McClean, wife of the Vicar.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its meeting on April 8th at Monk Bretton, a 'silent tower,' the bells being last rung over two years ago. During Easter a preliminary inspection was made by Mr. Noel F. Moxon and other members and it was found that the swing of the bells would have been impeded by the quantity of twigs stored in the tower by birds. Three large sacks were filled with debris before the bells were cleared.

Fourteen towers were represented and two new members elected. Forthcoming events: Next meeting, New Mill, near Huddersfield, May 13th; shield contest, Kirkthorpe, June 10th; outing to Leicester, June 3rd.

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS', BAMPTON, DEVON

When motoring to the West Country, travelling towards Ilfracombe on the main A.361 road, the first Devon church tower to be seen is in the little town of Bampton.

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Due to death watch beetle, and collapse of the 16 cwt. tenor bell in the old wooden frame (ring of 6) Bampton Church is now unexpectedly faced with the task of completely renewing its bell system, restoration of church roof, and accumulating a further £3,000 which the bells foundry and builders tender as cost of the work.

From time immemorial these bells have joyfully rung out regularly twice on Sundays, but are now silent. The band of ringers will spare no effort to reinstate a ring of bells which will give pleasure to touring bands and Bampton people alike.

Any donations from bell lovers would be appreciated and should be sent to the treasurer of the Appeal Fund: Mr. L. Lyons, 2, National Terrace, Bampton, N. Devon.

DEATH OF MR. E. MARRIOTT

Mr. Ernest Marriott, of Wymondham, Leicestershire, passed away after a long illness in the Framland Hospital, Melton Mowbray, on April 1st, aged 76.

A very good ringer in his younger days, he took part in several peals, most of them being rung in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. One that he was very proud of was Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung in May, 1904, at Holy Trinity, Hull, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. In this peal his friend, the late Mr. Clement Glenn, also took part.

A stalwart and a service ringer at St. Peter's, Wymondham, for many years, he was very highly respected both in the Melton District and down in the Fen Country, where he often went to ring Surprise Minor methods. Although he had lost his right leg he could handle a bell with great accuracy.

Cremation took place on April 4th and was preceded by a service in St. Peter's Church. In the evening a well-struck quarter of Bob Minor was rung on half-muffled bells at St. Peter's Church, by ringers of the Melton District, as a token of respect J. H. C.

OBITUARY

MR. A. F. MARTIN STEWART

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart loved bells; it is doubtful whether the Exercise has ever had a more enthusiastic member. It was sustained interest, too, for his last outing took place on Easter Monday last, when he journeyed by car to Salisbury to hear an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Thomas's. That was typical of Martin Stewart because, since he was forced to give up ringing, his chief joy was to sit in his car outside a tower to listen to the bells.

Mr. Stewart was past Master and former Central Council representative for the Salisbury Guild, nevertheless he took much interest in the work of the neighbouring Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. He rang peals for the latter Guild under the conductorship of such stalwarts as George Williams, Alf Pulling and George Preston, and in the company of such ringers as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Frank Bennett, George Pullinger, F. S. Bayley, Eli Waters and many others at a time when a peal attempt meant an arduous journey by rail or by bicycle. Latterly he attended the Christchurch District meetings in addition to those of the Wimborne Branch of his own Guild and supported in a very practical manner the Bournemouth Rally and Dinner.

It is said that Martin Stewart was originally a College Youth, but that on an occasion when a peal attempt was being made with George Williams conducting, George observed that it could be a Cumberland peal if one of them were not a College Youth. 'If that's the only difficulty,' said Martin, 'make me a Cumberland,' and so Martin Stewart changed his allegiance from the Ancient Society in favour of the one to which his old friend, George Williams, belonged.

Although he was such an enthusiast, he could not persuade his family to take the art very seriously, nevertheless many ringers have enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's hospitality at Ferndown. The visit would be most interesting as Mr. Stewart was the head of an extensive and well-known nursery business founded by his father nearly a century ago, but, inevitably, bellringing would become the main topic, handbells brought out and endless bellringing tales told and retold.

During the last few months of his life Martin Stewart suffered grievous loss and much sorrow. His chauffeur-valet died suddenly in his sleep early in January; he was devoted to Mr. Stewart and only a few days before had arranged a successful little surprise for his employer by getting a tape recording made of the Christchurch Priory bells ringing in the New Year and including a message of greeting from the Christchurch ringers to Mr. Stewart. Martin was delighted with the result and had it played over time and again—he missed his friend and valet very much.

A few weeks later Mrs. Stewart died suddenly; she was a great social worker in the Ferndown district and most unexpectedly she collapsed and died whilst on the way to a local meeting. It was a crushing blow and, although his family rallied round him, he felt his tremendous loss very deeply. He died on April 6th.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart took place at Hampreston Parish Church, Dorset, on April 11th and interment followed in the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the committal by the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bournemouth, where Mr. Stewart worshipped.

Prior to the service the bells of the church were rung half-muffled by the local band and some visiting ringers. A well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Herbert A. Mitchell 1-2, Daniel T. Matkin 3-4, Arthur V. Davis 5-6, Fred Price 7-8. Among the ringers present in addition to the above were Mr. L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild), Mr. Alan MacDonald, Mr. George Pullinger (Winchester Guild, Mr. J. MacDonald (College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris Mrs. R. King and Mrs. Vatcher represented the local band.

The coffin was covered by the family wreaths and the numerous floral tributes included wreaths and sprays from St. John's Ringers (Surrey Road), Bournemouth; Christchurch Priory Ringers; Mr. and Mrs. F. Price; the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (with which was associated Mr. George Pullinger, Past Master).

A. V. D.

MR. JOE DURHAM

On April 1st, after a very brief illness, Mr. Joe Durham, of Bishopstone, Wiltshire, died, aged 68 years. Throughout his life he resided in his native village, always serving his church faithfully and cheerfully. He was a bell-ringer for more than 50 years and captain of the tower for a very long time.

His good nature and quiet friendliness made him liked by all. He will be missed at local Association meetings, to which he often travelled many miles. What a pleasant man he was!

MR. F. C. SMALE

When the writer was staying in Sussex, many years ago, he attended a meeting of the County Association and happened to sit next to a ringer who said that he was soon going to move back to his native Devon. This man was Mr. Frederick Charles Smale, who later became a very live wire in the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He was general treasurer (1938-40), general secretary (1940-50), and a Central Council representative 1939-50. In addition to these offices, he was a former chairman of the N.W. Branch of the Guild.

He will always be remembered with gratitude by several members of the Guild for organising many mid-week ringing trips in different parts of the county, during several summers. To 'The Ringing World' he contributed most interesting articles, particularly 'Tower Hunting in Devon' (1955) and 'Ancient Bells in Devon' (1956).

A keen churchman, and an Exeter Diocesan Reader from 1941 until illness forced him to give up this work, he was beloved by all who knew him. There is no doubt that from the hearts and lips of his many friends the prayer 'Grant unto him, O Lord, eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon him,' has already gone forth and will continue to do so when we think of him.

His funeral took place at Okehampton on April 1st. Unfortunately, the early hours prevented members of the Guild from being present, but the Guild was represented by its general secretary, Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, and Mr. Charles Sangwin (N.W. Branch).

MR. ARTHUR BRADLEY

AN APPRECIATION

Arthur Bradley, who passed away on February 4th in his 85th year, will be remembered by his many friends in the Essex Association as the captain of the Fryerning ringers for well over 40 years.

He learnt to ring at St. Mary's, Broomfield, in the latter part of the last century and had many quarter peals and date touches in the six-bell towers in the Chelmsford District.

In 1912 he moved to Fryerning, where there were then five bells and a call change band. In 1919 a treble was added and with the help of William Lincoln, who would walk from Writtle for practices, Fryerning ringers were soon ringing most standard Minor methods. With Arthur Bradley as captain, the Fryerning band soon achieved a proficiency very seldom equalled even today. In 1932, for instance, there were no fewer than 201 720's rung for practice and service in 69 different methods. All these were rung by the local band in a small six-bell tower in a predominantly agricultural area. The high ringing standard of the local band attracted famous ringers from all over Essex to join in 720's for service and practice. Of the 201 720's rung in 1932, Arthur Bradley took part in 191 of them and conducted 112.

As well as the fantastic amount of ringing with the local band Arthur Bradley took part in a few peals and took a great interest in the activities of the Essex Association. Arthur loved Fryerning bells and the church in which he regularly worshipped and it was very hard for him, when, in the latter years of his life, he was unable to climb the steps to the belfry. He maintained very keen interest in all ringing subjects.

The funeral took place in Fryerning on February 18th and he was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower, which he loved and served so well. Half-muffled ringing took place before the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside and during the afternoon a half-muffled peal of 63 Minor methods was rung on Fryerning bells as a token of regard and respect for a ringer, who, although tied to one tower for the greater part of his life, still managed to attain an extremely high standard of ringing. May he rest in peace.

H. W. E.

MR. H. J. CHAFFEY

With regret we announce the sudden death of Mr. Hubert James Chaffey, of Windlesham, Surrey, on April 9th, aged 79.

A very enthusiastic bellringer in his younger days, he was a former member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and sometime Ringing Master of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. His first peal, one of Minor, was rung at Seale, Surrey, on January 21st, 1911, and there are over 90 peals recorded in his peal record book.



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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All past members wishing to join summer tour in Wye Valley, commencing June 17th, please inform secretary, by April 29th. 8079

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8012

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Swindon Village (5), April 22nd, 3 p.m. Practice method: St. Simon's.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, April 22nd, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Note date.—A. Bennett. 8070

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon (8), Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Patter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey. 8030

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidwell, 'Kenora', London Road, Hythe. Annual reports, certificates of membership, badges, programmes, etc., all then available.—C. T. H. 7941

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at St. John-at-Hackney (at north end of Mare Street), on Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business, which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 16—for 'Secretary' read 'Assistant Secretary.' Bells of St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 8028

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bray, Saturday, April 22nd, Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8041

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Evening meeting (beginners' practice), Yelvertoft, Saturday, April 22nd. 8078

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam, on April 22nd, Tea 5 p.m. (Possibly Beckley evening.) Names for tea please, to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8040

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley, on Saturday, April 22nd, Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leacroft, Sherburn St. John. 8033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury (6), April 29th, Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8051

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 29th, Wootton Wawen, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 8068

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bawtry, on Saturday, April 29th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8075

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, April 29th, Pucklechurch (6), Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and further ringing.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, April 29th, Ringing from 3 p.m. Look up Double Oxford Bob Major and St. Clement's Triples. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 8081

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, April 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 8069

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—April 29th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Hyde, 37, Elstree Hill North, Elstree.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8062

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean, Saturday, April 29th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Inclusive charge for tea and transport from church to Village Hall 2s. 6d. Names, together with cash, please, by April 25th to Mr. S. F. J. Harris, Bridge Cottages, Brenley, Boughton, Faversham. 7974

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual District meeting, April 29th, at Milton Ernest, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by 26th, to Miss Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8019

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Ringing District meeting, Reading, April 29th, Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3-4 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Church House. Evening ringing from 6 p.m., at St. Mary's. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8024

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting Attenborough (8), Saturday, April 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 24th, to Mr. M. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, Notts. Train departs Leicester 2.40 p.m. Fare 3/8d.—W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8029

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Drighlington (8), Saturday, April 29th, Names for tea by Friday, 28th, to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Drighlington. 8047

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 29th, Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea, Chapter House, 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8037

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, on Saturday, April 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 26th, to Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8045

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, April 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, April 26th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirtlington, on Saturday, April 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8031

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, West Deeping (6), April 29th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8013

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Bugbrooke, on April 29th. Usual arrangements. Committee to meet at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. T. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane, Moulton, or Mr. Rodgers, Downs Farm, Weedon. 8066

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wollaston, Saturday, April 29th, Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Rev. Cummings, The Vicarage, Wollaston. 8071

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DARLINGTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 29th.

Bells available:
St. John's (8) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Lunch in Darlington—make own arrangements—12.30-1.25.
Holy Trinity (6) 2-3.30.
St. Cuthbert's (8) 3.45-4.45.
Tea and meeting in Church Hall, Victoria Road, 5 p.m.
St. Cuthbert's bells after meeting until 9 p.m.
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), April 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please.—Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne. 8063

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on April 29th, 11.30 a.m. at St. James', Paisley, 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Names for tea by 25th, to R. Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh. 8073

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Chirk, Denbigh, on April 29th. Ringing (6 bells) will begin at 6.30 p.m. 7950

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea arranged, bring sandwiches, cups of tea provided. 8055

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting, Leiston (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, by Thursday, April 27th. 8067

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition at St. Mary's, Ewell, April 29th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3. Tea, results and quarterly District meeting following. Bells after. Names for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Thursday previous. (Not competitors.) Entry forms may be had from me. All Sunday service bands in the county are welcome to enter.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 7983

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by April 25th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook', Warsash, Southampton. 8059

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting to be held at Rothbury, Northumberland, on Saturday, May 6th. Private bus leaves Bewick Street (opposite Newcastle Central Station) at 2 p.m. Cost 6s. Bring own tea for picnic. Members are urged to use this bus. Names for bus to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. 8054

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 3rd, by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley. 8082

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, May 6th, at Weston and Graveley. Both towers open from 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft 1.30-4.5 and 7-9 p.m., St. George Colegate 1.30-4 and 7-9, St. Giles 7-9. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 prompt. Tea 5, in the Chantry Hall, Chantry Road. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. NOR 57N, not later than Friday, May 5th.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 8017

ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH (6 bells).—Annual ringers' festival, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 8083

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts, by previous Wednesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 8074

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing: St. James', Clerkenwell, 10.30-12 noon; St. George's, Borough, 3.15-4.15 p.m. Early afternoon ringing will be arranged. Service, St. Olave's, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 8080

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 13th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. T. Clarke. Tea 5 p.m. in the Stanley Hall Annex, Castle Street, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. each if purchased before May 8th, 4s. 6d. afterwards, obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, and Branch secretaries. Towers available: St. Michael's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting, Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton (6) 2-3 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7965

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 8053

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon and Chippenham Branches.—Joint meeting at Malmesbury, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, 'Braemore', Filands, Malmesbury, by May 11th. 8048

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 13th, at Thrapston. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Oakham. Tickets for tea at 3s. each, c.v.o. from address below, before May 6th. Ringing from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Addington, Woodford and Rimstead; 12 to 2.30 at Twywell and Wadenhoe; 12 to 3 at Aldwinckle, Brigstock, Sudborough, Lowick, Raunds and Tichmarsh; 12 to 3.30 at Islip; 2.30 to 4 at Thrapston. All towers open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8065

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral and other towers available. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 8076

OUTINGS

CALL CHANGE OUTING

The ringers of St. Mary's, Diptford, Devon, held an outing on Easter Monday, visiting the towers of Bickleigh, Shaugh Prior, Meavy and Buckland Monachorum. 'Ten peals of 60' on thirds with rise and lower were rung. The bells of Meavy and Buckland Monachorum are recommended to visiting teams. Diptford ringers invite visitors to their own tower.

TWYFORD

An enthusiastic coachload of ringers took part in the Bank Holiday outing, arranged by Twyford ringers. At Wavendon, the party were met by the Master of the Oxford Guild and then came the excitement of the ancient church of Earl's Barton, where the ringing chamber is reached by climbing a long steep ladder, which is curved in an alarming manner to fit the tower. No wonder one of our charming ringers found the Easter flowers more interesting, when she saw the ladder.

Two Northampton towers—St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre—followed lunch and at Buckingham the heavy eight (tenor 27 cwt.) at SS. Peter and Paul's proved to run very easily. The last tower was Hardwick, where George Gilbert rang his first peal. A marked improvement was noted after the outing in the service ringing of the large band of learners. Special thanks to Mr. Smith, leader of Twyford band, for the excellent arrangements.

G. M.

ANDOVER DISTRICT

A big programme was arranged by the Andover District on Easter Monday, when they visited Wiltshire. Before lunch at Bradford-on-Avon, ringing was had on two sixes—West Overton and Hilperton. Two misfortunes followed—at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, a broken clapper, and at Christ Church, a broken rope. However, at Edington Priory all was well, the highlight being a course of London on the heavy six. The hour's ringing at Westbury before tea was enjoyed by all.

Two rings of eight followed—Melksham and St. Andrew's, Chippenham—where Little Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Grateful thanks are extended to all who met us during this enjoyable outing.

G. D.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Provost Urges More Public Relations

The annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 8th, and was attended by ringers from various parts of the county. Ringing took place on the bells of the Cathedral, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's Churches, and a service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Shaw.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall by Miss Wickman, assisted by wives of St. Peter's ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, president of the Association. In his opening remarks, the Provost congratulated those who organised the annual dinner. On the report for 1960, he warned the Association on being on the defensive, what we had to ask is 'How can we make ourselves heard?' He said that the work of ringers was greatly appreciated, but often taken for granted, except when the bells were not rung. We needed more public relations. On the financial side, the president suggested that a committee be formed to improve the position, with a suggestion that at churches where there are bells, the Parochial Church Councils might be invited to make a small contribution.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1960 were adopted. Grants from the Association's Bell Repair Fund had been made to Chelmsorton and Bakewell.

Reference was made of the course on bellringing, held at West Hallam, under the auspices of the Derbyshire Education Committee. This was a success, and it is hoped that further courses will be arranged.

It was decided to hold the 1962 annual meeting at Derby, and a general meeting at Bakewell in July.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter's for taking the service, to the incumbents of the various churches, who had placed their bells at the disposal of Association members and visitors, and to those who arranged tea.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Good use was made of the eight bells of Ecclesfield Parish Church by members and visitors from as far afield as Coventry, when the Society held its meeting on April 8th. Ringing included a touch of Duffield Major, also London and Bristol Surprise Major.

The new 2-year fixture cards were available, also a supply of the Central Council's latest booklet 'Ringing for Service,' which were quickly sold.

The usual routine at the business meeting was varied in that the chair was taken by the Society's new president, Mr. F. Cardwell, and that Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert deputised for the secretary, who was unavoidably absent.

A pleasing feature was that the customary vote of thanks was very ably proposed by 15-year-old Stuart Armeson, who recalled that the first meeting he attended and at which he became a member was at Ecclesfield.

Mr. N. Chaddock commended 'The Ringing World' to all those who not already subscribers and it was decided to show appreciation for the Jubilee edition by donating £1 ls. to the funds of 'The Ringing World.'

Next meeting, Dronfield and Norton, May 6th.

CANNOCK RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH

A peal attempt arranged for April 15th, at St. Luke's, Cannock, to welcome the new incumbent, the Rev. H. L. H. Townshend, was postponed owing to the death, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Arthur Armstrong, one of the Cannock ringers, who was to have taken part. He died in Stafford General Infirmary as the result of a road accident on Friday evening.

LATE NOTICE

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and **SHERWOOD YOUTHS**—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 29th, at Sawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.—A. Morley and A. Henson, Hon. Secs. 8084

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