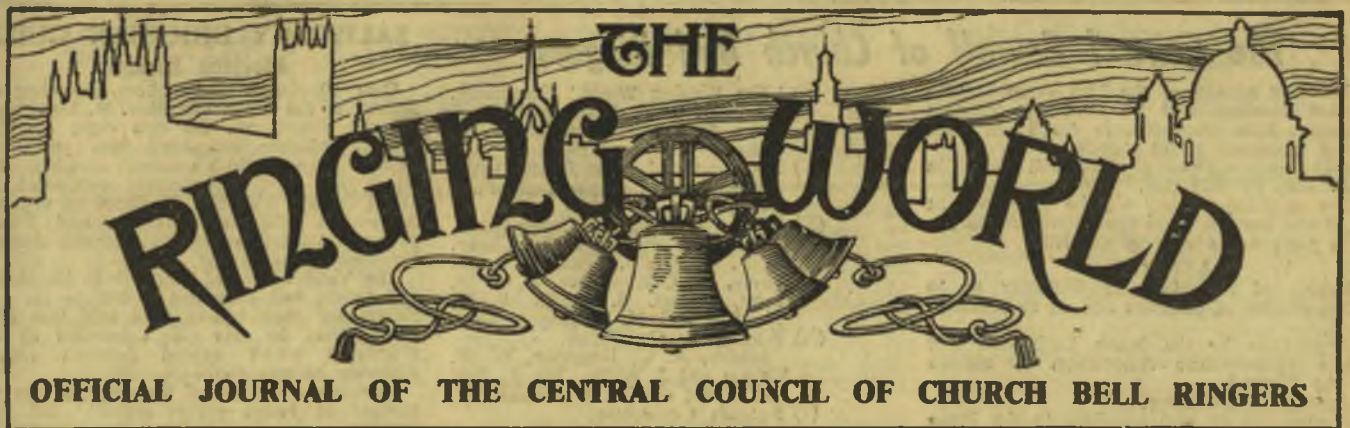




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IN PERSPECTIVE

HOW about another half-day outing? How many times has this suggestion been made and how often accepted with enthusiasm in towers up and down the country. Faces light up, diaries are produced like magic, and in no time at all the date is fixed.

But what does the average ringer look forward to on these trips, and what does he remember most afterwards? The quality of the bells perhaps, or more likely the quality of the ringers! Both important of course, but what of the incidentals that help to put the ringing in its proper perspective?

First, what of the journey itself? If you are lucky enough to live in a lovely county, as I do in Somerset, there is the ever-recurring thrill of seeing the beauty of its scenery at all seasons of the year. Be it Sedgemoor or Mendip, Exmoor or the Bristol Channel coast, the variety is endless; and it is the same wherever we ring, from Cornwall to Norfolk, and from Northumberland to Kent. How often does the route lead off the beaten track to some little 5- or 6-bell tower deep in the country, in a setting which remains imprinted on the memory for months afterwards. And yet we do tend to take our countryside for granted, or pass it by with unseeing eyes.

Then what of the churches? I need hardly say that my own county is blessed with some of the fairest towers and churches in the land; yet how often do we give a thought to this on our tours? If the tower has an outside entrance the temptation to add to our total often supersedes the thought to spare a few minutes to look inside the building itself. It has been said with certain truth that we should never lose our sense of wonder in this scientific age; and how better to sustain and encourage this feeling than by seeing for yourself the craftsmanship displayed in our churches, craftsmanship that invariably bears its strong regional characteristics in whichever area you live. Some churches are essays in beauty themselves; others have their own individual parts which catch the eye. I am thinking, in the former instance, of Wells Cathedral, and in the latter of such well-known features as the barrel roof at Shepton Mallet, the wonderful screen at Halse and the fine 15th century carved stone pulpit at Cheddar. The list is endless, and our county certainly has no monopoly of beauty in this respect, as any traveller knows.

And last, but not least, there are the people who love their churches and make our ringing possible. The rector who, whilst he may not be a ringer, welcomes the party

with such sincerity, and who takes genuine pleasure at pointing out the special features in his church. The 'local' who might ring only his modest Grandsire Doubles but who keeps his bells in such perfect order, and is so obviously pleased when you tell him so. And finally, the characters you meet in the other 'local' when the ringing's done. In the country there is still a strong bond between the church and the pub, and I have heard both the parson and the ringers championed in far more English country inns than among many gatherings of erstwhile intelligent people where the Church and its teachings are thought old-fashioned and out of date.

I hope we shall all enjoy our outings and 'half-days' in the coming months, bearing in mind that as well as being ambassadors of our Associations we proclaim our standards to the listener in no uncertain terms. Strange towers should not be used as an excuse to experiment with little-known methods, however strong the temptation.

One last point. It only costs 2½d. to say 'Thank you' afterwards; and the local company, having stared open-mouthed at your Spliced Surprise, will add to their impressions of your band a quality far more valuable than respect—that of friendship; and the parting remarks to 'come again—any time' will really ring true.

'COUNTRYMAN.'

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The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The first session of the 25th Council (66th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 4th, 1963, in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 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 South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

- 1 Election of President for 1963-1966.
Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.
- 2 Election of Vice-President for 1963-1966.
Mr. W. B. Cartwright, proposed by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. D. Beacham.
Mr. J. Freeman, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. H. J. Sanger.
- 3 Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1963-1966.
Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers.
- 4 Election of Honorary Librarian for 1963-1966.
Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. R. W. R. Percy.
- 5 Election of Honorary Members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Messrs. J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis. There are six vacancies.
- 6 Election of Honorary Auditors.
Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
- 7 Loss of members through death.
- 8 Minutes of the last meeting.
- 9 Report of the Honorary Secretary.
- 10 Report of the Honorary Librarian.
- 11 Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1962.
- 12 Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
- 13 To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adapt the reports of the following committees:
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To reappoint the committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable.
- (a) Standing Committee
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, T. J. Lock, P. J. Stanforth and Mrs. P. J. Stanforth.
There is one vacancy.
The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of the Council.
- (b) Other committees.
In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

- (i) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, R. S. Anderson and W. G. Wilson.
- (ii) Literature and Press Committee.
Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.
- (iii) Towers and Belfries Committee.
Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Messrs. B. Austin, B. D. Threlfall and H. J. Sanger.
- (iv) Biographies Committee.
Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis. Mr. L. Stilwell is not seeking re-election.
- (v) Records Committee.
Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.
- (vi) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
Messrs. H. J. Sanger, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. N. Pitstow and Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.
- (vii) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
Messrs. N. Chaddock, F. B. Lufkin and W. F. Moreton. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and Dr. D. N. Layton are not seeking re-election.
- (viii) Peals Collection Committee.
Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, A. J. Pitman and R. F. B. Speed.
- (ix) Peals Analysis Committee.
Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. L. Roper and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.
- (x) Methods Committee.
Messrs. C. K. Lewis and F. T. Blagrove, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. R. Mayne.
- (xi) Peal Boards Committee.
Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.
- 14 Report on Overseas Ringing.
- 15 Amendment of Rule.
To amend Rule 13 by inserting the words 'Vice-President' after 'President' and the words 'Convenor of "The Ringing World" Committee' after 'Honorary Librarian'.
The Rule then to read: The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Librarian and the Convenor of 'The Ringing World' Committee for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council subject to the approval of the Council.
Proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. G. A. Halls.
- 16 Motion.
That this Council urges all Diocesan Chancellors to rule that in quinquennial surveys of consecrated buildings expert opinion is to be taken in matters outside the normal work of an architect: this to bells and their frames. Further, that when the architect and experts are not in agreement, both reports are to be included in the survey.
Proposed on behalf of the Truro Diocesan Guild by Mr. D. Burnett, seconded by Mr. A. J. Davidson.
- 17 To fix the place of the next meeting.
- 18 Any other business.
E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

Over 50 ringers and visitors, including the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge), enjoyed ringing on the fine night at Warminster Minster on April 6th, when the Devizes Branch held a quarterly meeting. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Freeman) conducted the Guild service, with Mr. K. Binns as organist. Afterwards Warminster ringers and friends gave an excellent tea, and were warmly thanked for their generosity.

The Vicar welcomed everyone to his church and tower, and expressed thanks to his own ringers for their loyalty, and said that after many years he was still astounded at the fellowship which existed between ringers wherever he met them.

A welcome feature of the meeting was the number of young people present. Six new members were elected from Warminster and Devizes. Notice was given of the various practices taking place in the Branch, including Surprise Minor at Bromham on Fridays and Grandsire Triples at Urchfont on the third Saturday evening in each month. It is hoped that many members will take advantage of these facilities.

The Master addressed the meeting and hoped that he would meet everyone at the annual festival at Beaminster on May 11th. Ringing continued in the evening, and methods up to Cambridge were rung.

A. T. K.

Dorchester Branch

When the Dorchester Branch met at Bere Regis on March 30th a free tea was provided for the 34 members present in the W.I. Hall. It was immediately proposed that a collection at the tea should be given to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter) conducted the service and also gave the address. After quoting Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells' he said the essence of ringing was order all the time. Many towers had suffered from disorder through ringers coming to ring when they thought fit. Ringing should be orderly, behaviour orderly and life orderly.

Main items at the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, were forthcoming events: Practices, subject to confirmation, were: St. Peter's, Dorchester, May 4th; Piddletrenthide, May 18th; Litton Cheney, June 1st; Piddlehinton, June 15th; Charminster, June 29th. Next meeting: Abbotsbury, June 29th or July 13th. Thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Wimborne Branch

Forty ringers (including visitors from Christchurch, Cranford, Derby and Sheffield) attended the quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch, held at Wareham on April 20th. The easy-going octave was put to good use during the two hours prior to the service, which was conducted by Wareham's ringing curate, the Rev. John Palmer. An interesting address on the Easter Message was given by the Rector, the Rev. John Wallis.

Afterwards a board received a peal of Stedman Triples, rung in memory of the late Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Master of the Salisbury Guild, 1910-13, was dedicated in the tower. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Stewart's daughters present at this brief ceremony. Mr. Arthur V. Davis, a member of the peal band, is to be congratulated on the craftsmanship shown in making such a beautiful board.

Tea at 'Nellie Crumbs', was followed by a fairly short meeting. Three new ringing members were elected, two from Wareham and one from Canford Magna. Mrs. Marchant, of Cranford, Middlesex, was also elected a life member. Next meeting: Kingston, June 8th.

R. G. W. R.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Higher Subscription Defeated

ALL the towers in the Western District were open for ringing on April 20th for the annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association. Despite the inclement weather and a popular gathering elsewhere, a record number of members and friends attended the service at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. S. Brown). The singing was led by boys of the local choir, whose presence was much appreciated. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung 'in hand' by T. J. Southam 1—2, C. W. Woolley 3—4, W. Ayre 5—6, A. R. Mann 7—8, H. V. Frost 9—10. A collection for the Church Hall Fund realised £7 14s.

Over 150 sat down to an excellent salad tea before the business meeting, conducted by the president, Mr. H. V. Frost, who welcomed members and visitors to Berkhamsted. In his remarks he urged local bands to attempt a peal during the coming year. The Association's new life membership certificates were then presented to those members who had completed 50 years' continuous ringing membership. Two veterans, F. W. Elliott and A. Day, were present and were accorded a hearty reception as they mounted the platform. Other certificates were sent to A. Carter, E. Overall, A. Phillips, L. Fidler, C. V. Hare, J. Wells, H. Hodgetts, A. W. Dix, A. G. Cook and R. S. Cook.

After approving the minutes, two new members were elected—Mark Farrington (Cheshunt) a ringing member and J. Euston (Strattham) a non-resident life member. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of those members who had died during the year. They included E. W. Day (Hitchin), H. E. C. Goodenough (Cathedral), W. Newnham (Cheshunt), Canon L. P. Smith (associate member), A. Bull (Northaw), W. Prior (Bishop's Stortford), B. Patmore (Great Munden) and H. H. Holland (associate member).

22 PEALS IN NEW METHODS

The report of the General Committee drew attention to the rededication of the ring five bells at Cottedred, and to efforts at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to improve the 'go' of the bells. The report of the peal secretary showed a total of 64 peals rung in 1962; a drop of 14 from the previous year. Twenty-two of the peals were in methods new to the Association, and included Pudsey Surprise Maximus and Pontefract and Prittlewell Surprise Royal.

The treasurer's report showed a loss over the year of £9 12s., which was caused largely by the non-payment of subscriptions. Although the Association had 576 members on paper, only 468 were fully paid up. It was pointed out that it was the responsibility of the local tower secretaries to collect and transmit the subscriptions of their members to the District secretaries; too often it was left to the District secretary to tour his area searching out individual members.

The election of officers began with the installation of H. S. Bonnett (Baldock) as president for the next year. He thanked the meeting for their cordial reception. The other officers were all re-elected with the exception of the librarian, C. F. Sayer, to whom the meeting conveyed its sincere thanks for his work over the years. The officers are now A. R. Agg (general secretary), C. E. Slade (treasurer), H. V. Frost (assistant secretary), G. W. Debenham (peal secretary), Mrs. J. Dodds (librarian) and W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds (Central Council representatives).

RINGING COURSES—AN INVESTIGATION

A lengthy discussion took place on the subject of ringing courses and instructional classes, organised with the assistance of the county education authority. The general feeling of the meeting was in favour of such courses, though several speakers had reservations about the need for and the response to them. Finally, a sub-committee under the chairmanship of

W. Ayre was appointed to study the question fully and to report to the General Committee in September.

The general secretary explained the arrangements for the diocesan festival ringing at St. Albans Cathedral in June. Ringing will take place from 7-8 p.m. on June 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th. The rota of ringing will be: Monday, Bishop's Stortford and Western Districts; Tuesday, Northern and Watford; Thursday, St. Albans city, and Friday, St. Albans and Eastern. The Bedfordshire Association would be invited to join in the arrangements.

For the second year a motion was presented to raise the annual subscription to five shillings. The same views were expressed again and little new evidence was produced to convince members of the need for a higher subscription: the motion was accordingly lost with 13 votes being cast in its favour. Votes of thanks were expressed to the ladies of the Western District for an excellent tea, to the District officers who had made the arrangements and to the incumbents of the local towers for permission to ring. A. R. A.

JOINT MEETING AT STAVELEY

Despite the counter attractions of a Bank Holiday Monday and the dull, wet weather, the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society on April 15th was attended by over 50 ringers representing some 20 towers.

Under the joint supervision of the respective Ringing Masters—Messrs. G. Goodall and S. Armeson—a variety of methods, ranging from rounds and call changes to Bristol and London Surprise, was rung during the afternoon on the 18 cwt. octave before an excellent tea was enjoyed in the nearby school rooms.

At the short business meeting, presided over by the Rector (Rev. T. L. Weatherhead), Harold Rice, Christopher Morris, Alan Kirkham and Margery Yarnold, of the local company, were made members of the Derbyshire Association. Mr. D. Armstrong announced that the new Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. F. J. Taylor) had agreed to become the patron of the Society.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, local ringers and members of the Mothers' Union for preparing the splendid tea was proposed by the Chesterfield District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), before further ringing was enjoyed in the evening. M. P. P.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

A COMPANY of 130 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held at Llandaff on Easter Monday. The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, after which at the Prebendal Hall an ample tea had been provided by Miss Penny Walsh and the Cathedral ringers. During tea we were pleased to welcome the president, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

It was intended to make a presentation to Mr. Fred Hannington and his wife, on Mr. Hannington's retirement from the office of secretary after 17 years. Unfortunately, Mr. Hannington was confined to his bed with jaundice, but we were pleased to have Mrs. Hannington with us once more.

The Bishop, on behalf of the members, presented her with a portable radio and a handbag, together with a coloured certificate commemorating his election as an honorary life member. Mrs. Hannington thanked the Bishop and the members for the gifts and spoke of the great pleasure that she and her husband had enjoyed in the company of ringers over more years than she cared to remember. After the presentation she was safely returned to her nursing duties, with the good wishes of all to Fred for a speedy recovery.

The treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards, presided over the business meeting, at the start of which the company stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Ernest Stinch and William Buttress. Ernest Stinch was one of the Association's most 'noble sons' and he will be very sadly missed.

The secretary (Mr. M. J. Pryor) in his report, indicated that 1962 had been a most memorable year in the history of the Association. For the first time they acted as hosts to the Central Council who met in Cardiff at Whitsuntide. The reports received indicated that the representatives left with happy memories of South Wales. 'We enjoyed having them in our midst and hope they will come again in the not too distant future.'

The visit was a fitting climax to Mr. Hannington's long period as secretary, and, although he resigned at Easter, 1962, he willingly agreed to remain in office until after the Central Council meeting, and, together with the committee set up for the purpose, was responsible for the success of the arrangements made. During the year all the Branch meetings were well attended and the membership reached the total of 350. Forty-nine peals were rung for the Association, which was the highest number recorded in any one year.

The honorary treasurer complimented the secretaries on the way they had dealt with the financial affairs, and reported a favourable balance in view of the expenses incurred by the visit of the Central Council.

Mr. F. J. Hannington was elected Master for the year and the other officers were re-elected.

The meeting adopted a revision to the rules, which provides for a probationary period of six months' regular Sunday service ringing, before a ringer is eligible for full membership.

The Association decided to make a contribution of £5 to the Ernest Morris Memorial Window, and £1 ls. to the Kilifi Church Bell Fund.

During the year the Association had published its first full report and it was decided to publish a full report every two years, and an abbreviated report for the years in between. The report was very well received by the members.

In an effort to expedite matters at the A.G.M. it was decided to set up a Standing Committee of the Association's officers to deal with matters that now require the decision of the A.G.M.

The meeting concluded with a sincere vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the Cathedral, to the Cathedral ringers for the tea and to Rev. I. J. Richards for presiding over the meeting.

Further ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral and at St. John's, Cardiff.

M. J. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The April meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at St. James', Silsoe, on April 20th. In spite of wet weather this meeting was well attended: 35 people had tea and more ringers came during the evening.

On the whole, ringing was good and many methods were rung, including Beverley Surprise and Double Bob, those chosen as special methods for the meeting. Mr. T. Harris was Ringing Master and made sure no one was left out.

Tea was held at Silsoe House and was provided by local ladies. The Vicar, the Rev. R. d'E. A. Bryn, took the chair for the business meeting, at which members were reminded of the annual meeting in the Biggleswade District on May 4th. Two new members were elected.

Evensong followed, and was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. J. Edwards, one of the ringers, read one of the lessons.

Everyone retired to the tower for the evening's ringing.

Next meeting: Tempsford, June 8th.

Letters to the Editor

Amendment to 'Dove'

Dear Sir.—Recently, an applicant for permission to ring at two Northamptonshire five-bell towers, Farthinghoe and Thenford, which are under the charge of the one Rector, has been told that he and others must obtain their information from some very out-of-date source, since both Belfries have been out of commission for 'possibly 25 or 50 years,' although the Rector admits that he does not know how many.

Doubtless 'Dove' is the source of their information, since neither tower is even mentioned in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild report, and so to save the Rector from further reminders of the unhappy state of the two belfries in his care, perhaps possessors of 'Dove' would care to note that these two rings are unringable, and thereby render their Guides less out-of-date.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A 1906 Peel Query

Dear Sir.—A peal of Stedman Doubles was rung at Weston-under-Penyard on February 13th, 1906, by a local band. It was the first of Doubles in the method to be rung in Herefordshire. It is believed to be the second peal of Stedman Doubles ever rung in this country.

I would like to know if this is correct as the relatives of some of the ringers who took part would like to place a peal board in the ringing chamber, recording this peal.—Yours sincerely,

J. J. WEBB.

23, Alton Street,
Ross-on-Wye.

Spliced Alliance

Dear Sir.—In the recently concluded series on Spliced Alliance, I would like to point out that the following should be added to Table No. 1.

(10) { Leyland	Crayford
{ Burstow	Little Bob
{ Stedman	Wavertree 63245
{ Stepney	Childwall (43562)

I would also like to mention that in the new C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, the names of Special Alliance methods Gosberton and Sibsey have been transposed.

I think it is true to say that all 720's rung or published prior to the appearance of this recent edition will have the names the other way round. This is certainly true of Yorkshire, and also, I believe, of Lincolnshire, where the methods were first rung and named.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

The Outing Kit

Dear Sir.—Might I suggest that the following be carried on outings: Programmes, Maps, Correspondence, Cameras, Sketch-book, Large notice for rear window of bus (Barrow Campanological Society, Weddings a specialty, Ring Queens 135246), Food, Overalls, Electric torch, Spare rope, First Aid kit, Handbells, Clarinet, Mouth organ, Bottle openers, Metal polish (for cleaning Guild badges) and Birth certificates (for production to disbelieving landlords).—Yours sincerely,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Barrow-upon-Soar.

Grandsire Doubles

Dear Sir.—I think that I can provide an explanation of the interesting fact pointed out by Mr. Sage in your issue of March 29th, that only with the fifth as whole hunt is it possible to obtain extents of Grandsire Doubles rung in the orthodox way with the fourth as observation, whereas the fifth can be made observation with the treble, second or third as whole hunt.

The anomaly arises because of the privileged position of the row called 'rounds' in our ringing in that every extent begins and ends with rounds, whether it is a lead-end or not.

With any bell but the treble as whole hunt we start off into changes by ringing a part of the plain hunting course on five bells, as rounds is not a lead-end unless the treble is the whole hunt. So all these extents have as their common point the plain hunting course rung with rounds occurring at backstroke and back rounds at handstroke.

With the treble as whole hunt this is no longer necessarily true. Any extent ending with a plain lead does have this property, but such an extent must be one with the third as observation. Mr. Sage will also find that in fact the only extent with the third as observation which does not end with a plain lead (i.e., SPSB) does produce the plain hunting course in the ordinary way as the fourth lead.

However, any of the ordinary extents with the fifth as observation remove us from this systematic set of 120's. For we find that in all the extents with the treble as whole hunt and fifth as observation although rounds occurs at a backstroke lead-end (as we demand that it shall) the rest of the plain hunting course occurs reversed somewhere in the extent.

So because we treat the row of rounds as our standard go-off and not the plain hunting course (starting from whatever point we need) we have introduced this 'foreign' set of extents with the treble as whole hunt and the fifth as observation. If Mr. Sage will now write out Grandsire Doubles from, say, back rounds (54321), and with the treble as whole hunt call a bob at the first lead-end (or a single) he will find that he has the start of one of the lost extents with the treble as whole hunt and the fourth as observation.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

2, Rosebery Crescent,
Edinburgh 12.

Dear Sir.—I would like to suggest that Mr. H. N. Evans check his hypotheses both theoretically and practically before putting them into print. If he had done so he would have found that the figures I gave ('R.W.' page 212) were correct. Using these figures one can say that the half-hunt bells are those which occupy thirds or fourths place at the backstroke lead of the whole hunt, except when the treble is whole hunt. In this case they are the third and fifth.

Putting my question in a new form, why does this exception occur?—Yours faithfully,

F. J. SAGE.

Luppitt.

P.S.—The quarter peal rung at Luppitt on March 3rd ('R.W.' page 221) contained one extent of each of the variations, using the same calling, S B S. A plain lead at the beginning giving one half-hunt and at the end for the other, with each of the whole hunt bells. —F. J. S.

The New Bell Inn

Dear Sir.—Gone are the days when rooms of public houses were identified by such unimaginative names as Bar, Tap, Smoke Room or Vaults. Almost without exception, the pubs being built today offer the comfort or rooms with such high sounding names as Ragley and Chatsworth or Trafalgar and Waterloo. In some cases, the names have local connections.

One such pub is 'The New Bell Inn' at Great Barr, which, in common with its modern counterparts, boasts but two public rooms, named Loughborough and Whitechapel.

In each of the rooms is a mural covering the greater part of one wall. The one in the Loughborough Room depicts a tiny church on the small island of Sveti Stefan, off the Montenegro coast of Yugoslavia. In the church tower, which is of open construction, are three small bells not hung for ringing. The same applies to the one bell in the tower of the church at Textal in Switzerland, depicted on the mural in the Whitechapel Room. Somehow, I don't think that either of these are examples of the work carried out by the foundry whose name the room bears.

Unlike those on the murals, the bell on the painted sign outside is a true representation of a ringing bell; being complete with headstock, wheel and stay. It is also of the recognised shape.

'Do the customers ever query the significance of the names of the rooms?' I asked Mr. Raymond Simkin, the licensee. 'No,' he replied, with a smile on his face which left me wondering if even he knew. 'The regulars always refer to them as The Bar and The Smoke, and no one appears to care for the real names.'

I left 'The New Bell Inn' a little disappointed at what I found, and wondering if there could be any significance in the fact that the Loughborough Room is referred to as the Bar and the somewhat better Whitechapel Room the Smoke.—Yours faithfully,

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY.

Great Barr, Birmingham.

Cambridge Royal Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Loughborough on March 16th, 1963, as it is false. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. LACEY.

Anstey, Leicester.

William Dawe, not Underhill

Dear Sir.—I beg to confirm the regretful error pointed out by your correspondents in the issue of April 26th. The article in question should, of course, relate to William Dawe and not Underhill.

About two months ago, some time after the article had been despatched to 'The Ringing World,' I had before me notes concerning Dawe, who is reputed to have supplied cannon to the Constable of Dover Castle. From then onwards I had reason to suspect the contents of the article, and accordingly amended my notes. It was my intention to amend the article, but owing to one thing and another I failed to proceed in that respect, and the matter, unfortunately, was overlooked.

My sincere apologies to all for my not having in the first instance ascertained that the data was correct, and in the second instance for my oversight. My thanks to Mr. Amos and M. Elphick for correcting me.—Yours, etc.,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association

MR. J. D. JOHNSON HONOURED

THE annual general meeting of the Worcester-shire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. After ringing at All Saints', members attended the annual service, conducted by the Association's chaplain, Rev. H. L. Davies (Vicar of Cradley).

For the first time for many years, the form of service, specially written for annual meetings, was used. Many members spoke in favour of it afterwards, though the hymn tunes had been unfamiliar to some. During the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. D. Johnson 1—2, R. G. Morris 3—4, D. Beacham 5—6, M. D. Fellows 7—8.

The business meeting followed in College Hall, with the president, the Dean (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn), in the chair. The general secretary (Mr. D. Beacham) reported that the following members had died since the last meeting: Alfred Boxley, John Morris, Henry Hubbard, C. A. Binyon, Wilfred J. Newman and Frederick Hyde. Members stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

'SILENT TOWERS' INQUIRY

The secretary presented the report of the Central Committee. The 'Silent Towers' sub-committee had conducted a survey of Sunday ringing within the Association, which showed that there was regular Sunday ringing at about 63 per cent of the towers, ringing by arrangement only at 22 per cent, and no ringing at 15 per cent; this latter being mainly due to bells or tower out of order. However, there were towers with bells in order but no ringers, and this was receiving consideration.

Referred to them by the last A.G.M., the committee recommended that the rule regarding the number of clerical vice-presidents remain, and the Branches should therefore nominate two clerical vice-presidents each. Also referred to the committee from the last meeting was a resolution calling for revision of the form of service used at Branch meetings to be considered. The committee recommended that a new form of service should not be printed, but that Branches could ask the incumbent taking the service to use his discretion in following the old form.

REPORT AND PRACTICE DATES

A resolution from the Western Branch asking the committee to publish days and times of practices in the annual report had been considered. The committee decided not to undertake to do this, however, since days and times of practices were liable to change and the published information could be misleading.

The report stated that peal ringing had declined, only 57 being rung as against 70 last year. Nine were handbell peals. Peals of note were the first peal 'in hand' by three Stourbridge Grammar School boys, and local band peals at Hinton, Kingswinford and Ripple. Fifteen members were congratulated on ringing their first peal.

Discussion on the committee report centred chiefly on the revision of the form of service. The chaplain reiterated his view, that no incumbent was bound to use a printed form of service and that if the Branches wanted changes this could be arranged without pub-

lishing a new form, which would eventually become 'out-of-date' again.

The Librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, reported that there had been 12 applications for the loan of 14 books during the year. He appealed to members to consider donating any unwanted books on ringing to the library.

Under election of officers, the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, proposed the re-election of the Dean of Worcester as president. This was carried unanimously. There were some changes among the clerical vice-presidents, the Branch having nominated Bishop Stuart, Rev. C. J. Kay (Welland), Rev. T. Keith Murray (Dudley), Rev. A. Webb (Kidderminster), Rev. H. S. Bill (Feckenham) and Rev. L. J. Birch (Bredon), who were duly elected.

MR. J. D. JOHNSON HONOURED

On the proposition of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. J. D. Johnson, past general secretary, was elected a lay vice-president. Mr. Johnson thanked the members for the honour and then referred to the illness of his predecessor in office, Mr. James R. Newman, who was now in Ronswood Hospital. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Newman, conveying the members' best wishes.

All other officers were re-elected. Worcester was again chosen for the annual meeting next year.

Mr. R. G. Morris proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned with the service and meeting arrangements, and to the incumbents of the various churches at which members were to ring later.

During the afternoon a large number of members and visitors rang at St. John's and St. Swithun's, Worcester, Powick, Leigh, Hallow, Grimley, Ombersley and Claines.

After tea, which was held at the Old Pheasant Inn, Worcester, the usual large crowd filled the spacious Cathedral ringing chamber for what is always one of the major attractions of Worcester annual meetings. D. B.

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CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

OVER 60 ringers from all over Cumberland and Westmorland, and visitors from the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association and Mr. W. Steer, of Derby, attended the A.G.M. of the Association at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday.

The service was conducted by the president, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin (Workington), and the address given by the Vicar of Crosthwaite (Canon F. H. Marshall). The general secretary (Mr. J. W. Brownrigg) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was served by Mesdames E. R. Brownrigg and E. Bickerdyke, and the Misses A. Bickerdyke and J. Gowing.

The printed report, submitted to the annual meeting, stated that the standard of ringing in the Association continued to improve; membership stood at 88, an increase of two on last year. The bank balance of £70 was also slightly up on last year.

Appointments were as follows: President, Canon Chaplin; general secretary, Mr. Brownrigg (Keswick); treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey (Egremont); ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson (Hensingham); auditor, Mr. C. Hellis (Appleby); Central Council representative, Mr. G. McKay (St. Bees); committee, Messrs. L. Bumphrey (Workington), H. Wilson (St. Bees), G. Ellbeck (Egremont), J. Butterfield (Carlisle), R. Waterhall (Cockermouth), C. Heelis (Appleby), C. Forsyth (Carlisle), Mrs. E. Pearson (Cleator Moor), Miss M. K. Dent (St. Bees), and the two Branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsyth (Carlisle) and Mr. S. Richardson (Hensingham).

The meeting decided that the next annual meeting, traditionally held on Easter Monday, be held on the last Saturday in April, 1964, at Workington. Ringing lasted up to 8 p.m., and included the standard methods, Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich C.B. Major.

MR. MARTIN STEWART REMEMBERED

On April 20th, at the conclusion of the Wimborne Branch service at Wareham Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. J. Wallis), accompanied by his assistant priest (Rev. J. Palmer), led the ringers back to the ringing chamber, where a board, which records the peal of Stedman Triples rung on April 15th, 1961, in memory of the late Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, was dedicated.

The assembly of over 30 included the Misses Nettie and Betty Stewart, who had been invited to be present by the captain of Wareham ringers, Mr. Ross Robertson. After the short ceremony the company adjourned for tea and the quarterly meeting, at which the chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, expressed the pleasure felt by all that the Misses Stewart were able to come to Wareham tower that day.

Mr. Martin Stewart was Master of the Salisbury Guild, 1910-1913, and did much enthusiastic work for many years to further the progress of the Exercise in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, as well as his own. It was fitting, therefore, that the memorial to him should be something of a joint effort between the two Guilds, for the light oak board, lettered in black and gold, was the work of the donor—Mr. Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth.

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CENTENARY YEAR FOR WENTWORTH BELLS

This is the centenary year for the ring of six bells in Wentworth, Yorks, Parish Church, which were cast by J. Warner and Son, of London, in 1863. The old ring of three were taken by the foundry in part exchange, and the bells were hung in a wooden frame in the west tower of the then parish church (now the old church).

Each bell is inscribed with the founder's name and the year 1863, but a complete inscription adorns the tenor bell, as follows:

'This peal of bells was presented to Wentworth Church by John Duke, Esq., of Barley Hall.

Rev. J. S. Upton, M.A., incumbent.
J. Biram and J. Cobbon, C.W.'

The weight of the tenor was just over 10 cwt.

The present church was erected and consecrated in 1877, the architect being J. L. Pearson, who also designed Truro Cathedral. This church has a lofty central tower and spire, the total height of which is nearly 200 feet.

The bells were not transferred until 1893. They were hung in the original wooden frame. In 1938, Taylors, of Loughborough, rehung and retuned the bells. A stout metal frame replaced the old frame and new fittings, such as the Hastings stay and ball bearings, were added. The tenor now weighs 10 cwt 12 lb. in G. The ringing chamber is reached after a climb of 69 steps. Below the ringing chamber is a ringers' gallery, which overlooks the chancel.

So far 22 peals have been rung on the bells, most of them after 1930. An engraved placard in the ringing chamber recalls what was probably the first peal. This was rung on March 20th, 1897, when ringers of the East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations rang a seven Minor methods peal in 2 hours 51 minutes. The different 720's were of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars, City Delight, Killamarsh T.B., Duke of York and Oxford. The ringers were: J. H. Brothwell 1, T. Whitworth 2, S. Walker 3, T. Sadler 4, W. J. Nicholson 5, W. Lambert (cond.) 6.

Another noted peal, rung during the war on Saturday, April 1st, 1944, was in three Minor methods. It was rung by Barnsley and District Society members, conducted by the late Daniel Smith.

In the autumn of 1959, the ringing chamber and bell chamber were thoroughly cleaned and repainted. A change ringing band, established soon after, succeeded in ringing the first all-local peal in November, 1961. The peal was in 10 Doubles methods, the conductor being Michael R. Meadows.

Ringers in the Sheffield area have been known to remark that for 'go' and tone combined the ring is one of the finest sixes in the region. The local ringers welcome visitors in this centenary year. Peal inquiries should be made to the Vicar.

M. KING.

NORTH DEVON v. SOUTH DEVON

A North v. South competition, organised by the Devon Association, is to be held at Clawton, near Holsworthy, on May 4th. Six bands will compete: the North, represented by West Down, Down St. Mary and Swymbridge, will be challenged by West Alvington, Plymstock and Kenn.

Each band will ring two peals—rise, 66 changes and lower—one before tea and one after; the order will be changed for the second 'innings.' And the winners will be the region with the lowest aggregate of faults for its six peals. The judges will be Messrs. Darch, Pidler, Tapper and Brewer—two from each region.

Visitors will be very welcome at Clawton on the 4th, when ringing will begin at 3 p.m. The day will end with a service in the church, at which the results will be announced and the prizes awarded.

A buffet tea will be served. The upper Tamar Valley country in May is as beautiful as any place on earth, and there should be some outstanding music from Clawton's very tuneful six.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Portsmouth District

The first quarterly meeting of 1963 was held at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, on April 20th, and, considering the atrocious weather, was well attended.

Ringing commenced at approximately 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. D. Biddell). Tea was served in the Church Hall by the ladies of the parish, assisted by the local Girl Guides. We were pleased to welcome the Rector to take tea with us.

At the business meeting new ringing members elected were: Mr. G. Verrill (Alverstoke) and Rev. E. J. Henstridge (Vicar of Soberton). Mr. R. Harris, of Portsmouth Cathedral, was elected to compounding membership. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and those who served tea.

Next quarterly meeting: Catherington, July 20th; practice meeting, if possible, May 25th, Wickham, 6-9 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were: Grand-sire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The ringing was concluded with a fine lower at 8.30 p.m. L. D. D.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

In succession to Mr. B. A. Sollis, who has held the secretaryship of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association for many years, Mr. M. J. Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, was elected his successor at the A.G.M. which took place on Easter Monday at Tibshelf (6).

Other elections were: Mr. J. W. Price (Clay Cross), president; Mr. R. Mason (Shirland), treasurer; Mr. C. Bleby (Mansfield), Ringing Master.

Ringing on the six bells took place in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise. Ringing present were from Clay Cross, Blackwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston, Chellaston, Mansfield, Tibshelf and Kirkby-in-Ashfield, together with visitors from Chatteris, Cambs, Turvey, Beds, and Bradford, Yorks. M. J. K.

BELL HATERS v. BELL LOVERS

Colmworth, Bers, a steeple of very little ringing activity, recently had its first peal for 24 years. Hardly had the bells been raised to begin the peal than in walked a gentleman and lady (we thought to tell us to stop the ringing), but no!—they had come to tell us what a joy it was to hear the bells, and—that they live in the house alongside the church.

Thanking them, we mentioned that we should be ringing for around 2½ to 2½ hours. 'Keep on as long as you like,' they replied.

This lovely welcome was a contrast to two of the opposite sort we had experienced only a few weeks previously—one at Welford, Northants, with eight lovely-toned bells, where an annoyed T.V. viewer and listener, after the two hours peal attempt failure, while we stood 'holding an inquest' in the churchyard, came across with threatening language. 'Are you nuisances finished? If you dare to come here again I'll bash a brick through your cars,' little realising that one of the cars belonged to a police officer-ringer among the company!

A few weeks previous to this, when at Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, on an outing to London, 40 minutes ringing (following a wedding) saw a man rush up to the belfry with a hail of abuse because the bells were scounding. Maybe the alcohol rather than the man was threatening? But we were told locally that a hospital nearby liked to hear the bells—a lovely toned 8!

Colmworth's five may not have the best of tone: Alan Paul did well on the tenor, which needed work at every stroke. Seldom does one meet the welcome we were accorded at Colmworth these days. It was very uplifting! P. A.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Members who attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Boldmere on April 6th received a very warm welcome from the Vicar (Rev. J. C. McCallum), who, at the meeting, expressed his pleasure that the Guild had chosen Boldmere for their meeting after a lapse of several years.

The Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) presided, and commenced the meeting with a reference to the passing of William C. Rhodes, a ringer at Colehill Parish Church, and an old member of the Guild.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that a quotation amounting to £97 10s. had been received for the erection of the proposed memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker. An opinion was expressed that the cost should be met by members of the Guild, but it was pointed out that by doing so many ringers who would like to subscribe would be deprived of the opportunity. It was decided to leave the question of an appeal to the officers of the Guild to conduct.

The following resident members were elected: S. Clarke Walters (Sutton Coldfield), Miss Jennifer Cook (Handsworth) and David Vokes (Quinton). The tower elections, as life members, of Christopher M. P. Johnson (Kidlington) and Richard C. Kippin (Southampton) were ratified.

Next meeting: Harborne, where the bells of the demolished Bishop Ryder Memorial Church have recently been installed. This will be held on July 6th.

A vote of thanks to Rev. J. C. McCallum for the use of the bells, and to Mr. John Neale for arranging tea was ably proposed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes (vice-chairman).

THE LADIES' GUILD Devon Branch

A very successful annual meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Egguckland, Plymouth, on April 20th. About 40 ringers attended from all parts of Devon.

The Vicar (Rev. C. De Cerjat) conducted an enjoyable service, which was followed by an excellent tea served by the Mothers' Union. At the business meeting, all the officers were re-elected. Subject to permission the next two meetings will be held at Wolborough with Kingerswell on July 20th, and at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on October 26th, to which gentlemen are welcomed.

Further ringing was held during the evening, and methods during the day included Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Y. C. P.

Kent Branch

A report of the joint meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild with the Tonbridge District from the Kent County Association angle appears on page 263. The ladies' business meeting had Mrs. E. A. Barnett in the chair. Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Dobbie secretary. The committee are also unchanged, and Miss Andrews will represent the Branch on the Central Committee with Mrs. Corby (newly elected). Best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mrs. Mitchell, and arrangements for the A.G.M. at Ipswich in July were announced. Finally, Mrs. Dobbie was thanked for her hard work as secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In connection with the annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Tonbridge, the Rochester District organised a District outing, travelling by coach, two mini-buses and several cars. Before reaching Tonbridge ringing took place at Aylesford and West Malling.

The homeward journey was not so fortunate. Traffic jams prevented ringing at Westerham, although justice was done to a very good tea at the Tudor Rose Cafe. The recently installed six in the modern church at Biggin Hill were enjoyed. Ministry of Transport regulations prevented the coach traversing the country lanes to reach Cudham, and they had to be content with the six bells at Downe. Special thanks to driver Wally Smith,

MR. WILLIAM ROSE

With much regret we learn of the death of Mr. William Rose, which occurred at Wellington, New Zealand, at his daughter's residence, on March 31st, at the age of 78 years.

'Billy,' as we generally knew him, was a very apt pupil of the writer in 1900, and later became conductor at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, and it was through him that the total of peals in this tower was the highest, according to Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

After the war, Mr. Rose took up school teaching, being stationed at Peterborough, where he was a ringing secretary. In addition to others he rang 160 peals in East Anglia.

It is a coincidence that his cousin, James Rose, of Ipswich, should survive him by only a week.

G. E. S.

MR. HERBERT ROWLEY

Mr. Herbert Rowley, who died on April 11th, at the age of 94, was a ringer at Horbury, Yorks. Church for over 70 years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891, and was also a founder member of the Barnsley and District Society.

A great six-bell ringer, he conducted the first peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods to be rung in Yorkshire in 1894. This peal was not, however, the first for the Yorkshire Association, but the first in the county.

Herbert Rowley was the last of a team who, in the 1890's, rang over seventy 720's per year in over sixty methods.

He was cremated on Easter Tuesday, and the bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. A quarter peal of Bob Major was rung half-muffled on the following Saturday by six local ringers, assisted by two from Ossett.

IRVIN SLACK.

OBITUARY**MISS DAPHNE KENT**

For many years secretary of the Sedlescombe ringers, Miss Daphne Kent did much work in the training of young ringers. Apart from teaching in Sedlescombe tower, in order to promote further interest in the art she took her pupils out to numerous practices at other towers. She died at the comparatively young age of 52, after living under the shadow of cancer for the last ten years of her life.

On March 30th a peal of Beverley Surprise was rung to her memory at Sedlescombe by the following ringers: E. Fellows 1. A. Baldock 2. F. Lambert 3. T. Barlow 4. I. Smith 5. E. Bryant (cond.) 6.

MR. JAMES WINCHESTER

Mr. James Winchester, who died suddenly at his home at Cripp's Corner, near Sedlescombe, aged 84, learnt to ring at Brightling in 1890, at the age of 11. He rang peals in several local towers, although his only method was Grandsire Doubles. On his retirement, 14 years ago, he taught the Bodiam ringers change ringing, and later became full time ringer at Sedlescombe, where he rang as recently as the end of 1962.

On Good Friday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled to his memory at Sedlescombe by the following ringers: Ruth Gasson 1. F. Lambert 2. W. Smith 3. Hope Gosse 4. I. Smith (cond.) 5. E. Fellows 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1. D. Kingston 2. R. Hayden 3. B. Burton 4. H. Bird 5. G. Goodman 6. S. Clark (cond.) 7. E. Rochester 8. With bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. T. Prior.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 1. Shelagh Fitzpatrick 2. Mrs. P. M. Beach 3. K. Marriott 4. P. Nix 5. D. J. Beach (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4. In memoriam Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD**North-West District**

A warm welcome was extended by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Jarrold) to the many ringers and friends, when a quarterly meeting of the District was held at Rougham on April 6th. Rougham choir supported the Rector at the service, at which there was an appropriate address. Tea was served in the School Room by Mrs. L. Nice and Mrs. E. Nice.

Mr. L. Wright presided at the business meeting, with Mr. A. Balham (secretary). Evening practice meetings were proposed for Brandon in May and West Stow in June, and the next quarterly at Ixworth in July.

The chairman, announced that the Suffolk Guild was organising a striking competition which it was hoped to hold at the end of August at Bredfield. He hoped that two teams would go from the District.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., methods enjoyed being Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Grandsire.

G. R.

LOW WASTAGE OF DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Derbyshire Association now has a membership of 360. During the last five years 180 have joined the Association, an average of 36 per annum. Over the last 10 years the wastage has been 187 or 18.7.

Whilst ringing has improved technically, and there are more ringers available, the number of churches whose bells are rung regularly for Sunday service is deplorably low. In 1947 only 24 churches had their bells adequately rung for Sunday service; in 1961 this figure had only increased to 28. The total number of churches with five or more bells is approximately 60.—Mr. D. R. Carlisle, writing in 'The Belfry News,' the magazine of the Derbyshire bellringers.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild propose to hold a ringing festival in the Bournemouth area on September 14th. Towers would be available in the afternoon, a service held in Christchurch Priory at 5.30 p.m. and a meat tea in the Church Hall at 6 p.m. The 12 bells of the Priory will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. If sufficient support is forthcoming a morning tour of outlying towers may be arranged.

The peal of Bob Major at St. John's Church, Peterborough, on Easter Monday was the first peal on the bells for 14 years.

The first peal on the recast and rehung bells at Tewkesbury Abbey—one of Grandsire Triples—was rung on April 16th. The dedication service was on April 15th.

The rehallowing of St. Mary's Church, Brownsea Island, will take place on May 15th. Members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild hope to have the opportunity of ringing for the service.

Miss Molly Powell would very much like to thank the ringers of St. Nicholas' and the Cathedral, Liverpool, for the extremely kind welcome extended to her during her recent visit.

The peal for the Universities Association rung at Throwley, Kent, included the present Masters of Cambridge, Manchester and Reading Societies, the secretary of the London University Society and a Past Master of Bristol University Society.

The all-England rally to Coventry Cathedral on April 20th was probably the most successful national gathering of ringers yet held. Before the general public were allowed into the Cathedral, there were 1,600 ringers, their wives and friends present. The lessons were read by Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council) and Mr. F. W. Perrens (president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), and the address given by the Rev. Graham M. Smallwood. A report will appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, a peal of Minor in Bourne Abbey, Lincs. In his time, Mr. Lake was a very able conductor at Bourne for many years before the last war and has conducted many peals of Spliced Surprise Minor. Arthritis now prevents him from ringing, but he was at the church, with Mrs. Lake, to congratulate the band when the bells came round.

Mr. J. R. Mayne asks us to correct his address—it is 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, not as recently published.

Mr. F. C. Mogford rang in a royal wedding quarter at Compton Dando with his leg in plaster, following a compound fracture.

Mr. Robert B. Smith writes making two corrections to the composition of 11,552 Superlative Surprise Major rung on Easter Monday and published on page 239. Although the transposition of the figures is correct, the 16th course should be 5th, Middle and the 21st course Middle, Wrong, In Middle, 4th Home.

After two attempts at a peal had been frustrated by technical defects of the tenor at Royston, Yorks, the team went on to Felkirk and rang a quarter peal. This was in honour of the christening of Sheila Mary, the daughter of Frank Mitchell, the ringer of the 5th, who had arranged a 720 in 36 singles to celebrate the occasion. The team were afterwards entertained at the Mitchells'.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock on their silver wedding anniversary on April 23rd. In honour of the wedding, which took place at Twickenham, Mr. Alan R. Pink conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Ealing. On the same bells a peal in the same method and using the same composition (J. W. Parker's) was rung on April 27th. Unfortunately, of the original company only Mr. Leonard Stilwell and the conductor could ring, and singularly it was their 100th peal together.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS**MANCHESTER.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,**At the TOWN HALL.***A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

In 18 methods, comprising 432 Lambeth, 288 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Belgrave, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Superlative, Wigston, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Bedford and Pudsey; with 98 changes of method.

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 7
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	BASIL JONES 8
JOHN WORTH 3	F. JOHN NELSON 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	DEREK OGDEN 11
NEIL BENNETT 6	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

This is the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal on 12 bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,**At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.*

BARBARA STEPHENS .. Treble	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 2	HECTOR G. BENNETT 8
SHIRLEY M. DREW 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE 9
JACQUELINE S. KING 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 10
DAVID J. KING 5	GEOFFREY R. DREW 11
ROGER G. HAVARD 6	DONALD G. CLIFT .. Tenor

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.***A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS***Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.*

*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	TREVOR N. BAILEY 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 3	CECIL W. PIPE 9
ALAN F. THIRST 4	BRIAN HARRIS 10
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 5	PETER BORDER 11
ALAN J. FROST 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.*

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	§LEONARD STILWELL 6
*E. JANE SIBSON 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	†DEREK E. SIBSON 8
†ANGELA GRAINGER 4	W. LESLIE WELLER 9
†ROBERT WAKE 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

‡ First of Surprise Royal. § 700th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.***A PEAL OF 5040 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.*

LEWIS F. COBB .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
DEREK C. JACKSON 4	RONALD N. MARLOW 9
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 5	DAVID E. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Biddenden S. Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.***A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.*

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	J. DAVID CLARKE 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 2	COLIN W. REED 7
BERYL N. REED 3	HAROLD STEVENSON 8
MARGARET E. CHILTON 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON 9
JOHN B. BENNETT 5	WALTER NICHOLS .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam our late chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.*

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 6
ALAN J. FROST 2	ALAN F. THIRST 7
DIANA LAWLESS 3	PHILIP MEHEW 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	TREVOR N. BAILEY 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

AND

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.*On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,**At the MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.***A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.*

JANET I. PORTER .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON 6
F. CHARLES HOBSON 2	*CHRISTOPHER C. BROWN .. 7
RICHARD D. GIBSON 3	JOHN S. RANK 8
KEITH GOLDTHORPE 4	WILFRED F. MORETON 9
DAVID S. JOHNSON 5	RONALD DUCKER .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by WILFRED F. MORETON.

* First peal. First of Caters for all except 6 and 9.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Albert E. Sellers, lifelong member of this church, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and president of the Beverley and District Society.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Preston Branch.)

*On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.***A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL***Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.*

MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 6
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 2	*BERNARD MOSS 7
BETTY FAUNCH 3	FRANK STEAD 8
MARGARET CROSTHWAITE .. 4	ALAN GARDNER 9
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 5	W. JOHN COUPERHWAITE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Bob Royal by all except the conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. John Bickley, M.A.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.***A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 22½ cwt.*

*ERIC J. F. WALL .. Treble	†FREDERICK PEARSON 6
*TERENCE M. FITZGERALD .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKEITH .. 7
*RICHARD J. PARKER 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
V. DAVID JENNER 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 9
KENNETH J. HESKEITH 5	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKEITH.

* First peal of Grandsire, and of Caters. † First of Grandsire.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Bromilow and Geoffrey Rothery (a ringer at St. Helen's).

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,**At the ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS***Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.*

*STUART J. CORSON .. Treble	ARNOLD COLE 6
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*RONALD R. WARFORD 7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS 3	*JOHN WEAVER 8
*JOHN POTTS 4	*C. BARRIE DOVE 9
*ALLAN SHEPPARD 5	*R. FRASER MACK .. Tenor

Composed by G. D. ARMITAGE.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Plain Bob Caters by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., March 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.**At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5056 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 10 cwt. in A.*

CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

DAVID W. JAMES Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 5
JOHN C. BALDWIN 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
MARGARET JAMES 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
RONALD J. JOHNSTON 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.
First peal of Spiced as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

PETER BORDER Treble	S. CLARKE WALTERS 5
MURIEL REAY 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PETER BORDER Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW 5
*ROGER HARRIS 2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP 6
*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
PERCY STONE 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MARION E. BRANCH Treble	THOMAS BROCK 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 2	TERENCE G. PAGE 6
JOHN W. BLYTHE 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	RICHARD C. L. BROWN Tenor

Composed by TERENCE G. PAGE. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal on eight. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5120 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 6
GEOFFREY DAVIES 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY 4	MARTIN C. FAULKES Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	*R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DENBY MURDUCK Treble	JACK WEAVER 5
†CHRISTINE HASSELL 2	†PHILIP MURDUCK 6
MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. 3	ANTHONY CARTER 7
PAUL G. HOLMES 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,784 Yorkshire and 2,336 Cambridge; with all the work of both methods for each bell, and 116 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

BERYL W. BALDWIN .. Treble	J. RICHARD HOUGH 5
(Bristol)	(Cambridge)
*PAULINE FENNELL 2	†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 6
(London)	(London)
*MARY S. TAYLOR 3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 7
(London)	(Manchester)
PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4	JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor
(Reading)	(Bristol and Manchester)

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' First of Spiced Surprise Major in two methods by all the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 6 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 11552 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BASIL JONES Treble	JOHN C. EISEL 5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
†GILES B. THOMPSON 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Witnesses: MISS MAY B. FOSTER and MISS ANNE P. SMITH.
* 100th peal together. † First of Superlative. This is the longest peal of Superlative Surprise ever to be rung.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 6
HERBERT T. ROOKE 3	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 7
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter; also to commemorate an open week for visitors at the recently-restored church.

NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET E. FORT Treble	†JOHN O. FREEMAN 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	†IAN MUNRO 6
JOHN RYDER 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
†MICHAEL FREEMAN 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	*LEONARD BRIGHTON 5
*CHARLES BLACK 2	FRANK BOYALL 6
†WENDY HOLLOWELL 3	RAYMOND H. DAW 7
JOHN M. ROFFE 4	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
MICHAEL WILSHAW 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY Treble	ANTHONY R. KENCH 5
MALCOLM M. POWELL 2	PETER BRIDLE 6
KENNETH J. RIDER 3	*D. JOHN HUNT 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Arranged by ANTHONY R. KENCH.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 100th peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JEAN MARLOW Treble	*BRIAN YEOMANS 5
*JOYCE M. CLIPSTONE 2	†ANTHONY D. SANSOM 6
IAN W. HALL 3	MICHAEL J. STALEY 7
SHEILA J. STALEY 4	MURRAY A. COLEMAN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

* First peal. † First of Major.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Parker's Twelve-Part Treble	ERNEST W. PENN 5
*ALBERT HALLING 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
ANNE M. BROXTON 3	TONY BRAZIER 7
COLIN LONGMORE 4	ERNEST LEACH Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First on the bells after recasting and rehangings.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of the bells, which took place on Friday, April 5th, 1963.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	H. DAVID HOLLAND 5
JAMES W. HORNER 2	JOHN O. FREEMAN 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH 3	IAN MUNRO 7
MARGARET E. FORT 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal in the method by all the band. 50th as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

JOSEPHINE D. HARDY Treble	†ANTHONY JACKSON 5
*GILLIAN SEWELL 2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 6
MAISIE VANTOM 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXBEY.

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal. † First of Major.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Highwood S. Humphrey, captain of the local band.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Thurstans' Reversed by Gabriel Lindoff Treble	PETER A. SHARP 5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
*NORAH M. RANGLES 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4	LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 300th peal.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Tues., March 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

K. PETER JONES Treble	MICHAEL WILSHAW 4
DAVID M. JONES 2	PHILIP GAY 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

First peal of Delight on the bells. First in the method in the county, and by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the parents of the tenor ringer (Mr. and Mrs. S. Swingewood) on their silver wedding anniversary.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

CHARLES SKINNER Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
PATRICIA DISERENS 2	PHILIP J. ROTHERA 5
ANGELA GRAINGER 3	RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON Treble	FREDERICK DERRY 4
WALTER WESTON 2	J. EDWARD BROWN 5
*PHILIP H. REYNOLDS 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, of Carlton-le-Moorland, grandparents of Mr. J. Edward Brown.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Thurs., April 11, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD 4
RAYMOND J. BALLARD 2	DAVID J. DANBY 5
MICHAEL WILSHAW 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

Geoffrey Davies has 'circled the tower' as conductor.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5280 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 44 six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Treble	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 4
ALAN E. HARTMAN 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
SANDRA F. CHESTERTON 3	GEORGE DUDLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* Have now completed the 'family' from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Doubles in the method by all the band.

Rung fully-muffled for Good Friday Evensong.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Good Friday, April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID SHEPPARD Treble	JAMES THORLEY 4
JOHN POITS 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
G. FREDERICK TERRY 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

A half-muffled Good Friday peal, rung at the request of the Vicar.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris').

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*RUTH M. GASSON Treble	*HOPE GOSSE 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 2	IAN V. J. SMITH 5
†WILLIAM G. SMITH 3	ERIC A. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Winchester and Daphne Kent, both late ringers of the tower.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
ELLIS N. THOMAS 2	EDMUND MORRIS 5
NORMAN V. HARDING 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MALCOLM M. POWELL .. Treble	*HUGH N. EVANS 4
*ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
MICHAEL J. STANLEY 3	GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

* First peal of mixed Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Easter.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble	DAVID ADAMSON 4
ALAN KIRK 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
IVOR JENKINS 3	ALEX RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ALEX RICHARDSON.

Rung for the wedding this day of Margaret C. Mackay and Alec Osbaldiston at All Saints' Church, Marple.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LINDA NICHOLSON Treble	PETER L. NICHOLSON .. 3
JOHN T. PARSONS 2	ROGER LEIGH 4
ANTHONY HELLIWELL Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN T. PARSONS.

First peal as conductor.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES W. HAW Treble	†WILLIAM PARROTT 3
CECIL WADE 2	C. LEONARD BLANCHARD .. 5
*SHEILA M. WALPOLE 3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Bourne.

HARTST. SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being seven 720's: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR F. BALLAM Treble	ALLEN W. CANSDALE 4
RICHARD ROSE 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
HUBERT A. MITSON 3	ERNEST H. MASTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal on the augmented bells.

Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, donor of the treble bell.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

MRS. G. SHELLARD Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
*ROBERT T. SOMERTON 2	†CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	†J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* First peal 'inside.' † 50th peal. ‡ First in five methods 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chester on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

NICOLA PEARSE Treble	*GEORGE H. AUSTIN 4
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	GERALD PENNEY 5
WILLIAM T. HOLMES 3	STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and six of Plain Bob, with no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN C. EISEL 1—2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3—4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

First peal in two Minor methods 'in hand' by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 8, 1963, in 2 Hours,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of nine methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Old Oxford and College Bob IV Delight, (2) Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (3) Sandal and Oxford T.B., (4) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B., (5) Sandal and London Scholars' T.B., (6) London Scholars' and Oxford T.B., (7) Sandal, London Scholars' and Oxford T.B.; with 34 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND 1—2	BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal on handbells of Spliced Minor and of Treble Bob in nine methods by all the band, and for the Association.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 9, 1963, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY 3—4
*ALFRED BALLARD 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* Has now rung Durham Surprise 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 64, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER N. FELTON 1—2	HADLEY HUNTER 5—6
†MICHAEL B. TYERS 3—4	†DAVID W. STRUCKETT .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First 'in hand.'

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN 5—6
*GERALD PENNEY 3—4	JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 9—10

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Royal on handbells.

HALF PEALS

BOLTON, LANCs.—On April 20th, at All Souls' Church, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Wood 1, N. Tempkins 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson 4, S. Anderton 5, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 6, A. Critchley 7, R. Holt 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Critchley, a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow and birthday compliment to Ed. B. Webster (86) and Stanley Anderton.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—On April 17th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: A. Howard 1, D. Huddleston 2, A. Tubb 3, D. S. Voss 4, M. Hart 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Nursey 1, G. Etherington 2, Nicolai Stroud 3, M. Applebe 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, C. Bailey 6. For Evensong.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Burton 1, M. Mulvey (cond.) 2, Miss M. Westwood 3, J. Goodwin 4, N. Chart (first quarter) 5, M. C. Gall 6. For Confirmation Service.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Piper 1, Geraldine M. Piper 2, J. L. Hayns 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana C. Prynn 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 6, D. Astridge 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For the glory of Easter. Also to mark the engagement of Kathleen M. Beasely, a loyal member of the tower, to Howard Davies.

BENSON, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Webb 1, Miss B. Butler 2, J. Godman 3, R. D. Wells 4, G. McIlhone (cond.) 5, J. Cherrill 6. For Confirmation service.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: R. Stanley 1, D. Friend 2, Rob. J. Warriow 3, I. Friend 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warriow 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Wells 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Mouldsdate and Julia Carole Curwen.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Westmacott 1, J. W. Dixon 2, J. J. Westmacott 3, C. F. M. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms 7, Christine Houlton 8. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, G. Charlton 3, G. Sweet (first in two methods) 4, A. J. Ball (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,296 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Scrowson (first on treble) 1, 1. Booth 2, K. Kirk 3, R. Gibson 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Baker 1, Susan Devey 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Lynda Roberts 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, G. Bradbury 6. For Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Darnley 1, J. Vardy 2, Jane Tuffin 3, F. Symonds 4, J. Rose 5, R. Sturme 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, V. Furnage 8. For the Easter Festival.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob): S. R. Huckle 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, R. F. Law 4, R. H. French 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Spliced Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): R. H. French 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, J. J. Fox 3, H. Chant (cond.) 4, F. Mitchell 5, H. Mann 6. Rung after the baptism of Sheila Mary Mitchell at Royston.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 behind): Christine Abbott (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Hunter 2, Rachel Betton-Foster (first in method) 3, J. W. Hagley 4, R. J. C. Hagley 5, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 6, H. Jones 7, N. Smith 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Toni M. Rogers (first as cond., aged 12) 1, G. Kingston (first 'inside') 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers 5. For Evensong.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mills (12) 1-2, Miss C. H. Sharman 3-4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. J. Waipole (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, F. W. Ellis 3, B. B. Hullah 4, R. E. Hardy 5, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, RUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss B. Smith 2, K. Gould (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. I. Barton (cond.) 4, D. Cornwall 5, R. Newton 6, A. Newton 7, T. Tims 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newton 1, Miss B. Smith 2, K. Gould 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss J. I. Barton 5, B. Forest 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. For Evensong, also to celebrate the birth on April 11th of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Forest.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waile (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Turner (first on eight) 1, J. T. Locke (cond.) 2, S. A. Turner 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. J. Dean 5, F. Welch 6, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 7, T. Hill 8. First on the bells since re-hanging.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, G. Goodship 3, A. Bridges 4, J. Munnings 5, E. Blomfield (cond.) 6, A. Beckwith 7, C. Woodard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Rose, for many years a ringer and conductor at this church.

MUNKEN HADLEY, MIDDx.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Pegier (first quarter) 1, M. J. Soper 2, T. Pink 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Scott 1, A. Twyman 2, M. Maughan 3, J. Crowther 4, P. Ebsworth 5, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 6. For morning service, also as a welcome to the ringers of the second and fifth, who were on holiday in the area.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss A. Lawrenson 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, T. Price 3, W. Hunt 4, Miss M. Williams 5, 'H. L.' 6, P. Murdock 7, F. Turner 8, R. B. Pike (first on 10 as cond.) 9, B. Cooper 10. First of Caters for 1, 3 and 7. For Evensong.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Pardoe 1, Miss S. Scott 2, Miss D. A. Yeates 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. Rung by the St. George's Guild for Matins. Also on April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Yeates 1, R. G. Turner 2, Miss S. Scott 3, Miss D. A. Yeates 4, P. Ebsworth 5, M. Maughan 6, A. Twyman 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong. First quarter on eight for the ringer of the third. First in method as conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mawdesley 1, Pauline Flint 2, Margaret E. Fort (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Flint 4, J. Ashcroft 5, D. Burgess 6. For the children's service.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On April 21st, at St. Peter Mancroft, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Boar 1, E. Shorting 2, A. G. Bason 3, C. Curson 4, K. S. Hohl 5, D. Cubitt 6, F. C. Goodman 7, F. N. Golden (cond.) 8, B. Gog'e 9, C. Bird 10. Before Evensong, in honour of the Queen's birthday.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. S. Bennett (cond.) 1, V. H. Nash 2, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3, Jill Riley 4, R. G. Morris 5, Pamela M. Turner 6, J. K. Foot 7, R. E. Tallis sen. 8. First in the method by all except Miss Turner. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, H. W. Milford 2, A. J. Collings 3, J. W. Perkins 4, A. W. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 9.45 a.m. celebration.

POYNONT, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Vernon (first quarter) 1, C. Jenkins 2, D. Welch 3, L. Young (first quarter) 4, J. O. Weller (Westerham, Kent) 5, S. Hough jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Gainey (first of Minor) 1, D. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, C. Haylings 4, F. Lawrence (first as cond.) 5, B. Spiers 6. A birthday compliment to C. Haylings.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 1, Marion Richards 2, Janis E. Allen 3, D. Bounds 4, M. A. New 5, F. Broughton 6. Rung following the wedding of the Rev. J. E. Ingham (curate) and Miss S. M. Barnes.

ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Deverill 1, Susan P. Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. J. White 5, H. J. Page 6, P. J. Jackson 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

RUOS, E. YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. G. Hobson 2, D. P. B. Mills 3, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 4, J. S. Rank 5.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Cowan 1, Deborah J. G. Wilson 2, Marion C. Petts (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, C. G. Alban (first 'inside') 5. For Family Eucharist.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Webb 2, C. Geary 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Noad 1, R. Hale 2, Miss A. White 3, J. Abbott 4, S. Cottle (cond.) 5, J. Hues 6. For Matins. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): K. B. Osborne 1, Pamela A. Osborne 2, J. Abbott 3, S. Cottle 4, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Hillier (14, first quarter) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Janet L. Livingston 3, J. F. Bowler 4, B. T. Lister 5, G. R. Shedden 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, D. P. Hilling 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: L. Cooper (leading) 1, J. Swain 2, W. H. Wittering 3, D. L. Gullick 4, D. R. Taplin 5, W. Brown 6, W. Lawrence 7, W. H. Munson 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At 14, Poplar Road, on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. D. Fellows 1-2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4, F. V. Nicholls 5-6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jones 1, Miss T. P. Johnson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, Rev. R. G. Bryant 4, V. Griffin 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6, C. Sawyer 7. For children's service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lavers 1, A. E. Bissatt 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Gray 4, G. A. Parsons 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. W. Gray 8. For the induction of the Rev. G. Trevor Southgate (Vicar).

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Butler 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Before Holy Eucharist. Also on April 21st, 720 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, D. J. White (cond.) 3, Mary White 4, K. G. Waller 5, C. E. Bassett 6. For youth service.

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WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Miss J. Gray (first of T.B.) 1, Miss J. Porter 2, S. Turner 3, J. G. Hobson 4, H. Gibson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Potter 1, J. Miller 2, A. T. Bailey 3, W. Nichols 4, R. W. Winstanley (cond.) 5, G. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. J. Hollingsworth (first quarter attempt) 1, D. Slater 2, F. H. Hicks 3, J. Leppard (first of Minor 'inside') 4, B. W. Parke 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Hatcher 1, Miss A. Oakley 2, Miss A. F. Funnell 3, K. W. Wallis 4, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 5, D. A. Parks 6. Rung for the marriage of Jane Funnell to Harvey Norton, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the bride.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Groves 1, Christine Hiscock 2, A. Matthews (first quarter) 3, C. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, E. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, A. Waterman 8. To commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Finch.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will be no meeting during May.—J. Seager, Sec. 2407

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder, Wells. 2350

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing arrangements: Campton (5), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Clifton (8), 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Henlow (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Southill (6), 1.30-2.30; Old Warden (6), 2-3.15; Northill (6), 2.15-3.30; Sandy (6), 2.45-4; Potten (6), 3-4.15; Biggleswade (8), 3.45-4.30 and after business meeting. Tea, Biggleswade, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea, 3s. 9d., from Secretaries.—S. Iven, Gen. Sec., 28, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Bedford. 2336

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at March. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Muref, Dis. Sec. 2365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorington, Saturday, May 4th. Ringing competition 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Chiddingfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Witley 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 2353

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley on May 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Institute. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett.—J. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 2354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. A. Legg, 23, Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook.—W. H. D., Hon. Sec. 2338

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Newton-le-Willows. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2426

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 4th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15.—Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow, The Chantry Hall. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft (12), 2-4.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2-3.45; St. George's, Colegate (6), 2-3.45, in evening by request. Also ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre and St. Miles' by request. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. NOR 57N.—H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 2333

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thornhaugh, May 4th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Wansford (5) also available after tea. Names for tea to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2404

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 2349

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, St. James', Horsefair (10), on Monday, May 6th, at 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 2388

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 6th, at 7 p.m. 2387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—London Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, Tuesday, May 7th, 7.30-9 p.m. 2419

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting at Maidstone

Saturday, May 11th.

Luncheon at Chiesmans' Restaurant, High Street, Maidstone, 12.45 for 1 p.m., for those sending names and cash (7s. 6d.) by May 7th to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.

Business meeting 6.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone.

Ringing programme:—

All Saints', Maidstone (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5-6 p.m.; St. Nicholas', Leeds (10), 2.15-4; St. Mary's, Lenthall (8), 3-5 p.m.

—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 2380

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mr. Paul E. Spencer, 21, Hangingsstone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Saturday, June 8th, 1963, shield contest at Wortley, near Sheffield. 2415

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), Saturday, May 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Prescott, Copse Cottage, Barton St. David, Somerton.—L. McCreadie, Sec. 2394

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 2397

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, Saturday, May 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before May 6th, obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting: Broughton (8), Hodnet (8) and Cheswardine (8), 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking competition, Barlborough (6) on Saturday, May 11th. Draw for order of ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ashly, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Derbys, no later than May 8th.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2371

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, no later than May 8th, to Mr. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields. 2401

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2404

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fobbing, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 9th, to H. Smith, 76, Lampits Hill, Corringham, Essex. 2411

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Pulley, 11, Council Cottages, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 2418

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, May 11th, Hannington (5), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea. Blunsdon, 5 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea.—Luton, 196, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 2408

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Upton St. Leonards (8), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Glos. 2413

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Seaton, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St David's, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting following. Other dates: 14-9-63 and 14-12-63.—G. Skinner. 2237

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimscoate, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 2399

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Hunsdon, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 2405

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting May 11th changed to Charing. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 7th, to Mr. P. M. Bradford, 14, Downs Way, Charing, Kent. No name no tea.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2403

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby Cathedral (10), Saturday May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2370

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe on May 11th (note date!). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names to Miss S. Washbrook, 'Halcyon', Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by previous Wednesday. Business follows tea.—J. Pilkington. 2427

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 11th, at Scorton (8 bells) (A.6 road), alight 'Hamilton Armes'. Names for tea to Mr. Anderson, Springfield, Scorton, Preston.—P. Handley and L. Walmsley, Secs. 2406

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone on May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mrs. E. H. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. Tel.: Thurnby 3105.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 2398

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—May 11th quarterly meeting at Donington. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2406

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 11th at Penrhos. Bells (4) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names to Rev. Ivor Richards, Llanarth Vicarage, near Raglan. Also available: Tregaer (5), 2-3 p.m.; Dingestow (5), 2-3; Abergavenny (10), 7-30-8.45 p.m. 2345

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-5.30 p.m. Tea and business follows immediately. Evening ringing, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 2392

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Burton-on-Trent, May 11th. Bells available: All Saints (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Modwen's, 6 to 8. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools at 4.30 p.m. Business important, election of officers. All welcome. 2344

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, Swynnerton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mr. W. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton. Stone, Staffs. Standon bells (5) available after tea (6 p.m.).—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, 'Beverley', Warborough, Oxon. 2429

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 2410

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT ROCHESTER, KENT, on Saturday, May 11th, 1963.

PROGRAMME:
Rochester Cathedral (10), 10-11 a.m.
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All Saints', Frindsbury (8), 2-3.45 p.m.
Tea and meeting, Patricia's Pantry, 4.30.
St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham (8),
6.15-8 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to:
Mr. W. Hollands, 19, Tufton Road,
Rainham, near Gillingham.
—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2348

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild festival and annual general meeting at Beaminster, May 11th. General meeting in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, at 2.15 p.m. Festival service, Parish Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. Meat tea in Public Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, from M. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 7th, please. Bells available: Beaminster (8), Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitechurch Canonichorum (8), Thorncombe (8), Netherby (6), Lodgers (6), Evershot (6), Broadwindsor (6). Other bells in West Dorset Branch by arrangements, Catstock (8), Charminster (8), Sutton Cheney (8) by courtesy of Dorchester Branch. Parties wishing to ring here to write the Church Authorities concerned. All bells available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. onwards. All towers closed between 2 and 6 p.m.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone 2297. 2343

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on May 11th, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, 11.30 a.m., St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, from 2.30 p.m. Tea numbers by May 7th to Miss Procter, 6, Brain Street, Paisley. 2421

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—May 11th meeting at Cound. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 8th to Rev. S. Evans, Cound Rectory, Cound, Shrewsbury. 2423

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston, May 11th. Preliminary rounds, Crawford Cup contest, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's', Wharton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2417

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea by 7th to the Rev. P. Pennant, Blyth Vicarage, near Worksop.—H. Denman. 2414

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Summer meeting at Nowchurch (cum-Needwood), near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school opposite, 5.15 p.m. (Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.) Newborough (5) and Rangemoor (5) bells available afterwards. Will all committee members endeavour to please attend, to discuss annual meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2358

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 11th, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing as usual. Good Shepherd, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Individual names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th.—R. Percy, Gen. Sec., 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne. 2344

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2377

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Western and Northern Districts, at Rothbury on May 18th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves Bewick Street, 2 p.m. Names for tea, before Tuesday, May 14th, to Miss I. Thomson, 56, Colston Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 4. 2422

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 18th, Hughenden, 3 p.m. West Wycombe 5 p.m. Beaconsfield 6 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.—D. L. Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage. 2420

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, May 18th, South Mimms. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Frost, 38, Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Barnet, Herts, by May 15th. No name no tea. Monken Hadley (8) available 7-8.30 p.m.—M. A. Coburn, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 2409

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Huntingfield (5), Saturday, May 18th, 3-4.30 p.m. No service. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Heveningham (5) bells from 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, to Marion Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 2425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary and Higham, Saturday, May 18th. Stratford St. Mary (6) bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Higham (6) bells after tea and business meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea by May 15th, please, to Mr. W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 2393

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Great Totham, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2367

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hempstead on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Rycart, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden. 2396

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner and social to be held at Barkby on Saturday, May 25th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Handbell tune ringing contest. Tickets, price 6s. 6d., obtainable from the District Secretary or Mr. M. R. A. Kirk, Brooklands Farm, Barkby, Leicester.—J. A. M. Cox, Dis. Sec. 5386

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Rearranged date. Annual meeting at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, June 22nd. Further details later.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec. 2424

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HATFIELD, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. L. Baycock 1, S. W. Cull 2, Miss A. J. Chapman (first 'inside') 3, M. Pettitt 4, G. H. Austin 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, E. Edmondson 7, L. F. Cull 8. For Sunday service.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Wilcox (first quarter) 1, J. Naish 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, J. Brooks 4, M. J. A. Orman (first of Minor) 5, S. J. Oram (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss D. M. Heal, on her marriage to Mr. G. J. Emery.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Symonds 1, M. E. Eggleston 2, E. G. Pearce 3, N. F. Whittle 4, A. T. Beckwith 5, A. R. Bridges (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bridges.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: J. L. Millhouse 1, Joyce M. Gurnhill 2, Claire Dillamore 3, S. A. Chambers 4, P. A. Sharp 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, G. Paul 7, H. Lowman 8, H. L. Pask 9, J. Walden 10, I. Freeman 11, G. R. Parker 12. For morning service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Minor (Thelfall and Childwall): Miss C. Follis (first quarter) 1, S. C. Walters 2, Miss D. K. Moore 3, Miss M. Smith 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On April 14th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Ainsworth (first quarter) 1, Miss K. North 2, G. Lister 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, D. Young 5, J. Blockwood 6, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung for Solemn Evensong on Easter Sunday.

MARSTON, OXON.—On March 17th: G. Porter 1, L. Maund (first attempt) 2, L. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on April 7th: D. Oliver 1, L. Porter 2, A. Smith 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5. For Palm Sunday, and for the birthdays of the Vicar, Margaret Cozier and Julia Chandler.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, A. Macfadyen 3, F. S. Macey 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, T. A. Cross 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. C. Hogan 8, B. Baker 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

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