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THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON

By K. S. B. CROFT

JUST 50 years ago the bells of St. Mary's, the mother church of Southampton, were installed to complete a tower and spire scheme which had formed part of the original plan of a new church—the fifth—on an ancient site of Christian worship on the west bank of the River Itchen. The church authorities, with good reason, are intending to celebrate this anniversary in a fitting manner. On Sunday, April 26th, both Matins and Evensong will have the theme of bells to the fore; in the morning a plaque recording a lifetime of service to St. Mary's and its bells by Mr. John W. Faithfull will be dedicated, when the preacher will be Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; in the evening a ringers' pew will be placed in the church and dedicated, the preacher on this occasion being Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, president of the Central Council.

The bells, an outright gift by a parishioner, Mary Ann Wingrove, in memory of her husband, were originally an octave, remaining so until 1933, when two trebles were added through the Barron Bell Trust. Their arrival in Southampton in 1914 was virtually a civic occasion, for there was a pageant of the bells. Each one was taken on a horse-drawn trolley from the Docks Railway Station to the church along a two-mile route through the centre of the town, and each trolley was decorated in appropriate colours to represent the major festivals of the Church. The treble, for example, symbolised the Feast of the Nativity, and typified infancy, selected schoolchildren dressed in white and carrying flowers riding on the trolley with the bell. Aged parishioners rode with the seventh, which represented the Trinity, the colour motif being green, and they were not deterred from enjoying their rôle, according to a contemporary account, by the tenor behind them accompanied by an allegorical figure of Father Time, complete with scythe! These bells were cast by Taylor's, the tenor weighing 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

The bells were set up on a raised platform near the chancel steps for the dedication, a most impressive ceremony at the close of Evensong one Sunday. Hardly had they been hung in the tower, however, than the Great War broke out. It was during the grim days of war that these bells were to provide the inspiration which has made them famous through the song 'The Bells of St. Mary's' yet, strangely enough, the facts are probably not as well-enough known to the Exercise as they should be. Douglas Furber and the Australian composer A. Emmett Adams heard St. Mary's bells sounding across the River Itchen one wartime night, and the former, who wrote the lyric, has told the story of his meeting with the Australian: 'Because we both loved

the same things, we got together to write songs, and then we heard the bells of St. Mary's, the mother church of Southampton, in sight and sound of the sea—a lovely ring of bells.' He has spoken of how 'The Bells of St. Mary's' was eventually accepted by the publishers, and of how it ran into tens of thousands of copies. Introduced into the United States in 1917, it was immediately adopted by the New York State Maritime College as their college song.

Rather over 50 peals have been rung here, beginning with a half-muffled one of Stedman Triples in 1916 for the fallen. This was conducted by George Williams, who frequently rang at St. Mary's. The belfry, indeed, houses the George Williams Memorial Library of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The first peal of Major was Double Norwich, taking part in which were John W. Faithfull, later to be captain of the ringers for more than 30 years, and D. Cecil Williams, the present organist, who has held office for a similar length of time. In 1931 Cecil Williams conducted a peal to celebrate his appointment as organist and master of the music. The first peal of Surprise in Southampton was rung here in 1922, and in the following year 5,024 Bob Major with a most exceptional footnote: 'The ringers of Treble and 2nd each lost an arm in the Great War—J. W. Faithfull the left, and G. Pullinger the right.' Both these gentlemen have maintained a life-long interest in ringing, Mr. Pullinger being, of course, sometime Master of the Guild. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, as Miss Edith K. Parker, was the first lady to take part in a peal on these bells, ringing the fourth to Superlative in 1923. Following the increase to ten, Grandsire Caters was scored by the local band at the first attempt in 1934, and the first of Royal—Cambridge—the next year.

St. Mary's was burnt out during the great air raid on Southampton in 1940: so extensive was the damage to the bells that Taylor's could do no more than advise a complete recasting. The work was put in hand after the war and the bells rehung in 1948 as a mark of the intention of the authorities to restore the church. Charles H. Kippin conducted the first peal on the recast ring—Kent Treble Bob Royal, the same method as the last on the old bells, the 1939 peal mentioned above. The remaining peal of historical note was one of Grandsire Caters in 1956 to mark the dedication of the completely rebuilt fabric, the sixth church of St. Mary on the same site of Christian worship since mediæval times.

Both the church in its age-long history and the bells in their comparatively short life have experienced triumph and disaster. Yet both have symbolised the resilience of the Christian faith and both are outward-looking: the bells sending forth their sound to inspire all those who will listen, and St. Mary's itself vigorously working to forge links far and wide, in which task the bells have their part.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The second session of the 25th Council (67th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1964, in the Town Hall, Boscawen Street, Truro, 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.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

- 1 Election of Life Members (Rule 7 (i) (b)).
Mr. A. A. Hughes, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. F. W. Perrins, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.
- 2 Election of Honorary Members.
Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. G. W. Pipe retire and are eligible for re-election. There are five vacancies.
- 3 Loss of members through death.
- 4 Minutes of the last meeting.
- 5 Report of the Honorary Secretary.
- 6 Report of the Honorary Librarian.
- 7 Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1963
- 8 Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
- 9 To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
 - (c) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
 - (d) Records Committee.
 - (e) Literary and Press Committee.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries Committee.
 - (g) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
 - (h) Biographies Committee.
 - (i) Peals Analysis Committee.
 - (j) Overseas Ringing Committee.
 - (k) Peals Collection Committee.
 - (l) Methods Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULE

- 10 To amend Rule 9 (Meetings of the Council) by substituting the words 'at a previous meeting' for 'at the previous meeting' in lines 2 and 3.
Proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MOTIONS

- 11 (a) 'That this Council shall no longer recognise as ringing any even-bell method which has four places made between successive rows on more than one occasion in a half-lead.'
Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur.
- (b) 'That this Council investigate and report on the possibilities of systematic nomenclature for methods.'
Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur.
- 12 To fix the place of the next meeting.
- 13 Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

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Crayford, Kent.

New Leading Association For Peals

For very many years the Leicester Diocesan Guild has headed the list of Guilds and Associations for the ringing of peals.

In 1963 they lost their leadership to the Lancashire Association. The leading positions are (1962 in parentheses):
Lancashire Association 218 (140);
Leicester Guild 197 (205); Oxford Guild 175 (178); Yorkshire Association 163 (137); Kent Association 147 (170);
Lincoln Guild 126 (135); Chester Guild 122 (155); Gloucester and Bristol 117 (81); Hertfordshire Association 103 (64).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held this year in the Ely District, where much of the landscape was Fenland. Weather conditions were typical of those experienced this Easter.

Ringing commenced at 10 a.m. from two points—Swaffingham Prior and March. Towers open during the day were Burwell, Chippenham, Isleham, Wicken, Soham, Doddington, Chatteris, Sutton, Haddenham, Willingham, Stretham, Ely, Littleport and Cottenham.

The service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Soham, and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Haliday Smith). He gave a cordial welcome to over 150 people present. Tea was served in the Church Hall by a willing band of helpers.

Before the business meeting the general secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) welcomed all present, especially the visitors from other Guilds and Associations. These included members from Lincoln, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Bedfordshire, Coventry and Leicester.

Mr. W. W. Cousins was elected to the chair for the business meeting. The officers, who were re-elected, are: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, Mr. B. D. Threlfall; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis.

ENTHRONEMENT DAY RINGING

The report wished the president, the Lord Bishop, a happy retirement, and extended a welcome to his successor, the Rt. Rev. E. J. K. Roberts, who is expected to be enthroned in May. The committee express the wish that all towers in the Diocese will ring on that day or shortly afterwards. The new Bishop is a bellringer.

Bell restoration went steadily on. Brampton's ring of six, completed 18 months ago, had not yet been dedicated, the reason being the installation of a new clock. Much hard work in raising money had taken place at Great Gidding. The front four had been repaired and were ringing, but the tenor needed attention. Fordham bells went to the foundry last July, the third and tenor to be recast and the other four retuned. They are to be rehung in an iron frame and new fittings. Kimbolton bells (5) are to be removed to the foundry and rehung in an iron frame.

100 PEOPLE RANG IN PEALS

The peal secretary's report stated that 48 peals were rung during the year, viz: Caters 2, Major 21, Triples 2, Minor 16 and Doubles 7. Of notable peals that which would give pleasure to most people was that at Barkway for Mr. T. Reginald Dennis' 80th birthday. A total of 100 people took part in the peals and conducting was shared by 18 people. The leading conductor was Mr. G. E. Thoday.

It was decided to visit the Cambridge area next Easter Monday. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Ely District secretary, (Mr. R. J. Palmer) for the able way he made all the arrangements assisted by many willing helpers.

THE FOURTH OF MARCH, 1964

THE Appleton Fourth of March celebration is the one ringing occasion which is never missed by those who have been before. Every year creates a new record for attendance: this year bringing some 110 ringers and friends to the dinner, which fell on the 7th.

The customary 5,039 Grandsire Caters by the late George Hollifield was rung in the morning, and to those who sat umpiring in the 'Plough', the peal seemed up to standard. Lunch, kindly provided for the band by Frank White and his long-suffering sister, was the prelude to the afternoon's relaxations, and by 6.30 the festive mood was apparent.

As usual, the meal in the Village Hall was just what was needed, and the speeches just what was expected. 'Expected' in the sense that Appleton thrives on tradition: those who spoke were all old friends of Appleton and knew how to keep that tradition going. Mr. William Hibbert, proposing 'The Church', paid tribute to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, coupling with it the name of the Master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg. In reply, Canon Wigg recalled the war years at Appleton, and the maintenance of the old traditions during that time. He and his wife had taken part in a quarter peal 'in hand' on one March 4th when the exigencies of defence prevented the church bells from being heard.

The toast of 'The Appleton Society' was proposed by Mr. Fred Sharpe, known to all as one who has the interests of Appleton deeply at heart. He traversed the history of the Whites, the Hollifields, and all those who had helped to make Appleton a famous name in ringing circles. Mr. Sharpe dropped a minor thunderbolt on the gathering by announcing that Mr. Frank White had been entrusted with the rehanging of New College bells. Frank, in his response, recalled the death of his uncle, Mr. C. G. White, and a short silence was observed in memory of 'Uncle John'.

The Rector, the Rev. Dr. A. Tindall-Hart, welcomed the visitors, and Mr. F. J. Nelson, on behalf of the Oxford University Society, spoke of the debt owed by that Society to Appleton.

Songs and handbell ringing, in the Appleton manner, brought the day nearer its end. It was pleasing to see that the places in the handbell team left by the deaths of two greatly missed members of the White family were filled by 'Uncle John's' grandson and one of Frank's nephews, both of whom performed as to the manner born, as indeed they were.

If any reader has not yet visited Appleton on March 4th, I suggest he writes now for next year's tickets. Those who have been are booked up for many years in advance.

J. E. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

It was unfortunate that the Mansfield District meeting, held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, on March 21st, was so poorly attended. This thriving little five-bell tower can boast 17 young Guild ringing members, thanks to the interest and guidance of their captain, Miss Thelma Staples, and her assistants.

The Rev. D. A. G. Brinn conducted a short and most fitting service, which was followed by tea in the Church Hall kindly prepared by the local ladies. The following Kirkby ringers were elected Guild members: Messrs. I. Pitman and T. G. Webb, the Misses E. A. Hill, S. Tannert, L. M. Bagguley and B. E. Diggle.

Next meeting—Edwinstowe, May 23rd—District Cup Contest.
D. J. B.

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Tenterden Revisited for Kent A.G.M. after 59 Years

GREY skies and chilly winds did not deter an enthusiastic attendance at the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association at Tenterden on Easter Monday. Indeed, applications from ten members for luncheon tickets had to be returned after the closing date as no accommodation was left. Young people were present in large numbers, but there were two veterans who had also been present at the A.G.M. at Tenterden in 1905—F. S. Macey, who attended his first A.G.M. that day 59 years ago, and Edwing Barnett, who in years of membership, having joined in 1896, is second only to Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving member who on May 18th will have been a member for 84 years.

Ringling took place in the morning at various towers in the district, including St. Mildred's Parish Church, Tenterden, where at noon a grand Easter service of praise was conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. Willis. The singing was led by some members of the Tenterden choir, supported by robed clergy, the Revs. P. T. Robbins, S. Evans and P. N. Bond. The Mayor of Tenterden, Alderman Colonel E. F. Foreman, occupied the Mayor's pew, accompanied by Mrs. Foreman. At the suggestion of the Vicar, the offertory of over £12 was donated to a special appeal the Mayor is conducting to raise in 1964 the sum of £400 for the Church of England Children's Society.

THOSE PASSED ON REMEMBERED

The service opened with the Easter hymn 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem.' Mr. John Willis, of Folkestone, vice-president of the Association and chairman, read the lesson, being the gospel for the day—the walk to Emmaus. After the singing of the hymn 'The strife is o'er' the Vicar read the names of those who had died since the last A.G.M. These were: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, B. Aldridge, J. J. Batchelor, J. Beach, F. A. Fairbeard, F. Gorrington, E. Hannington, S. H. Hardy, S. Honour, H. Huntley, J. E. Lyddiard, W. Mayturn, T. Saunders, S. A. White, A. F. Wellington; honorary, Mrs. J. Willis, A. R. Cooper and Lt.-Gen. A. L. Foster; non-resident, J. W. Cornford, A. E. Edwards, A. C. Hazelden and H. Stalham. This was followed by the general thanksgiving and the Association prayer.

The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the visitors and spoke favourably of the size of the congregation, the heartiness of the singing and his pleasure at seeing so many young people. He reminded the congregation of their duty to attend public worship since all needed the presence of each other to provide the inspiration that such a service as that could give.

Luncheon was served at the Homewood School by local voluntary helpers, most ably organised by Miss Violet Relf, her brother and other local ringers. After the loyal toast Mr. John Willis gave a hearty welcome to the Mayor and Mrs. Foreman, the Vicar and Mrs. Willis, Mr. W. Tickner, the churchwarden, and Mr. Longman, the organist.

In his reply, the Mayor spoke enthusiastically of his family connections with Kentish ringers, having lived most of his life in the county and being a Kentish man. He had been uplifted by the service in the parish church and he and his wife had greatly enjoyed their contact with the ringers that day and he hoped they would have a successful meeting. He said their Vicar, who had arrived in the parish towards the end of the work on the bells, had been greatly surprised at the speed at which the money for the restoration had been raised. This surely indicated the great love the ordinary Englishman had for the bells of his parish church.

1,182 RESIDENT MEMBERS

After the departure of the guests the members and their friends adjourned to the school hall for the business meeting. The secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, reported apologies for absence of the editor of 'The Ringing World' and from Mr. B. F. L. Groves, who was taking part in the attempt at Birmingham for a record length of Cambridge Maximus.

Mr. Corby moved the adoption of the printed annual report, which showed 1,182 resident members and 80 honorary. This was seconded by Mr. Terry Barton and approved. The secretary referred to more recent developments in connection with certain items. The committee had considered the proposed F. M. Mitchell Memorial and, on behalf of the committee Mr. P. A. Corby moved and Mr. F. S. Macey seconded and it was agreed that the Association should proceed with the provision of an investment of £50 for bell ropes for Milton-next-Gravesend Church to be commemorated by a stone, wooden or bell metal tablet in the church, subject to the necessary faculty, on which the wording at present proposed (subject to confirmation by the Faculty Commission) was 'In Memory of Frederick M. Mitchell, Captain of this tower, 1910-1960: General Secretary, Kent County Association of Change Ringers, 1928-47; Treasurer, 1928-1956; Master, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1932. This tablet has been erected by members and friends of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers: who have also endowed the maintenance of the bell ropes of this Church.'

RESTORATION WORK

The secretary advised the meeting that the committee had that morning considered the present position of restoration work in various towers as follows: Pluckley, Tenterden (where the secretary had been in touch with Mr. R. Clouston, of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, regarding the unsatisfactory 'go' of the bells even after the recent re-hanging), Queenborough, East Malling (where the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council had given a report and it was hoped a new iron frame for eight bells would be provided, the six rehung and possibly at some time two trebles added), Smeth (where the anticipated augmentation would not now take place), Ash-by-Wrotham, Merham, Lamberhurst, Cuxton, Sevenoaks, Upchurch, Frindsbury, Birling, Ashford and Eastling.

The accounts were presented by Mr. B. W. May, the treasurer, who proposed formal adoption. This was seconded by Mr. A. Dunk and agreed, after Mr. A. S. Richards, auditor, had expressed appreciation of the care and skill with which Mr. May kept the Association's accounts. The balance sheet showed assets of £1,250.

Mr. I. H. Oram, the peal secretary, formally moved the adoption of his report as printed. This was seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Oram for his sterling work, particularly in sorting out the confusion in the numbering of the Association peals in earlier years.

During 1963, 146 peals were rung for the Association, 24 less than the previous year. Mr. Ian H. Oram was leading conductor (27) and 28 members rang their first peal. Notable performances were peals by the local bands of Lympne, Tonbridge and Wittersham, and two peals of Glasgow Surprise Major by two separate bands.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected and also the following officers: Honorary secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby; peal secretary, Mr. I. H. Oram; honorary treasurer,

Mr. B. W. May; honorary auditor, Mr. A. S. Richards.

RALLY INSTEAD OF DINNER

Mr. T. A. Cross, the Maidstone District secretary, reported it had been impossible to arrange a suitable place for the annual dinner in his District within the usual price range, and the total cost per head might well be in the region of 25s. On a show of hands only 34 expressed a hope to be present in spite of the cost. This was felt to be insufficient support and, after some discussion, Rev. P. T. Robbins proposed and Mr. T. A. Cross seconded and it was agreed, that instead of the dinner a ringers' rally should be organised for the whole Association in the Maidstone District in the summer, when evenings were light. This would comprise ringling at various towers, a service, tea, but no business.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. S. Rayfield seconded the adoption of the revised rules as set out in a memorandum dated December, 1962, which had been circulated to all towers. The committee had accepted the substance of a resolution from the Rochester District, which had the effect of dropping the proposed affiliation fee for towers. The resident members' subscriptions would, for the time being at any rate, remain at the present rates.

After a lengthy discussion the revised rules were adopted.

INACCURATE ARTICLE CHALLENGED

The secretary reported that he had written to 'Hopleaf,' a correspondent in a most interesting monthly magazine, 'Kent Life,' in connection with a very inaccurate article which had appeared in the January issue giving the impression that ringling was a dying art. Mr. Richard Hough, of Folkestone had written an excellent letter in the February issue correcting the misleading impression given by the article. 'Hopleaf' had written a most charming letter to the secretary regretfully declining an invitation to be present at that day's meeting and promising to make amends in some future article for what he could now see was ignorance about ringling, particularly now he had seen a Kent County Association report.

The chairman presented suitable gifts which he had provided to Mr. Crawford Hillis, Ashford District secretary, and Miss Violet Relf, of Tenterden, in appreciation of the splendid work they had done in making the arrangements for the meeting, which, with its near-record attendance of over 200, had been most successful.

Mr. Corby expressed the thanks of the meeting to all who had made it possible; the Vicar, the Mayor, the organist, the churchwarden, the caterers and all others concerned, not least the other clergy who had made bells available. He went on to express the thanks of the members to their chairman, whom they held in great affection and esteem. Mr. Willis replied and expressed his thanks for the great kindness of members to him at all times, but particularly at the time of the death of his dear wife.

SOMERSET REMEMBERS

Ringers from several Somerset towers met at Ilminster on April 1st to ring a quarter of Bob Major as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Shire. Mr. Shire, who is still ringling at Tewin, in Hertfordshire, was brought up in the West Country and Ilminster was his home tower many years ago. Although the quarter was found to be false, due to a fault in copying, the ringers send Mr. Shire their very best wishes for 'Many Happy Returns of the Day.'

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Letters to the Editor

Floral Names

Dear Sir.—The recent peal of Doubles at Tanglely recalls the controversy in the 1920's over the use of 'floral' names—subsequently altered—for various Minor methods. The then Editor of 'The Ringing World' commented that when the band had exhausted the possibilities of floriculture they might turn their attention to horticulture, when we could expect to see peals in such methods as Onion Delight and Beetroot Surprise. I commend the idea to Mr. Dodd and his friends—the names wouldn't sound any sillier than some of those they used.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

A Good Idea

Dear Sir.—Are my wife and I the only ones to think that the Washington venture is a good idea and to feel satisfied with the band that Mr. John Chilcott has invited?—Yours faithfully,

Southampton.

K. S. B. CROFT.

Views not Representative

Dear Sir.—Like many other readers of 'The Ringing World,' I was shocked at the most distasteful letter on page 220 from Mr. F. I. Hairs who, I notice, is a member of the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World.'

We shall support what worthy fund we like and not allow Mr. Hairs to dictate how we dispose of our money.

In any case the major expense will be borne by Washington and it is a privilege that we are able to make some financial contribution and an honour that English ringers should be invited to ring for the dedication, thus making the occasion important to us as well as to Americans. It is certainly an important one for both English bellfounders, since both carillon and ringing peal will be heard.

Surely the ringing of bells is to the glory of God and not to the ringers or church people, be they American or English.

To our American cousins I say—take no notice of Mr. Hairs, his warped view is not representative of English ringers.

I wish the selected ringers well. May they prove worthy representatives of ringers in this country and their ringing give pleasure to the American people.—Yours truly,

J. R. LITTLE (Miss).

Derby.

Silent Towers

Dear Sir.—First may I say what an excellent leading article appeared in the issue of April 3rd under 'Break That Silence.' I am certain that tremendous good is done by ringing the bells in a silent tower on occasion.

Quarterly and practice meetings will usually touch each tower in turn if all are treated alike, the fives and sixes with the eights and over, and in an attempt to ring in silent towers a little more frequently my own District decided to try and get all ringable bells rung for the Christmas Festival last year; this was fully accomplished by the nearest band to the particular silent tower making itself responsible for ringing as near Christmas Day as possible.

Also, I would like to support the remarks of Mr. Frank Knight re Grandsire or Plain Bob for learners. It seems to be most general, in the South at any rate, to begin with Grandsire, but I think this came about through bands of ringers with no outside help having to take advantage of the method having two bells plain hunting, and this can make a very real difference in a country tower. Apart from this, Plain Bob is obviously the gateway to many methods on all numbers of bells and, once mastered, Grandsire would follow with or without other methods as and when required.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Warrash, Hants.

A Scottish Viewpoint

Dear Sir.—There are two things about which I have been meaning to write for some time. They have no connection yet I include them in the same letter because writing twice is quite unnecessary when only once will suffice.

My first comment I make with my tongue in my cheek because it invites immediate hostile reaction from many quarters. I wish to express my disapproval of the way in which you have been publishing the odd letter proudly acclaiming the achievement of some Sunday band in ringing regularly for a long, unbroken period. I cannot, I must confess, claim to be a member of such a band, yet this is no case of 'sour grapes'; a band that has rung for every service over a period of several years is to be highly commended. My objection is in the way that some bands are now advertising their achievement and are, themselves, seeking the commendation. I know that we are told 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works' . . . but the purpose for this is so that they may . . . worship your Father which is in Heaven.'

I am, myself, very impressed by the length of regular service given by some of the bands, but the way in which we are notified of their records does tend to 'take the gilt off the ginger-bread.' As an illustration, I picked a recent 'Ringing World' at random and found the following words in one such letter: ' . . . we have almost completed an unbroken run of ringing for a thousand services in a little under ten years . . .'; this is indeed a record of which they feel justly proud. I would suggest, however, that perhaps it might have been preferable had a short statement appeared in 'Belfry Gossip' cloaked in anonymity.

Completely apart from this, the old business of method-naming has cropped again and I noticed in a letter from Derek P. Jones two weeks ago a suggestion to use Irish or Scottish names. The idea is such a good one that I am surprised that nobody else has thought seriously of tapping the vast supply of excellent names that Scotland has to offer. A few small places that I can recall off-hand provide an example and it doesn't take an intensive study of a Scottish atlas to compose an almost unending list. Auchterarder and Invergowrie, Stirlingshire and Perthshire, Incture (pronounced 'Inchture'), Blairgowrie and St. Fillans are all names with a delightful lilt to them that sound as good as, if not better than, some of the names under dispute. I respectfully suggest to anyone who is looking for a title for their latest performance to direct their search north of the border, where they should surely find a satisfactory solution. — Yours faithfully,

Dundee.

P. T. DALE.

Converts Impossible

Dear Sir.—Although my ringing experience, I suspect, doesn't quite compare with most of the previous contributors, I feel I would like to add my opinion to those already expressed. (I can almost hear the cries—'Not another one. Why doesn't someone stop it?')

My home tower has plain rope ends and it was on these that I learnt to ring. I'll admit I like them as they're easy to adjust when they've 'gone up' or 'come down,' and also the dangerous practice of standing on numerous boxes or forms is done away with!

I do, however, prefer to ring peals, of which I have rung one or two on ropes having Yorkshire tail ends, for they are indeed 'kind to your hands.'

In defence of the Barnsley and District Society ringers I should like to say that those who have argued their point did it because in their experience, they have found Yorkshire tail ends better for their own personal requirements and standards, for the same reason those who prefer plain ends have argued their point. One side will never convert the other no matter how much is said on the subject. —Yours faithfully,

A BARNSELY AND DISTRICT MEMBER.

Saints' Name Peals

Mr. P. Amos writes that St. George is Winchendon plain leads with half-leads of Original called as bobs, and Old Doubles calls for singles. Call B. S. B. Pl. three times and you get 2nd observation.

You can get 4ths observation if you start off Original without calling bob, as the bob is called three blows from the end of the 120. To get 120 of 4ths observation you call Pl., B. S. B. three times instead of B. S. B. Pl. as for 2nd observation. There are only the two observations; 3rd and 5th do not give a 120.

The principle was first rung by Mr. Alan Pink's band some years ago to St. Simon's plain leads which they named St. Matthew, and to St. Martin's which they named St. Mark. I discovered it went to St. Nicholas, and so named that St. Silvester, which we rang to a peal on St. Silvester's Day (December 31st, 1961) at Weston Favell.

Mr. G. F. Roome wrote it up to Winchendon, and named it St. George—being fully aware that no peal to that title had previously been rung. Mr. Blagrove is therefore as wrong in his description of St. George's Doubles as he is of St. David's.

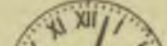
St. David's Doubles is Reverse Canterbury plain leads with New Antelope single called as a bob, and that is what we rang at Scaldwell, Northants, on St. David's Day, 1962. It was previously rung by a Notts band, who passed it on to me; they chose the name—St. David's! Since then I have got out a St. Patrick, which is St. Osmund with Old bob calls. St. Osmund, on the principle of St. George's, I have named St. Anthony. St. Bede, which I passed on to Mr. Kirk's band (which was included in their Loughborough peal), is All Saints' plain leads with London extremes called as bobs.

These same extremes are used (as Mr. Blagrove rightly states) to get St. Blaise: the first peal of St. Blaise the Peterborough Guild also rang—at Blakesley for, if my memory serves me right, the festival of St. Blaise, 1960, about which the late Mr. Ernest Morris penned an interesting history of St. Blaise, who is patron saint of woolcombers.

We have also rung the first peals of St. Guthlac, at St. Guthlac's Church, Passenham, which is New Antelope single plain leads with Old bob calls. The first of St. Perpetua, which is New Antelope single with London extremes, rung at Isham for the festival of St. Perpetua, in 1963. The first of St. Polycarp, which is New Antelope single with Grandsire extremes (also known as Chace Bobs in Monk's 1766 Campanologia Improved), at Whiston, on St. Polycarp's Day, 1964. The first of St. Crispin, which is Winchendon with New Antelope single called for bobs, at Pytchley for St. Crispin's Day, 1962. The first of St. Jude's, which is St. Simon's with New Antelope single called as bobs, for SS. Simon and Jude's festival, 1962, at Boughton. The first of St. Mary, for the festival of the Purification, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Orlingbury. The first of St. Philip, which is New Antelope single, with a plain lead of Reverse Canterbury for a bob, on the feast of SS. Philip and James, 1963, at Grafton Underwood. The first of St. Laurence (spelt u, not w) for the feast of St. Laurence, 1962, at Courtenhall, and this is St. Martin's plain leads with New Antelope single for bobs.

Then there is New Antelope single with a lead of Plain Bob as a bob which we named St. Matthias, and which Mr. Kirk's band rang at Loughborough. There is also New Antelope single with a lead of Shipway's Place as a bob, which we named St. James. Shipway's Place with a lead of All Saints for a bob is St. Denys. Shipway's Place with Grandsire extremes is St. Barnabas. Shipway's Place with Old bob calls is St. Boniface. All these Messrs. Graham C. Paul, Roger W. Smith, Alan A. Paul and George F. Roome, besides myself, had a hand in discovering, naming and ringing. To most of those with New Antelope single for plain leads, there is no 2nds observation.

It should be no trouble to ring a peal of 42 Saint named; or another novelty is a peal of SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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A PLYMOUTH WEDDING

The wedding took place at Plympton St. Maurice on Easter Monday of Mr. David F. Farnham and Miss Lillian Ann Crabb, and was solemnised by the Rev. Sholto-Douglas, a former Rector, who had made the journey from Winchester, and he was assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Newing.

The bridegroom is captain of Plympton St. Maurice ringers, and also a chorister and server. The bride is a ringer, the best man, Mr. Kenneth Farnham, the bridegroom's brother, is a ringer, the chief bridesmaid, Miss Janet Patterson, and one of the ushers, Mr. Peter Crabb, are also ringers.

There is a fine band of young ringers at Plympton St. Maurice, and ringers from Plympton St. Mary and Emmanuel, Plymouth, joined them in ringing on this truly ringers' wedding.

Members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers extend to Mr. and Mrs. David Farnham their very best wishes for their future happiness.

H. H. T.

R.A.F. GRATITUDE

On Palm Sunday a pleasing ceremony took place in Sopley Parish Church, Hants, during morning service, in which the church bells played a small part in addition to the usual ringing before and after service.

A Royal Air Force ensign was presented to the church to mark the 'long association between Sopley R.A.F. and the ancient church of St. Michael and All Angels, Sopley.' This was an act of gratitude to the church and its Vicar, Canon C. D. Kirkham, for services rendered and still being rendered, to R.A.F. personnel, including men and women from the Commonwealth and U.S.A., who have served, and are serving at the Sopley Station, which was established in 1941.

After the opening hymn the bells were rung as the ensign bearer and his escort moved down the aisle to the chancel where the Vicar dedicated the standard and placed it upon the altar. The Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, the Ven. F. W. Cocks, preached the sermon at the service, which was largely attended.

At a small reception at the R.A.F. mess after the service the officers expressed their great appreciation of the ringing to the Sopley captain, Mr. J. W. Freeman.

A. D.

ANOTHER LONDON RING?

The Queen is one of the first on a list of contributors towards the cost of restoring the bells of St Botolph-without-Aldgate, London, which have been silent for many years since some of the fittings collapsed. A faculty has been granted to a restoration scheme submitted by the Whitechapel Foundry, which will enable the bells to be rung either manually or electrically. The entire project will cost £3,700.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Nineteen members were present at the 17th annual general meeting of the Manchester University Guild which was held on March 10th in the University Union.

In his report the retiring Master, Mr. E. F. P. Bryant, first expressed the sorrow of the Guild at the death of their former President, Mr. Derek Ogden.

He went on to say that during the year the Guild had rung six peals and had been on several enjoyable outings. While welcoming the new members he pointed out that many of the older members would be leaving at the end of this session and appealed to life members to continue their support during the following year.

The officers for next session were elected as follows: President, Mr. B. A. Tomlinson; Ringing Master, Mr. D. J. Baker, 19, St. Roman's Crescent, Woodford Green, Essex; Secretary, Miss M. Broune, 11, Denver Road, Topsham, Devon; Treasurer, Miss S. Tipler; Steeplekeeper, Mr. P. H. D. Jones; Hon. Auditor, Mr. N. Bennett.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

A successful and energetic year was reviewed by the Master, Mr. Malcolm M. Powell, at the annual general meeting of the Southampton University Guild held at Chamberlain Hall on March 14th. The meeting was preceded by ringing and a service at North Stoneham Church.

Among activities the Master mentioned was the successful summer tour in seven counties, but mainly Essex and Cambridgeshire, during which 200 miles was travelled on bicycles. Another tour was that in Wiltshire and Somerset. Tower grabs had taken place in Basingstoke, Marlborough (with Reading University Guild), Sussex, and recently around Andover. Another success was the annual dinner at the Dolphin Hotel, Romsey, which was attended by representatives from Reading and Bristol Universities. Five peals and several quarters were rung and the Master hoped that the tradition of Sunday service ringing would be maintained in Southampton and district.

The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Taylor, also presented his report. The following officers were then elected: Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg; Vice-Master, Miss P. A. Drew; secretary/treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Kemp, 5, Winn Road, Southampton; committee member, Mr. J. M. Goodchild.

The forthcoming summer tour in Cornwall was discussed and it was suggested that the annual dinner be held in the Portsmouth area. Proceedings closed with the newly-elected Master thanking the retiring officers and the Rev. J. Ribworth for his co-operation by allowing the Guild the use of North Stoneham bells for their weekly practice.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

WORTLEY, YORKS.—On March 31st, 2.520 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Johnson (first half peal) 1. Sandra Crossley 2. D. E. Archer 3. A. King 4. M. King 5. M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. Read 1. E. Hedger 2. B. Walton 3. K. Tipper 4. A. Elsmore 5. B. Hughes 6. J. Queen 7. R. Corke (cond.) 8. First of Major 1. 2 and 4.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On March 29th, 1.260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. G. Clark 1. M. J. Bura 2. J. F. Payne 3. M. D. Fuller 4. J. H. Payton (cond.) 5. T. J. Wellen 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On March 29th, 1.296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. Jennifer M. Pybus 1. Barbara Cammack 2. Dinah Blow 3. D. P. B. Miles 4. G. W. Pybus 5. P. Scrowton 6. J. I. Booth 7. C. C. Brown (cond.) 8. A farewell tribute to the Rector, Canon Mark Green, who left this day for Bishopthorpe, York.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Easter Day, at St. John's Church, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Romain 1. W. Mortimer 2. W. Bevan 3. J. S. Weeks 4. S. Grant (cond.) 5. W. Davison 6. J. Romain 7. H. Sturges 8. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On April 5th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 1. Joan Hayward 2. Judith White 3. J. Mason 4. H. Hayward 5. H. Gardner 6. For the visit of Judith White.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: G. G. Mansfield 1. C. W. Rigby 2. H. A. Cashmore 3. P. Summers (first on 8 bells) 4. F. P. Brangwyn 5. J. Snelling 6. A. W. Mansfield 7. W. F. Eyden (cond.) 8. For Evensong. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Snelling.

ECCELESTON, LANCs.—On March 31st, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1. G. J. Mee 2. D. A. Borland 3. D. L. Briers 4. B. Lee 5. W. H. Hunter 6.

EILSTOW, BEDS.—On March 22nd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Y. Fowkes (first quarter) 1. G. Seth 2. Miss M. F. Pettitt 3. R. F. Law 4. R. H. French 5. M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong. Also on March 27th, 1.440 Treble Bob (720) Woodbine, 720 Oxford: G. Seth 1. Miss M. F. Pettitt 2. S. R. Huckle 3. M. J. Marriott 4. R. H. French 5. R. F. Law (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday matins. Also on Easter Day, 1.296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Seth 1. Miss M. F. Pettitt 2. Miss M. J. Clarke 3. S. R. Huckle 4. R. H. French 5. M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by a local band. For Matins. Also on March 31st, 720 Plain Bob and 540 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1. G. Seth 2. Miss M. F. Pettitt 3. Miss M. J. Clarke 4. R. H. French 5. R. F. Law (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss W. Gascoin Smith.

ENFIELD, MIDDx.—On March 21st, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. Fletcher 1. J. Duggan 2. M. Gibbey 3. Miss M. Twigg 4. H. Howson 5. D. Reeves 6. R. Wood 7. J. Duggan (cond.) 8.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On March 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Timms 1. Diana Wareham 2. C. R. Miles 3. F. C. Carter 4. C. Graves 5. J. Moore 6. C. J. Pearce (cond.) 7. J. Strawford 8. A compliment to Mr. F. H. Whipp, on the marriage of his elder daughter, Ann.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Easter Day, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Goldman 1. Mrs. E. Wyatt 2. Mrs. G. Goldman 3. I. Bailey 4. C. Callaway 5. A. Harman (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on April 4th, 1.270 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): S. Moody 1. Mrs. E. Wyatt 2. C. Callaway 3. A. Harman 4. I. Bailey (cond.) 5. R. Lale 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Wyatt, and for 38th wedding anniversary of C. Callaway.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Bartholomew 1. Dr. R. Woodcock 2. J. West 3. P. W. Saltmarsh 4. E. W. Roast 5. W. J. Barrett 6. P. J. Eves (cond.) 7. J. E. C. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George H. Cornell, a ringer for over 40 years and life member of the Essex Association, who was interred this day.

On Easter Day the bells of Weekley Church, near Kettering, were rung for Matins by a band composed entirely of choristers of the church. It is many years since such a band rang these bells and thanks are especially due to Mr. G. W. Clarke, the Ringing Master and steeplekeeper.



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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On April 5th, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: A. M. Macve 1, Carol Cousin 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, P. J. Milton 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (the middle six): Miss P. Foster (first quarter) 1, R. C. Ingram 2, A. Burbidge 3, M. J. Ingram 4, D. R. Ingram 5, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also as a compliment to D. T. Finnemore and Miss D. Thacker, who were married at this church the previous day.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Cook 1, J. T. Locke 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, A. C. Drayton 4, R. Dean 5, T. Hill 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. B. Fry and Miss M. Rowsell.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Smith (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, R. I. Kendrick 3, M. G. Godwin 4, J. R. Perkins (cond.) 5, M. D. Barsby 6. A farewell to the treble ringer who is leaving for Shepshed.

BEXLEY, KENT. — On April 5th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Wimbhurst 1, K. Medhurst 2, Miss B. M. Foster 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, D. A. Connolly 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Haylings 1, I. Goulter 2, F. Lawrence 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6, F. Hawkes 7, A. Halling 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On April 4th, 1,272 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, C. Cordcroy 5, E. G. Garrard 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, E. J. Grace 8. For the wedding of Miss Audrey Gardner and Mr. Anthony Cheswick.

BLOXHAM, OXON. — On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (treble leading and tenor covering): J. C. Huntriss (first quarter) 1, J. Peglar 2, E. A. Wyatt (first of Minor) 3, J. W. Barber 4, R. C. Huntriss (first of Minor) 5, J. S. Rank 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. With the best wishes of the band for the wedding of Betty F. Hitchcox and Albert H. Turner.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS. — On March 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Diane Slaney (first in method) 1, Jacqueline Stewart (first in method) 2, Diane Turner (first in method) 3, J. Saxton 4, D. Cooper 5, M. Cooper 6, H. Wagstaff 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT. — On Easter Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Martin 1, Jennifer Payne (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, D. C. Manger 4, D. L. Parker 5, N. J. Martin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Wellen 1, G. G. Clark 2, M. J. Bura 3, J. H. Payton 4, M. D. Fuller 5, J. F. Payne (cond.) 6, L. G. Connor 7. Treble ringing 'rounds.' Also on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark 1, M. J. Bura 2, B. G. D. Vince 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne (cond.) 5, T. J. Wellen 6.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS. — On March 22nd, 1,440 Plain Minor (four methods): Margaret Pratt 1, Pamela J. Wright 2, D. Lloyd 3, G. Pratt 4, S. Darvill 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Matins, and for the christening of Elaine Joy, daughter of R. D. Hart.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS. — On March 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Roome 1, R. A. Vickers 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, G. C. Paul 4, J. Linnell 5, R. W. Smith 6, C. E. Truman (cond.) 7, A. A. Paul 8. First in method 6 and 8.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMB. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): J. Robinson 1, H. N. Tembey 2, Mrs. E. Haile 3, Miss V. C. Bell 4, G. Tembey 5, J. A. Haile 6, H. Wilson (cond.) 7, H. Borrowdale (covering) 8. For Evensong.

CREWE, CHESHIRE. — On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. G. Flynn 1, J. S. Baker 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, G. Parsons (first quarter) 4, I. R. Nichols 5, Bertha Sherry 6.

EWELL, SURREY. — On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. E. Good 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, Miss G. Anderson 3, P. J. Munday 4, R. C. Spittle 5, A. S. Besant 6, S. J. Philbrick 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS. — At the Church of All Souls', on Palm Sunday, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): Anne E. Parkin 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, M. V. Copping 3, R. E. Moulds 4, J. F. Bryant 5, J. N. Parkin 6, G. F. Bryant 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX. — On March 11th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): T. Bird 1, A. Syder 2, Miss J. Dye (first 720 of London) 3, P. Wood 4, R. Lindsell 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. First quarter peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of the Queen's third son.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMB. — On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Martin (first quarter) 1, Joan Walker 2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3, M. Lincoln 4, J. A. Sturrock 5, J. Bell 6. A compliment to Jennifer Martin and R. W. Lee on their engagement.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS. — On March 29th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. Hall 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, Janet I. Porter 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Easter Day Evensong. Also an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sturges 1, D. Powney 2, Pamela Osborne (first as cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, R. Whiting 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Foot. Also a get well wish to Mr. Derrick Bailey, and for the 3rd wedding anniversary of ringers of 3 and 4.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS. — On March 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss J. A. Downing 1, G. C. Paul 2, D. E. Towers 3, G. F. Roome 4, R. W. Smith 5, A. A. Paul (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): D. Barker 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, J. A. Heaps 5. For Evensong. Also on April 5th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): D. Barker 1, R. Blackshaw 2, J. Dowse 3, M. W. Harrison 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS. — On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Fleckney 1, R. H. Jones 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, Shelagh R. Collins 4, L. R. C. Witten 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

RIPPLE, WORCS. — On March 20th, 1,260 Seighford Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, C. Haylings 3, A. Halling 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Mead 6. First in this variation by all the band.

SAXILBY, Lincs. — On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent Single Oxford): Kathleen Yardley 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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The Rt. Rev. Gordon
Savage, who has been trans-
lated from Buckingham to
Southwell, preached his farewell sermon in the
county of Buckinghamshire at Slough Parish
Church on April 5th. Before the service
Slough ringers rang a quarter of Oxford
Treble Bob Major and afterwards, with the
help of three visitors, a quarter of Southwell
Surprise Royal. The Bishop was president of
the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of
the Oxford Diocesan Guild and was held in
great esteem by all who knew him.

Miss Frances Procter, of Amersham, re-
cently visited America and was able to ring at
Washington Cathedral.

There should have been a heading '50
Years Ago' above the report of the restora-
tion and dedication of York Minster bells that
appeared on page 221. This omission is re-
gretted.

After the peal at Farnworth and Kearsley
Parish Church, Lancashire, members of the
Masonic fraternity were entertained by Bro.
Peter Crook (sen.) in the traditional style.

By ringing the tenor to the peal of Stedman
Cinques at Newport, Mon, Dr. Tudor Ed-
wards has now 'circled' this tower. With one
exception all have been 12-bell peals and he
joins the conductor, Mr. Donald G. Clift, as
the first ringer to complete the circle here.

By calling Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part peal
of Stedman Triples at Stoke Poges on March
18th at the age of 18 years 11 months, Hadley
Hunter, of Cambridge University, is believed
to be the youngest person to have called this
composition. Can anybody challenge this?

Dr. Geoffrey Smerdon recently gave an
address to the Liskeard/Looe Rotary Club on
'Bellringing' using a demonstration bell. Un-
fortunately, writes our correspondent, he did
not carry on with ringing after his student
days.

Miss Anita Hewson, of Bramcote, Notting-
ham, has received an appreciative acknowledg-
ment from Mrs. Kennedy for 'The Ringing
World' she sent giving details of the ringing
in memory of the late President. The message
states: 'Deeply appreciative of your sym-
pathy and grateful for your thoughtfulness.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

At the meeting of the Mid-
Devon Branch at Teignmouth
on April 5th it was an-
nounced that Mr. E. M. Atkins was retiring
from the general secretaryship of the Guild of
Devonshire Ringers. Mr. D. J. Roberts, of
Torquay, has been nominated for the position.

Mr. Cyril S. Jarrett on April 3rd 'circled'
Frindsbury tower, Kent, for the fourth time.

The peal of London Surprise Royal rung at
St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 4th was
Mr. W. Arthur Riddington's 300th peal.

The quarter peal rung at Southminster on
March 4th (page 229) was for the 21st birth-
day of Mrs. E. (Liz) Sandwell.

So as to allow more time for ringing,
two District annual meetings of the Irish As-
sociation decided to leave all business to the
committee, augmented by one other member
from each tower.

Hard luck for 12-year-old Michael Roberts,
of Shephed, Leicestershire. A peal attempt,
his first as conductor, broke down just before
half-way on April 2nd at Groby! Also ringing
was his friend, 12-year-old Stephen Hall.

The Irish Association has now 663 members
of whom 364 are non-resident life members.
Ten years ago, states the 'Irish Bell News,'
the total membership was 479 with 366 resident
members. The doubling of the non-resident
members is attributed to the 1958 Central
Council meeting in Dublin.

The band which rang a peal at East Dere-
ham on April 1st were very sorry indeed that
Mr. Nolan Golden had to withdraw at the
last minute through ill-health and send him
their fraternal greetings and best wishes for a
complete recovery. To show that they were
thinking of him they rang one of his com-
positions.

We are informed that the verses headed 'An
Ulster Fantasy' (page 223) were written by Mr.
John Blackwood and read by him at a fare-
well party given for him by his Boyne Hill
colleagues when he left Maidenhead to take
up an appointment at Wareham, Dorset, last
October. We apologise to Mr. Blackwood
and also to Miss Hortin for associating her
name with the verses.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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Peals rung in honour of the birth of a third son to H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT WARRILOW Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON 2	BASIL JONES 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	PETER WHITEHEAD 8
HAROLD LONYON 4	HEDLEY A. WOOD 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ANDREW HOWARD Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
JACQUELINE A. HOBBS 2	MALCOLM M. POWELL 6
JOHN H. TAYLOR 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
ALAN TUBB 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by F. C. W. KNIGHT.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Treble	*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 7
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 8
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 9
ROGER G. HAVARD .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. 10
DONALD G. CLIFT .. 5	DAVID J. KING .. 11
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 6	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

*JENNIFER M. COOK .. Treble	DAVID J. ALLEN .. 7
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 8
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 9
ANN E. FELLOWS .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
*DAVID R. INGRAM .. 5	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 11
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., April 2, 1964, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 8
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 10
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*SHIRLEY HARRIS .. Treble	H. LESLIE PASK .. 7
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 8
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 4	PETER A. SHARP .. 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5	JOHN WALDEN .. 11
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., March 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBOLD .. Treble	ALAN F. THIRST .. 6
CECIL W. PIPE .. 2	JOHN S. MASON .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 40 cwt.

NEIL DONOVAN .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 2	*STUART ARMESON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 8
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 9
GORDON BENFIELD .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to the ringers of the second and fourth on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSIE P. SADLER .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 2	BERNARD C. SADLER .. 7
JANET ROWE .. 3	JACK BELCHAM .. 8
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4	PHILIP SADLER .. 9
PETER SLOMAN .. 5	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on ten. The ringer of second has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the County Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM A. KIRKBY .. Treble	†PETER A. KIRKBY .. 6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	PETER SCHOFIELD .. 8
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
*JOHN FAIRCLOTH .. 3	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 9
*DAVID S. OSENTON .. 5	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Royal in the method. First of Royal in the method as conductor.

Rung to celebrate 50th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBOLD .. Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	DAVID T. DARBY .. 7
ALAN F. THIRST .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

* THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	*PETER J. COLES 5
*ALAN S. SMITH 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
*SHEILA I. SMITH 3	*MARTIN MAJOR 7
*ERIC EDMONDSON 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal in the method.

BARNES, SURREY.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*GILLIAN SIMS Treble	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. 5
DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 2	ROBERT HARRIS 6
JEAN L. LAVENDER 3	LAURENCE SMITH 7
*LOUISE GALLINI 4	DAVID T. DARBY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID T. DARBY.

* First peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Mon., March 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
JOHN C. SHONFELD 2	*MARY C. KNIGHT 6
MICHAEL POPPLESTON 3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 7
JOHN G. HALLETT 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND BENFIELD.

* First peal 'inside.'

Birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick: wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5184 KINGSLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

CAROLYN VIBERT Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE 5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 2	TOM CHAPMAN 6
DEREK C. JACKSON 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal in the method (H. & M. No. 4,249).

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

DEREK YATES Treble	ALAN McFALL 5
EDWARD F. POTTS 2	BASIL JONES 6
JOHN WORTH 3	ALAN A. POTTS 7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung fully-muffled in memoriam John Moss (96), who for over 70 years was a ringer at this tower and leader for 62 years.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, March 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

IAN LLOYD Treble	ARTHUR C. BERRY 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 6
JOHN C. EISEL 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

First peal in the method (H. and M. Collection, No. 2,883), and rung without previous practice.

KINGSLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

(H. & M. No. 4,249)

x 34 x 1458 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 38 x 16 x 38

L.E. 14263857. 4th place Bob.

WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1458 x 36 x 58

2nd place L.E. 15738264.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX .. Treble	BRIAN TOMLINSON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
JAMES CUNLIFFE 3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 7
THOMAS W. SMITH 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal in the method for all.

Rung in honour of the Festival of Easter.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

J. J. Parker's Six-Part.		
*ROY WOODRUFF Treble	RICHARD E. DEAN 5	
*JILL COOK 2	*E. DENNIS POOLE 6	
PAUL R. DEAN 3	†L. JOSEPH YOUNG 7	
JOHN YOUNG 4	ARTHUR BOARDER Tenor	

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Easter Festival: also a birthday compliment this day to the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

WILLIAM E. GEARING .. Treble	†RICHARD HEDGES 5
JOHN H. TAYLOR 2	HUGH N. EVANS 6
*GILLIAN S. M. WALSH .. 3	MALCOLM M. POWELL .. 7
ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 4	GORDON W. LAND Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

MALCOLM E. WADE .. Treble	DAVID G. WILFORD 5
*R. JOY WATKIN 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 7
ROLAND H. COOK 4	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

Heywood's variation.		
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	†DAVID J. MIDDLEY 5	
GEOFFREY C. BEECH 2	*LESLIE WALLEY 6	
E. MARION KEY 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7	
*KENNETH BALLARD 4	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 3	JOHN S. MASON 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

PETER H. LANGTON .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
NORAH M. RANGLES 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
HUGH NEILL 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

A wedding compliment to A. Robin Heppenstall and Delia E. Smith, both of the local company, whose wedding preceded this peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.
ALEC HOLROYD Treble	RALPH BEAUMONT 5
ELSIE CHADDOCK 2	STUART ARMESON 6
NEIL DONOVAN 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
DAVID NICHOLS 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung for the Festival of Easter by the Sunday service band.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	HOWARD SCOTT 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	R. GORDON CORBY 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY 4	WILFRID F. MORFON Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*GERALD W. PARTRIDGE .. Treble	*ROGER M. HEYWORTH 5
†P. GERALD McILHON 2	†ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE 6
†GERALD G. TINSON 3	†CHARLES J. ADAM 7
†STEPHEN FRANKLIN 4	*EDWARD ALDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by ROBERT PARTRIDGE.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire.

Rung by members of Wallingford Grammar School.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

TIMOTHY G. PETT Treble	BERT GOGLE 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GILES R. SHEDDEN 6
ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5056 HEENE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
PATRICIA DISERENS 2	LEONARD STILLWELL 6
J. RICHARD WILSON 3	BRIAN I. LUFF 7
ROBERT WAKE 4	RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

First peal in the method (H. and M. Collection, No. 1.279).

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARGARET E. FORI Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5
ALISON M. MANN 2	RICHARD I. PARKER 6
RICHARD S. STARKIE 3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW 4	*JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* 200th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A compliment to Mr. John Halsall, local captain and 60 years a ringer.

HEENE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 1256 x 78

2nds place L.E. 15738264.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

NORMAN SMITH Treble	PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE 5
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 2	JEFFREY KERSHAW 6
RICHARD J. PARKER 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
RICHARD S. STARKIE 4	*J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

* 50th peal on the bells. First of Major as conductor.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-Part (No. 13).

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

E. MARION KEY Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
PETER MORRIS 2	RICHARD E. MORRIS 6
ALBERT H. LAWTON 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*REMI M. HODISTER 4	JOHN W. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN 5
MARTIN L. HOWE 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
ANDREW J. CORBY 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' for the fourth time.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL 5
ANDREW T. BECKWITH 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD 3	PHILIP J. ROTHERA 7
ALICE E. J. LESTER 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Leon) to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Girt.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NORMAN SHERRATT Treble	*RICHARD WHARTON 5
*FRANK R. MORTON 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY 6
DENNIS LATHAM 3	ROY WORRALL 7
WALTER SHERRATT 4	†IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ 100th peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

A. MAXWELL HINDSEY .. Treble	DAVID G. WILFORD 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
MARTIN C. FAULKES 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jun. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents Stedman, 16 Plain Bob, 18 Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*PATRICIA MILLS Treble	GEOFFREY C. BEECH 4
*MANDY McALLION 2	DAVID J. MIDGLEY 5
G. ARNOLD MOORE 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal.

Rung for the engagement of Donald Watkin to Valerie Mitchel.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SUSAN WHITE Treble	*LEONARD J. NORTH 4
*LORNA E. SIMPSON 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS 5
*CLIVE W. SIMPSON 3	†BRYAN C. BURROUGH Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN C. BURROUGH.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

ECCLESTON (CHORLEY), LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARBARA YAPP Treble	*DAVID BORLAND 4
WALTER H. HUNTER 2	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND 5
LESTER BRIERS 3	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Sydney Clough, formerly of St. James', Poolstock, Wigan.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Bourne, (2) Ipswich, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*CHRISTINE BIRKS Treble	WALTER SHERRATT 4
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
†HAROLD DOWLER 3	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

* First peal. † First of seven Surprise Minor.

CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*CLIVE H. LEGG Treble	JOHN H. TAYLOR 4
ALAN TUBB 2	HUGH N. EVANS 5
MALCOLM M. POWELL 3	RONALD J. COX Tenor

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung half-muffled to the greater glory of God on Holy Saturday.

ERISWELL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in D.

*WARLESS DODDS Treble	†ROBERT G. OAKLEY 3
ALAN M. BARBER 2	PHILIP J. ROTHERA 4
GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THELMA P. JOHNSON Treble	ROBERT J. DREWITT 4
†WILLIAM E. GEARING 2	GORDON W. LAND 5
E. WILLIAM FORD 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Easter; also as a farewell to Thelma P. Johnson, soon to leave for northern climes.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sun., March 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAVID MOSS Treble	MICHAEL ARROWSMITH 4
THOMAS TURNER 2	BERNARD MOSS 5
PAULINE TURNER 3	*ALAN McNUTT Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD MOSS.

* First peal attempt. First of Doubles for all the band.

Rung for Easter by the Sunday service band.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*W. JOHN CLAYTON Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS 4
†MRS. MARGARET HOPE 2	JOHN W. HOPE 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 3	ROBERT A. HATCHER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. HATCHER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Minor.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

BULWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin and four each of St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY AMOS Treble	*ROGER W. SMITH 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ALAN A. PAUL 4
GRAHAM C. PAUL Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN A. PAUL.

* 50th peal, all rung with the tenor ringer. First in nine methods as conductor. Rung for the Easter Festival.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

G. FREDERICK TERRY Treble	KENNETH B. SISSONS 4
MELVYN A. ROSE 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	*JOHN F. UNDERWOOD Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 25th peal. In memoriam Charles Thorley. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN SHEPPARD Treble	MELVYN A. ROSE 4
KENNETH B. SISSONS 2	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD 5
G. FREDERICK TERRY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 28 methods, viz.: one extent each of Stedman's Principle, New Grandsire (2nd the whole hunt), Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Norfolk, Old and April Day; one extent and one 240 (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire; three extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Nicholas', St. Remigius' and Winchendon Place; and one spliced extent each of St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., St. Martin's and Welford S.C., St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., St. Osmund's and Longworth S.C., St. Osmund's and Merton S.C., St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall S.C., St. Nicholas' and Longford S.C., St. Remigius' and Harpley S.C., St. Remigius' and Hascombe S.C., Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., and Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL UTTON Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN 4
THOMAS J. BROCK 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 3	CLEEVE F. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

First peal in 28 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being methods in seven extents: (1) Duke of Leeds, (2) City Delight, (3) Trinity Sunday, (4) Duke of York, (5) Tanners Pleasure, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford.

*HEDLEY BURTON Treble	ROGER CLARKE 4
ELIZABETH PEACE 2	NOEL F. MOXON 5
SUSAN PEACE 3	TREVOR TARBATT Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. E. Clarke, M.A.

BARKING, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., March 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

ROBERT E. LESTER Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER 2	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 5
LAWRENCE H. PIZZIE 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

In memoriam John Henry Lester, father of the conductor, died March 22nd, 1964, 40 years rector's warden at Bergh-Apton, Norfolk.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 22 methods, viz.: One each of St. Simon's, Eynsham, Elford, Norfolk, Grandsire, Newborough, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington and All Saints, three of Southrepps, four of Reverse Canterbury, two of St. Columb and three each of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day and Seighford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

RUTH BLACKSHAW Treble	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
ROBIN H. ROGERS 2	GEORGE A. DAWSON 5
C. RAYMOND LARKIN 3	JACK DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

First peal in 22 methods by all.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: (1) York, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

GEORGE E. BONHAM Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 4
JANE K. A. COOK 2	ALBERT J. DAVEY 5
PETER WOOLLVEN 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt, recently inducted as Rector of All Saints.

HANDBELL PEALS

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

At LLYS ESGOB.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Grandsire and five different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15.

PETER J. SHIPTON 1—2	DAVID S. BISHOP 3—4
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NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 5—6

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. J. Shipton, who was leaving the district for Reading on March 26th.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At 10, St. JOHN STREET,

A PEAL OF 10080 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 extents, being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Allendale, Westminster, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, Netherseale, Annable's London, Bourne, Hull, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Witness: GILLIAN S. M. WALSH.

The longest length on handbells by all the band, and for the Association. The longest length of Surprise Minor on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 21st, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: C. H. Macve 1, Carol Cousins (first in method) 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on March 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Mary Macve 1, Carol Cousins 2, R. Rayfield 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wood 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, G. Noakes 4, E. Hedger 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, M. Holloway 8. For Evensong.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): P. G. Rogers 1, Verna Rix 2, Audrey Alexander 3, A. C. D. Maves 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, D. R. Saunderson (cond.) 6.

ASTLEY, WORCS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Davis 1, J. Ranford 2, M. Smele 3, R. Baylis 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, F. C. Pugh 6. For evening service.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.—On St. Valentine's Day, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. J. Ashby 1, G. M. Pickwell 2, T. R. Harris 3, H. Mann 4, P. J. Ashby 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except cond. Also on March 30th, 1,440 Plain and Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. J. Ashby 1, H. Mann 2, T. R. Harris 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Ashby 5, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 6. For Easter Festival.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Russell 1, Jennifer Trent 2, D. E. House 3, Kay Hollingsworth 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, J. H. Taylor 6, H. J. Thomas (cond.) 7, Margaret Smith 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 8. For Mothering Sunday.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana M. Preston (first quarter of Triples) 1, Shelagh C. Guthrie 2, Susan J. Devey 3, Lynda J. Roberts 4, G. Bradbury 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, R. D. Baker 8. Rung for Easter. Also in honour of the wedding of Miss Janette Ansell, a local ringer, to Mr. Bernard Mills.

CARDIGAN.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sian Evans 1, R. Pateman 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, S. R. Thomas 4, J. D. Thomas 5, B. Griffiths 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, S. Lilly 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. Damerell 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, M. G. Swift 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dubarry (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Dubarry (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, S. Lilly 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, R. Snack 6. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Moss 1, Miss A. Dubarry 2, S. Lilly 3, M. Damerell 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, E. G. Swift 6. Farewell compliment to C. J. Shepherd, who is leaving the district for Holsworthy, Devon.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, Miss B. Cooke 5, G. F. Newton 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, Miss J. Warwick 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Horrobin 1, Susan M. White 2, Judith M. White 3, Denise J. Hargreaves 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, M. J. Howell 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Smith (first attempt for Major) 1, R. Newton 2, K. Gould (first attempt for Major 'inside') 3, D. Cornwall 4, Joyce Barton 5, A. Newton 6, S. Bailey 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Beryl Smith 2, Wendy Hussey 3, Joyce Barton 4, D. Cornwall (cond.) 5, K. Gould 6, R. Biggs 7, N. Cornwall 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. K. A. Newman 1, Miss I. I. Frost 2, E. J. Winkworth 3, D. R. Benfield 4, S. M. Ruddleaden 5, S. F. Carl (cond.) 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 29th, 1,280 Doubles (10 methods): A. Georgetta Harrison 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for Matins on Easter Sunday. Also 1,260 Spiced Doubles (19 methods): G. Alcock (first in 19 methods) 1, E. A. Harrison 2, N. D. Kirk (first in 19 methods 'inside')

3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for Festival Evensong on Easter Day. Also on March 22nd, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: A. G. J. Bostock 1, Maureen Green 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond., 60th quarter) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Judy and George married this day in Rhodesia.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: R. Fry 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 3, Miss P. A. Lansley 4, R. J. Drewitt 5, E. W. Ford 6, B. Bladon 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 8. For Lenten Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman): R. J. Drewitt 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss P. A. Lansley 3, R. Fry 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss T. P. Johnson 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. Haskins 1, Miss T. P. Johnson 2, Miss P. A. Lansley 3, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 4, R. Fry 5, R. J. Drewitt 6, V. Griffin (cond.) 7, A. R. Peake 8. For children's service and also as a compliment to Kenneth Page, a former ringer, who was married the previous day.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, April 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. R. B. Smith, 20, Tytherington Court, Tytherington Road, Macclesfield. — C. K. Lewis. 4524

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting Saturday, April 25th, at Backford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, April 23rd, please, to E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 4527

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Goxhill, Sat., May 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. S. Neave, Westfield Road, Goxhill, Lincs. — C. A. H. 4525

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BIRTHS

CHAPMAN.—On April 8th, 1964, at 'Melbreak,' Avey Lane, Waltham Abbey, to Jane and Bob, the gift of a daughter. A sister for Janet. 4517

FRITCHE.—On Saturday, April 4th, 1964, at 57, Albion Street, Anstey, Leicestershire, to Margaret (née Disney) and Tony, a son (Mark), brother for Louise. Second grandchild for Mary and Alban Disney. 4498

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HARRIS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris after April 21st will be 'Knightbridge,' Flexford Lane, Sway, Lymington, Hants. Telephone Sway 271. 4494

PERSONAL

'And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son.' (1 John v. 11.)

MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—The secretary is now C. J. Champion, 62, Wentworth Crescent, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants. 4510

BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH.—All ringing suspended until further notice owing to tower repairs. Will visitors kindly note. 4502

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Surprise Practice at Farnham on Thursday, April 16th, 7.30-9 p.m. 4512

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Full details of all peals rung for this Association, together with peal fees of sixpence per ringer, should be sent to the Peal Secretary, who is now Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 4500

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, 20, Cookridge Drive, Hatfield, Doncaster, Yorkshire, is Hatfield Woodhouse 532. 4520

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Shalford, Surrey, on Thursday, April 23rd. Methods: Bristol, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Pudsey, and Bristol. London, Cambridge, Superlative Spliced. 4516

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Glastonbury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea, please.—P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 4425

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Sat., April 18th, at St. Nicholas Church, Warwick. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall followed by business meeting and social evening. Names for tea to J. L. Garnett-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4402

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4437

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Dagenham on April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Dr. J. Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood. 4392

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel on April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notification for tea to Mrs. H. Pentfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking, Surrey. 4379

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Brent Pelham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No formal business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Trigg, Lower Cottages, Brent Pelham, Buntingford.—D. Kingston. 4453

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield, April 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield, S.M.: Little Bob.—M. A. Coburn. 4435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8, tenor 19 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, 'Kenora,' London Road, Hythe.—C. T. H. 4424

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyminge, near Folkestone, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those who require tea (cost 2s.) please notify Miss C. Selley, 'Brambletye,' Lyminge, near Folkestone. 4423

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, April 18th at Caldicot. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 4446

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, at Birmingham Cathedral, 3-4 p.m. Meeting in Cathedral heltry. Service 4.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Ringing St. Martin's, Bull Ring, 6-7 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4471

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—A meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available: Hoole 3 p.m., Handbridge 6 p.m. Business meeting at Hoole 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen friends and non-members welcome.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 4473

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Ringing until 8 p.m.—Thornley, Sec. N.B.—Final day for names for picnic. 4468

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. No business. All welcome.—R. Holt, Branch Sec. 4489

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice on April 18th. Ringing at Pinner 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Ringing at Ruislip in the evening.—F. T. B. E. H. K. 4485

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton on Sat., April 18th. usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. Wilkins, 20, Queen Street, Earls Barton. 4418

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cranford April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Cranford. All welcome.—M. A. C. 4427

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Castor, April 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. J. Sismey, 'Prince of Wales,' Castor.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 4459

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 3.15-4.30 p.m. Tea 5. in the Church Hall. Meeting to follow. St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. J. Matthews, 6, Foxwood Road, Bean, near Dartford, Kent. 4419

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at All Saints', Loughborough (10), at 3 p.m. on Sat., April 18th. Names for tea to A. Myatt, 64, Toothill Road, Loughborough. 4393

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Sat., April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4444

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley, Sat., April 18th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4450

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Chilcompton (6), Monday, April 20th. Bells available 7 p.m.—M. de Jong. 4490

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Henbury (8) on Friday, April 24th. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m. 4475

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—First practice of Easter team at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, on Friday, April 24th, 8-9.30 p.m. Summer tour fixed for June 20th-21st, any past members interested please contact M. R. Meadows, 21, Clayfields, Wentworth, Rotherham, Yorks. 4479

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bleadon (6), Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 4496

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Corton Denham, Saturday, April 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. South Cadbury bells after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4483

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Husbome Crawley, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than 23rd to Mr. R. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbome Crawley, Bletchley. 4484

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Lower Peover on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 4480

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at St. Michael's Church, Workington, on Sat., April 25th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Evensong 7. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. L. Boumphrey, 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, by April 18th.—J. W. Brownrill, Secretary. 4405

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick, Saturday, April 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Loughton, Hon. Sec., 95, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 4492

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4506

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stroud, April 25th, 2.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 4s. to be paid in advance to Mr. R. Nicholas, 4, Blue Boys Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos. Service 6 p.m.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 4509

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley on April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. N. Jennings, 74, Chapel Road, Farnborough, by previous Wednesday, D. P. Elmore. 4513

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—King-ton District.—Meeting at Presteigne, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mrs. E. Chandler, Beechgrove, Kingston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the 22nd to Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4487

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Roches-ter District.—Quarterly meeting at Bobbing (6) on April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithstone', Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing at Meanwood (5), 2.30-4.15 p.m. Short service at St. Chad's, Headingley, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by previous Thursday to Mr. Alfred Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6. St. Chad's bells available after tea. 4485

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinck-ley District.—Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the School Rooms 5 p.m. The District annual striking contest will follow the monthly business meeting, team entries to the District Secretary. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. Paul Gilliver, 19, Main Street, Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 4511

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leices-ter District.—Meeting, April 25th. Markfield, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, by April 22nd.—A. James Poyner. 4491

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 25th. Holy Com-munion 8 a.m. in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral. Service 4.15 p.m. at the Cathedral, followed by tea and meeting in the Tithe Barn. Ringing Blankney (6) 11 a.m.—12; Metheringham (8) 12—1 p.m.; Nocton 1—2 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12). St. Giles' (8). St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6). 2—4 p.m. and after tea. Tea for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—John Free-man, Hon. Sec. 4461

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Satur-day, April 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, School Hall. Names, please, by Wednesday, April 22nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M. at North-leigh on April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4 p.m. Tea reservations to E. D. Patching, 19, Common Close, North-leigh Witney, by April 23rd.—D. J. S. 4503

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Pits-ford, Sat., April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 4376

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dor-chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fording-ton St. George, Dorchester, on Saturday April 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester (8), also available 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. House, 1, Egdon Road, Manor Park, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 4474

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marl-borough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Satur-day, April 25th. Names for tea by April 21st to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Ald-bourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4432

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salis-bury Branch.—April 25th, quarterly meeting, Martin, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, 21st, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 4440

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An even-ing meeting will be held at Madeley (Salop) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 4519

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Colwich (near Stafford) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 6.30-8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

THE RAILWAYMAN'S GUILD Annual general meeting at Crewe, Sat., April 25th.

Programme	
10.30 a.m.	Business meeting, Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe.
11.30 a.m.	Coach to Macclesfield.
12.30 p.m.	Lunch at the Beehive Res-taurant.
1.30 p.m.	Ringling at St. Michael's (12), or St. Peter's (8).
2.30 p.m.	Ringling at Christ Church (10), or St. Michael's.
4.30 p.m.	Tea at 'the Beehive.'
5.30 p.m.	Return to Crewe by coach.
6.30/9 p.m.	Ringling at Christ Church. Crewe, also on Friday even-ing.
J. Arthur Hoare, Hon. Sec. 4454	

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meet-ing, Shardlow, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea before 22nd to Mr. J. Foster 14, Long Row, Shardlow, Derbyshire. No names no tea. 4507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Worlingworth (8) on Saturday, April 25th, and not at Stradbroke as previously arranged. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Rectory. Tannington bells (6) also available in the afternoon. Requests for tea by April 22nd, please, to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 4420

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Dis-trict.—Striking competition at Banstead on April 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last band has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. H. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, Surrey, by April 22nd. General ring-ing after tea and meeting. 4395

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Divi-sion.—Practice meeting at Willington (6) on April 25th. Bells 3 till 5 and 6 till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Percy, 'Esperance,' 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne.—I. Smith, Sec. 4466

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIO-CEAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Titchfield, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Vicarage. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth. 4481

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIO-CEAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, April 25th at Brockenhurst. Bells 2.45-4.45 p.m. Tea in Ye Olde Tea House 5 p.m. Lyndhurst (provisionally) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to L. F. Cobb, Hon. Dis. Sec., 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 4504

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meet-ing at Winchcombe on Wednesday, April 29th. 7.30 p.m.—J. Homfray, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Goldhanger, Saturday, May 2nd. Six bell striking competition at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names by April 29th to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 4472

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Weatherley, 48, Weysprings, Haslemere.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Satur-day, May 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, April 27th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Harwell, Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 4.30 p.m. Names not later than April 28th.—C. Corderoy, 'West-Wynds', Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 4478

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Not-tingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 2nd, Attenborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Eliminat-ing round for the Crawford Cup. Names for tea by April 30th to S. Adams, 54, Wil-ford Road, Ruddington. 4521

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Sat., May 2nd. Ringing at Carshalton 3—4 p.m., Beddington 3—4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, and meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. S. Kim-ber, 31, East Drive, Carshalton Beeches.—R. I. Parsons. 4426

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival will be held on Sat., May 9th, at Hartford, Northwich. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. H. Huggill, Rural Dean of Middle-wich. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meet-ing. Tickets for tea 4s. 6d. each, obtainable from Mr. R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich, before May 4th. Towers available: Hartford (6) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting; Middlewich (8) Over (8); Weaverham (6); Gt. Budworth (8); Daven-ham (6); Witton (8) all from 2-3.30 p.m. and after the meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 4375

DERBY DIOCEAN ASSOCIATION.—Horsley Cup ringing contests.—**Chesterfield District:** Claycross, May 9th. 3 p.m. Non-competitors send names for tea to Mrs. J. Price, 1, Bertrand Close, Clay Cross. **Derby District:** Breadsall, April 25th. 3 p.m. Non-competitors send names for tea to M. Willis, 33, Gisbourne Close, Mickleover, Derby, before April 22nd. General ringing after tea and meeting. **Ilkeston District:** Stanton-by-Dale, Friday, April 24th. 7.30 p.m. **Final:** Horsley, May 30th. 2.30 p.m. Non-competitors send names for tea to D. Marshall, 52, Wvvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham, before May 26th. 4499

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Northampton. Committee meeting, 3 p.m. and service 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Marefair. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m. at All Saints' Church Rooms, Horseshoe Street. Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) must be obtained by Saturday, May 2nd, from Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square, Pitsford.

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Northampton :			
St. Peter's (8).	3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.	
Holy Sepulchre (8).	1.45 p.m.-3.00 p.m.	)	
St. Giles' (10).	2.00 p.m.-3.15 p.m.	)	7.00 p.m.-8.30 p.m.
All Saints' (8).	Not available.	)	
Country :			
Route 1	Route 2		
Roads (5).	Moulton (8).	11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	)
Collingtree (5).	Cogenhoe (6).	11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m.	)
Milton Malsor (5).	Lt. Houghton (5).	12.15 p.m.- 1.15 p.m.	)
Rothersthorpe (5).	Brafield (6).	12.45 p.m.- 1.45 p.m.	)
Bugbrooke (5).		Not available.	)
Dallington (6).	Piddington (6).	1.15 p.m.- 2.15 p.m.	)
Kingsthorpe (6).	Wootton (5).	1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	)
E. Billings, General Secretary.			4488

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Brampford-Speke on Sat., May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, names early. Meeting following.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 4381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild festival will be held at Marlborough, Wilts, on Saturday, May 9th. The annual general meeting in the Town Hall at 2.15 p.m., when a welcome will be given by the Mayor of Marlborough (Mr. J. W. Seamer). The festival service at the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon F. B. R. Brown. High tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets 5s. to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 6th. Bells available: Marlborough St. Peter's (8). Aldbourne (8), Marlborough St. Mary the Virgin (6), Chisledon, East Kennett, Everleigh, West Overton, Pewsey, Mildenhall, available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. onwards. The following towers also available by contacting the appropriate incumbent: Collingbourne Kingston, Ramsbury, Savernake and Great Bedwin. All towers closed between 2 and 6 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. 4501

MASONIC RINGERS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—This Festival is being held at Oxford, on Sat., May 30th. Arrangements are as follows: Ringing at Kidlington (8) 12—1 p.m., All Saints' (8) 2—3; Cathedral (12) 3—4; Appleton (10) 4.30—5.30. Dinner at Masonic Hall, Oxford (333, Banbury Road), at 6.30 p.m., at approximate cost of 15s. 6d. per head. Cups of tea can be provided, also bed and breakfast for those wishing to stay the night. Replies to: H. Badger, 53, Ridgeway Road, Headington, Oxford (stating Lodge number). Tel. Oxford 61419. 4441

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Borough Jubilee Ringing Day, Sat., July 18th. Ringing arrangements: Great Wakering (6) 2—3.30; Prittlewell (10) 3—4.30; Leigh (6) 6—7.30; Thorpe Bay (8) 7—8.30; Prittlewell 8—9.15. Rayleigh (8) and South Benfleet (6) will be made available on application to P. Sloman, 26, Ennismore Gardens, Southend-on-Sea. 4452

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The Oswy Street Memorial Cup open contest of 720 changes will be at Laxton (6, 12½ cwt.) on August 29th. For rules write to H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, Notts. 4523

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