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FOUR YEARS AFTER

THE addition of a new ring of ten bells to English ringing is a significant event and it is more significant when it is part of the appurtenances of the nation's newest Cathedral at Guildford. Interest is also added to this new ring by the bells being a facsimile of those of Washington Cathedral, which were dedicated nearly a year ago, and their opening ringing by ten English ringers made a deep impression on both sides of the Atlantic.

To many living in the Guildford Diocese the presence of a ring of bells of the highest quality in the Cathedral within four years of consecration seems hardly believable. That the Cathedral should have bells worthy of the building has always been an aspiration of the Diocesan Guild. When the Cathedral consisted merely of a crypt chapel it was members of the Guild and a few friends who provided the memorial bell to John S. Goldsmith, the founder of "The Ringing World." It was just a tinkling treble but it could be heard in the valley below, where Guildford Corporation have a housing estate, and beyond in Onslow Village. Many of those who were present at that dedication are no longer with us. We think of Alfred H. Pulling and A. Charles Hazelden, and both of them will be personally identified with the Cathedral—Alfred by a memorial bell and Charles by the Guild Library, which it is hoped will eventually be housed in the spacious ringing chamber. The Goldsmith bell now has a solemn duty: daily it is heard during the celebration of Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel.

Even before the Goldsmith bell the thoughts of the Guild had been on these bells. Almost from the laying of the foundation stones there had been an annual token grant to the Guild's Cathedral Bell Fund, which from time to time was augmented by other gifts. Hopes of an early completion of the Cathedral were blighted by the 1939 war. Work was at a standstill, and even when peace came at last Bishop Macmillan's decision, endorsed by the Diocesan Conference, to suspend building operations because of the acute housing shortage, lost almost another ten years. Public opinion was eventually galvanised into action by a challenge to the diocese either to build or pull the gaunt edifice (as it then was) down.

But in the interval costs had soared. What would have cost about £250,000 was now £1,000,000. Money came in consistently, although not at the rate of Coventry Cathedral, until about two years ago an appeal was made for a big final effort to raise £300,000 over five years. Throughout these money-raising appeals there was a

silence about bells; no indication was given by the Appeals Committee. The Guildford Guild, however, did not adopt a passive attitude. Advantage was taken of the passing of Mr. A. H. Pulling to launch an appeal to provide a bell; there was also another bell giving commemoration, the life of a mother of a bellringer, and the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, became interested, firstly in designing appropriate ringing and bell chambers, and then in the bells themselves. Probably no ringer did more to keep alive the spark of bell interest than the Master of that period, Mr. C. W. Denyer.

The appointment of Dr. George Reindorp, former Provost of Southwark, as Bishop of Guildford, brought a staunch ally to the Guild, but he approached the question in an unorthodox way. Something like £10,000 additional was needed to provide the bells, and he placed this responsibility on the shoulders of the Guild and expected the task to be fulfilled in 18 months! The Guild Executive, then under the chairmanship of a young Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, was nonplussed, and informed the Bishop that the raising of such a sum was beyond the capabilities of the members of the Guild if they were to be loyal to the Christian Stewardship demands of their respective parishes. As an alternative they suggested, and it was accepted by the diocese, that each of the four Districts should be responsible for one bell. To this there was a loyal answer from each District.

The enthusiasm of the Guild and its backing by the Bishop—although no mention of bells was included in any appeal literature—had fruits in other directions. More individual donors were forthcoming and finally Brigadier and Mrs. Derek Schreiber, of Box Hill, Dorking, as a thankoffering for the recovery of their daughter after a serious motor accident, gave a handsome donation that met the cost of the two tenor bells. The order was given personally by the Bishop to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank with an imperative demand for completion by May 17th, the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

The task has been worthily fulfilled. With no little pride, members of the Guildford Guild looked down from their reserved seats in the south gallery to the crossing below, where was enacted the solemn service of dedication, and heard the Bishop's pronouncement to the Dean: "Receive these bells that we now solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto the Chapter of this Cathedral and take care they be ever and only served in God's service and for his glory."

Impressive Dedication] of Guildford Cathedral Bells

With ceremonial dignity, the new ring of ten bells of Guildford Cathedral was dedicated on May 17th in the presence of a vast congregation, which included H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester with her lady-in-waiting, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott. The ceremony was timed to coincide with the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral, and incorporated in the service was the dedication of the Chapter House, the South Garth and the organ casing.

The long aisles enabled the picturesque dignity of the various processions to be seen in a perfect setting. The mitred Bishops, the richly-ornate copes of the Cathedral dignitaries, the dress uniforms of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and other officers, the long files of surpliced clergy and lay-readers gave colour to the proceedings. The Bishop of Guildford met the Duchess of Gloucester at the West Door and escorted her to a special seat at the entrance to the choir.

DINED WITH BISHOP

Her Royal Highness had previously had dinner with Bishop G. E. Reindorp and Dr. Alix Reindorp and with them were Brigadier Derek Schreiber (hon. treasurer of the Cathedral Fund) and Mrs. Schreiber and their daughters, Lady D'Arcy de Knayth and Miss Susan Schreiber. It was through the Brigadier's munificence that what seemed like the task of a decade enabled the bells to be provided within a few weeks and the tenor and ninth are their special gifts.

Two other personalities present call for special mention. Guildford Cathedral was started as far back as 1931, and throughout this long period there has been only one architect—Sir Edward Maufe. Lady Maufe, his wife, is head of the Broiderers' Guild, responsible for tapestries, robes and kneelers (all hand-made with individual designs). The biggest single gift to the Cathedral—the Chapter House—was from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Waites, who were also present.

The welcome was given by the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) "to give thanks to God for His continued blessing upon us, for the skill of our craftsmen and the zeal of our workers. . . . This was followed by the 150th Psalm sung to Stanford's setting. Lt.-Col. W. W. Dove, of Dove Bros., builders of the Cathedral, read the lesson. The dedications of the Chapter House, the Garth and the organ casing were first completed.

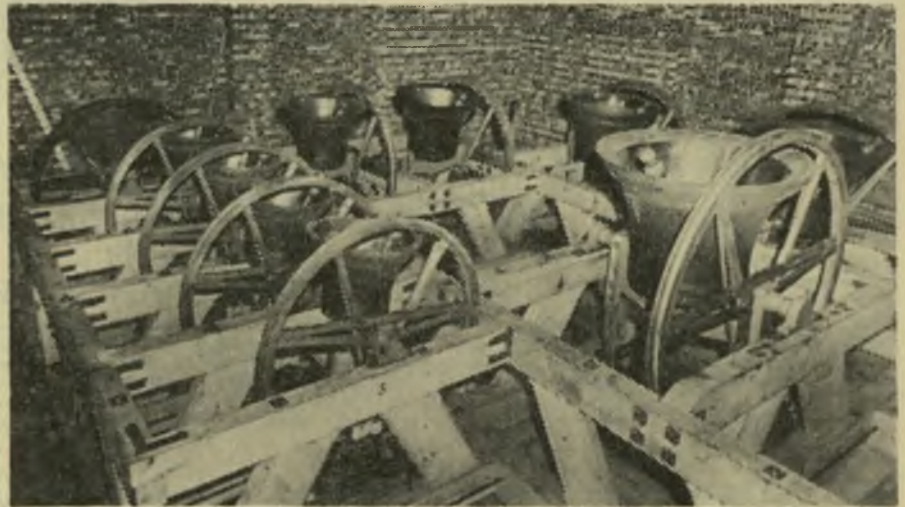
The dedication of the bells took place at the entrance to the choir. A rope had been let down from the ringing chamber, and this was handed by Brigadier Schreiber to the Dean as signifying the handing over by the donors of the bells. On behalf of the Chapter, the Dean accepted the gifts and asked the Lord Bishop to dedicate them. The prayers preceding dedication included one for the ringers: "Grant that all who shall minister to Thy service by ringing them may be filled with reverence and continue in holiness of life"; and another for "those whom we love but see no more," during which the thoughts of many ringers were with Alfred H. Pulling and "Margaret," the mother of a Guildford ringer.

As the actual dedication took place there was a pause after "the Father," again after "the Son," and finally of "the Holy Ghost." During these pauses the seventh bell—the ringers' memorial to Alfred H. Pulling—was tolled three times by Mrs. Jill May, the wife of the Master, thus enabling the women bell-ringers of the Diocese to have a representative in the ringing for the service.

COME

Dr. Reindorp based his sermon on Revelations xxii: "And the Spirit and the bride (the Church) say, Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

The Bishop said there were many who with the tinselled pleasures that passed for life



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS. — The ten bells of Guildford Cathedral inside the brick tower. The frame is made of jarrah wood, which is noted for its hardness. When Messrs. Mears and Stainbank first visited the belfry they were very disturbed about the acoustics. The echo in the belfry was very alarming, but fortunately there has been time to have the concrete roof surfaced with acoustic material, which has eliminated the echo and thus enhanced the clarity of the bells.

had a deep thirst for the water of life. How many of the half-million people of the Diocese were like that, and also how many more of the half-million who would move into the Diocese in the next 15 years?

The bride was the Church and she said "Come." Did the Church attract people today? Christianity, yes. Christ, yes. The Church, no. Their Cathedral was dedicated to God's Holy Spirit, and their bells, symbols from the early days of Christendom, rang out in thankfulness and joy and said to all people, come to the things of God, come to the love of Christ, for which their Cathedral existed. In answer to the prayers of many, the Cathedral had become the Mother Church of the Diocese. Great services had been held there, great music had been given, and also there had been great silences. People had come there from all over the world to share in the beauty of the Cathedral and to derive inspiration.

As their Bishop, he asked them corporately and individually to finish the task of building the Cathedral. The end was in sight. "Before the new university comes to join us on Stag Hill let us make sure our Cathedral stands gloriously free of debt. It will say to the 3,000 university students and 400 staff, Come, for the Spirit says to him that hears our bells and our music. Come."

The service concluded with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis to the setting in G by Stanford.

The bells did not start ringing until the organist, Mr. Barry Rose, had concluded his voluntary. The Duchess waited with the people outside to hear the bells before leaving. The opening ringing was disturbed by the flashes of Press photographers anxious to secure action pictures and also by the ropes, which were tested for length at the preliminary practice the previous Thursday, contracting with the showery weather, which necessitated hands in loops for some of the band. A second start was necessary on the touch of 393 Stedman Caters, but confidence was soon restored and the beauty of the bells was forthcoming. There was a very good lower in peal, the tenor being rung by Mr. Alan Ainsworth, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who for two years lived in the Diocese.

Mr. William Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hughes were present at the service and afterwards they received congratulations from diocesan officials and ringers on the

tone and "go" of the bells. Two who were with the party at Washington were among those listening—Mr. John Chilcott and Mr. Frank C. Price.

The band consisted of Mr. H. N. Pitstow (Banstead) 1, C. W. Denyer (Farnham) 2, F. W. Housden (Shalford) 3, S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford) 4, C. W. Munday (Ewell) 5, T. Page (Aldershot) 6, D. A. R. May (Old Woking, conductor) 7, F. E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton) 8, C. H. Kippin (Farnborough) 9, Roy Collins (Chobham) 10.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

THE Bedfordshire Association held its annual meeting in Bromham Village Hall on May 1st, when over 60 resident members were present. The main point on the agenda was the amendment of Rule 6 concerning subscriptions, and the proposition before the meeting was to increase these. Taking each clause in turn, it was agreed by the majority to increase ringing membership to 5s. per annum (under 16, 2s. 6d.); life resident membership to five guineas; honorary membership for a fee of not less than 5s. per annum. Non-resident membership is to remain as at present, 5s. for life.

A proposition to revise the District boundaries was also agreed upon. It was decided to form a committee who would look into the matter, and arrange for suitable areas to be exchanged.

The next annual meeting is to be held on May 7th, 1966, in the Maulden/Silsoe area.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. A. E. Rushton; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Smith; auditor, Mr. C. E. Jeffries; librarian, Mr. J. B. Long. Two additional vice-presidents elected at this meeting were Messrs. A. J. Smith and M. J. Lockey.

Ringling arrangements were well supported both by members of the Association and also by visitors. Eleven towers were open during the course of the day from 10.15 a.m. to 8.45 p.m.

A service was held at St. Owen's, Bromham, conducted by Mr. D. G. Mabey, the Vicar (the Rev. T. D. Evans) giving a short address. Tea prior to the business meeting was in the Village Hall, Bromham—an excellent spread prepared by Miss K. Rivett and helpers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

"The Ringing World" Debate

THE annual general meeting of the Association was held at Rotherham on May 1st. Nine towers, besides the Parish Church, were open for ringing during the day and were well used. A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Rotherham (the Rev. A. Hollis), who also gave the brief but admirable address. Tea in the parish rooms was served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers.

Archdeacon C. O. Ellison presided at the business meeting, which was attended by the disappointingly small number of 70 members. Several important matters arose from the minutes of the previous meeting. The president reported on the progress made with the new membership card, which would replace the old certificate of membership. The proof of one design had been rejected and he was asking the S.P.C.K. to submit another. New badges would have to be ordered fairly soon; these are now given to new members.

The General Committee had been asked to consider whether the Association should make a donation to the funds of "The Ringing World" and it had decided to recommend that no gift be made. Mr. N. Chaddock then made a proposition that £5 be given this year. He said that many ringers were thoughtless about "The Ringing World" and of its usefulness to them and to ringing associations. The Yorkshire Association had the notices for this very meeting at a small price. Mr. Chaddock went on to emphasise the value of the articles and compositions in the paper and concluded by saying that a donation need not be given every year. Mr. C. Moxon seconded the proposition.

At this point Mr. E. Hudson said he thought the motion to be out of order, since the committee had discussed the matter. The general secretary disagreed and the president then allowed a debate. The president said that he agreed with the views of Mr. C. Woolley recently expressed in "The Ringing World." Mr. H. L. Roper said he was sorry to hear this—the view, that is, that "The Ringing World" should stand on its own feet. He thought the paper could not stand on its own feet since it was produced largely by voluntary effort. The editor, he said, was paid—but not much. He asked what was wrong with charity. Mr. Woolley had forgotten the voluntary effort.

INVESTMENTS COULD BE IMPROVED

Mr. V. Bottomley opposed the proposition. "The Ringing World" finances could be much healthier, he said, if the investments were better ones. At the moment they were bad investments and the suggestions he had made at Central Council meetings for improving them were not accepted. The Editorial Committee could increase charges if necessary. He thought, too, that the Association would get tired of being the only one making a donation.

Mr. W. E. Critchley did not agree with the proposition either. He thought that the service of "The Ringing World" had dropped in quality. The way peals were written out had changed at least twice in the last year and were frequently not in order with regard to their date. Further, he thought it would be unfair for some people to be subsidising others. He did not like the fact that some quarter peals were not published because there was no donation with them.

Mr. J. Seager said that the meeting should accept the committee's recommendation, and the motion, when put to the meeting, was lost.

Mr. C. Groome proposed a vote of thanks. He liked to come to Rotherham, where ringing was as it should be, and where there was great hospitality. He thanked in particular Mr. N. Chaddock, who had been responsible for the arrangements, all the incumbents of the churches, especially the Vicar of Rotherham, the ladies who served tea, and the organist. Mr. C. Moxon seconded this proposition, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. N. Chaddock replied.

The president next presented the annual report. He said he did not propose to read out what was already in the hands of most of those present, and referred briefly to one or two points. He regretted the extracts from the rules had not been printed in the report, as planned, and congratulated Mr. E. Hudson on being elected chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies.

HIGHEST PEAL TOTAL

Mr. W. E. Critchley reported on the peals rung during 1964. The total of 217 was by far the largest the Association had had. He mentioned especially the peals by local bands at Walkington and Huntington, and also the peal of Bob Maximus at York Minster by the York Minster Society.

Mr. V. Bottomley, in presenting the balance sheet, said that income from subscriptions was up, which tallied well with the fact that membership was up; 625 members had paid for 1964.

The president concluded this part of the business by thanking the hon. auditors, Messrs. W. Barton and J. W. Gibson, and the report was formally adopted.

Most of the rest of the business was concluded speedily. Mr. F. W. Moreton was re-elected general secretary. The next general meeting was arranged for September 18th at Selby, to coincide, it is hoped, with the dedication of the bells at the Abbey. Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert reported progress with the Snowdon dinner on October 16th in Rotherham, but with ringing in Sheffield. New members elected were Thomas Cooke, Rohilla M. Cooke, Ernest Pannell (Darlington), Christopher Easton, Michael Pickup, Audrey Davies (Scalby), Andrew Pearce (Huntington), Margaret Donovan (Thrybergh), Paul Brookes (Rotherham), Philip Dilks (Sheffield) and three non-residents — Christopher Hughes (Chesterfield), Joy Watkin (Wigston Magna) and David Baxter (Irnham).

The proposition that there be an assistant peal secretary was agreed to and Dr. T. D. Spencer was elected to this office. Another proposition that the Association have a librarian was referred to the committee.

This full agenda was completed before 7 p.m., at which time the parish rooms had been booked by some "pop musicians."

WINCHESTER DISCOVERY

Dear Sir,—It is a great pity that the illustrator of the paper on the Winchester Cathedral discovery did not show the correct section of a Saxon bell instead of the form used by the founders of the modern Swiss cow bell.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Southover, Lewes.

BRITISH MUSEUM BUY A CHINESE BELL FOR £28,000

LAST month the sale room correspondent of "The Times," in reporting on an auction of part of the collection of the late Adolphe Stoclet, of Brussels, for £108,095, mentioned that a world-famous bronze bell would soon be seen in the same rooms. Always interested in such things, I sent for the catalogue. This had a colour photograph of the bell as the frontispiece and another in black and white of the detail of the crown as well as some details of its history.

The bell belongs to the Wei Hui Chime, of which four other members are known, and are considered to date from about 482 B.C. The treble, height 14 inches, was formerly in the Berlin State Museum; the second and tenor, heights 19½ and 26¼ inches, are now in the Fogg Museum of Art, Cambridge, U.S.A.; the third, height 21¼ inches, is the one under review; and the fourth, height 23¼ inches, is in the Museum van Asiatische Kunst, Amsterdam. It is of course possible after all this lapse of time that there were more than five bells in the chime when first cast.

The Stoclet bell was auctioned on May 11th at Sothebys and was eventually knocked down for £28,000 to the British Museum. Clearly this record price reflects the considerable importance of the piece and the quality of the workmanship.

In plan, the bell is of pointed oval section tapering towards the flat crown and with almost the whole outside surface profusely ornamented. In the centre of each side is a vertical panel enclosing four dragons with foliate tails. On each side are groups of five alternating horizontal bands of dragons and bosses. The latter are in the form of curled lizards devouring birds and the bands are separated by a rope twist ornament.

By the mouth and shoulder are continuous bands of decoration. The flat crown is also ornamented and has two free standing confronted dragons which form a type of argnet for suspending the bell.

On the view day I was, unfortunately, unable to see the inside of the bell or to assess the musical properties. It seems that there was never an internal clapper and the bell was struck on the outside with perhaps a horizontal timber beam suspended from two cords. The outside has a brownish patina over most of the surface due probably to being buried for many centuries in the ground until some 50 years ago.

Though some of the decoration may have been finished off after the bell was cast, the quality of the work is very high indeed and in only one zone is slight porosity to be seen. The evidence is that the lost wax process was not used, but instead a clay mould was made in sections and clamped together.

Now this most interesting bell is to stay in this country there may be a further opportunity to see how the founder did his work. He was of course casting this bell and the others in the chime some 1,400 years earlier than the Winchester founder whose moulds have been recently discovered.

It is not clear whether the treble formerly in Berlin survived the last war, and a peal of 5,040 changes of Doubles on them would not seem to be immediately in prospect.

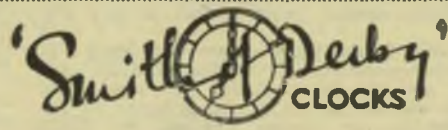
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Letters to the Editor

THEOLOGICAL ASPECT OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent Mr. Robin H. Rogers, I am very uneasy about the peal rung at Bridgend to commemorate a victory in some sporting event by, I am told, a Welsh team. I cannot believe that bells in a church were ever envisaged as a means of celebrating such an occasion, rare though it may be; they are dedicated to the glory of God, and the least one can say about this peal "dedication" is that it was in very bad taste. Moreover I consider the comments about it in "Belfry Gossip" were in even worse taste and should have merited the Editor's censorship. If the peal had been rung in a secular tower there would have been some excuse for it, but to say, as your correspondent did in an apologia, that sport and religion in Wales are inseparable is little short of blasphemous. Did the clergy throughout Wales (in churches of all denominations) solemnly offer prayers the previous week for victory, and equally solemnly the day after, prayers of thanksgiving? And what about the churches in the country of the losers?

I would ask that all peal ringers think very seriously about the theological aspect of their peals before they dedicate them to this, that and the other. No one can quarrel with a peal rung to mark an event in the Church Kalender—a Festival, a Saint's day, an anniversary of the Church, or some important occasion with doctrinal connections. Nor can one take exception in "In Memoriam" peals to commemorate an anniversary of service to the Church. It is very doubtful though if a peal should ever be rung as a "Birthday Compliment" to anyone, especially if that person is ringing in it. If it is necessary to mention such a thing as a birthday, it would be more meaningful to say "Rung to mark the birthday of . . ." or, better still, "Rung on the occasion of the birthday of . . ." Every peal rung on the bells of a church must primarily be rung to the glory of God and as a witness of the life of His Church. Can we, as Christians, Church members and ringers, who should know the right thing to do, set an example in future peal dedications and restrict them to events and circumstances strictly connected with the Church? After all, there are plenty of ecclesiastical events if any reason is needed.

I would like to suggest that guidance be given by the Central Council in the whole matter of peal dedications, and that it should be discussed at an early meeting. I would also like the Editor to have full power of censorship so that we shall never again have to read such nonsense as was inscribed at the end of the Bridgend peal, which can only bring discredit on those responsible and denigrate the peal ringing section of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely, D. J. NEAL SMITH.

Twickenham, Middlesex.

BATH AND WEST SHOW

Dear Sir,—Many ringers will be aware of the fact that the new permanent site of the Bath and West is situated on the outskirts of Evercreech. It has therefore been arranged that the bells of St. Peter's will be available to visitors to the Show, each evening (June 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th) from 7 p.m. or at other times by arrangement with the undersigned.

Also, as no doubt some members of the Central Council will be making their way to Northampton on the Saturday, the bells will be available to any of them who may like to pay us a call; it would of course be advisable to make personal arrangements to ensure a sufficient number being present at any one time.

So far as the Show is concerned, there will be demonstrations of handbell ringing each day, and Mr. Frank Mack's light ring of six bells will be set up at the entrance to the chapel in the Church Pavilion.—Yours sincerely, HARRY SANGER.

Rockyville, Evercreech.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BIRMINGHAM RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I wish to congratulate the band who rang the long peal at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on May 15th.

I was fortunate enough to hear the last hour and a half of superb ringing and a perfect finish. We in Birmingham should be proud we have such an expert band of change ringers who possess the stamina and quality combined with endurance which is called for in a peal with so many changes.

Once again wishing our ringers all the luck in the near future, on ringing their completion of a fine peal.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

TRADITION OF FIRING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents concerned about firing in peals might be interested to learn that this is not a new phenomenon. In a description of Portsmouth in 1729 Stephen Martin Leake, Lancaster Herald and afterwards Garter King of Arms, comments:

"There is but one church in the town, a very old building, but it has a very good tower and chimes, and in the upper part is a room where a man lives to give notice of all ships that appear off the harbour, which he does by striking a bell as many times as there are ships. They have a good peal of eight bells, which were brought from the church in Dover Castle by the interest of Sir George Rooke, one of their members. They are said to be the first ringers that struck their bells in slams (as they call it), that is, together at one stroke like a volley of muskets, which they do in the middle of a peal, as often as they please, without breaking off the peal; and this they do upon rejoicing days in imitation of huzzas or volleys."

"Life of Captain Stephen Martin, R.N.," Vol. V., page 206, Navy Records Society.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER B. MORRIS.

Oswestry, Salop.

SPLICING WITH FIRING

Dear Sir,—Reading the amusing letter by Mr. Wilfred W. Ring in "The Ringing World" (page 292), I felt I must add my comments on this question of striking, for although Mr. Ring's letter was written in a facetious vein there is a great deal of truth behind what he says.

I feel that our standards in bell ringing are similar to our standards in most things these days. We have come to accept inferior quality as the norm rather than the exception. The number of people who take a pride in producing things of very high quality seems to get less year by year.

I sometimes wonder, with regard to ringing standards, how much is the fault of those of us who take it upon ourselves to teach others to ring. How often do we see a beginner pushed into round-ringing, or even attempting plain hunting, before he or she can handle a bell properly, or trying to ring one of the more advanced methods before mastering the simpler ones?

In my opinion too much importance is placed on whether a person can "ring" Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, etc., rather than on whether he can strike his bell.

Let us aim first for perfection in our striking, even if it means spending a much longer period on the more mundane things like rounds, call changes and the simpler methods!

To quote George Herbert, "Who sweeps a room as for God's laws, makes that and the action fine."—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD HAYNES.

Daventry.

EARLIEST OCTAVE IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—Having followed with interest the correspondence some time ago on the subject of early rings of eight bells, the same was brought to mind recently on reading "History of London Ringers and Ringing" by J. A. Trollope (part of which was reprinted in "The Ringing World" of December 21st, 1945, page 520). The paragraph in question runs (I quote):

"Robert Mot's most notable ring (if we can trust the evidence) was eight bells for St. Andrew's, Holborn, with a tenor weighing 28 cwt. There is in the British Museum a manuscript letter dated June 8th, 1852, written by Christopher Sachs, who was at that time employed at the Cripplelegate bell foundry. In it he says that he "was shown a curious old book written in very quaint character on vellum, in which is an account of the cost, etc., of a peal of eight bells cast in 1578, the tenor 28 cwt, 2 qr. 7 lb., and a list of those who subscribed for them and the building of the church."

He then goes on to say that he could find no other reference to this book, which apparently disappeared long ago, and mentions that the date on the (then) Sanctus bell was 1578, the same date as the supposed octave.

It would be interesting to know whether the manuscript referred to is still in existence, and whether, more recently, anything has come to light to confirm its authenticity. If the truth of the document is corroborated, it would seem that this ring is a clear 24 years older than the ring put up at Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire, in 1602, usually described as the earliest octave in England.

In connection with Robert Mot and his predecessor at the Whitechapel Foundry, there is a convincing argument in "Church Bells of Essex" that the identity of the latter founder may be ascribed to one Robert Doddes. However, a recent search through the churchwardens' accounts of Wye, Kent, brought to light Robert Doddes' name again in connection with the casting of four bells for that church in 1572/3. This date is two years after Mot is known to have established himself at Whitechapel, and the fact that Doddes was at this time managing a foundry did not take over on the death of Doddes, as may have been originally thought. The 2nd bell at Preston-by-Faversham, Kent, is dated 1575, and although Stahlschmidt ("Church Bells of Kent") could find no identification of the founder, the character of the inscription strongly resembles those of Doddes' specimens found in Essex. In 1581, however, we find the first mention of the prolific foundry of the Hatches at Ulcombe (a village bordering on Lenham) and the possibility that Thomas Hatch served his apprenticeship with Doddes now seems a distinct possibility.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Caple is not quite correct in stating that ringing is completely suspended during Holy Week "throughout Western Christendom."

I have just returned from a ringing tour in Ireland, and at least one cathedral and one parish church recorded ringing before several of the Holy Week services, and it would appear to be customary to do this in the Church of Ireland.

Whilst we have no tradition of ringing after Palm Sunday in the Church of England, a clear distinction should be made between ringing for service and ringing for pleasure.

I am sure most of us would agree with Mr. Caple that meetings or practices are out of place during Holy Week, but if the Rector asks his band to ring for any of the services, even half-muffled on Good Friday, on what grounds could we, as ringers, object? None. I am sure.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S GOOD YEAR

A VERY good year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association held at Chichester on May 8th. Financially, the Association was sounder, a willingness on the part of incumbents to allow bells to be used was noted and an increased number of peals were rung.

The service was held in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. and taken by the Archdeacon of Chichester in the absence of the Bishop, who was dedicating a church at Hove, and the Dean, who was indisposed.

Tea was held in the Council Chamber at the County Hall, when over 160 ringers and friends were present.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, who welcomed the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Vicar of Danehill, the Vicar of Withyham and members of the East Grinstead and District Guild.

The members were asked to stand in silence in respect of those members who had died during the year: Messrs. S. A. Paice (Horsham), H. Stoveld (Bosham) and Chipper (Wessex Tarring).

The Master's printed report mentioned that the standard of ringing had steadily improved and the number of methods rung much increased. Some of their "up-and-coming" young ringers were moving to University or elsewhere. Mr. Peter Romney, hon. peal secretary, and Messrs. Ian Smith, John Norris and Bernard North, who had held office in their respective divisions, had been a great success. Their thanks and best wishes to them as they moved forward on life's way.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) in his report said they were now in their 80th year and since the Association had been formed it had had eight Masters, 10 secretaries and 13 treasurers. Of these, one secretary and four treasurers were in office only one year.

THE WIND OF CHANGE

At the 80th birthday dinner the secretary of the Central Council spoke of the wind of change that was beginning to blow in their churches. Times and conditions of services were altering and they must be prepared to align themselves with them. During the past 12 months he had noticed the willingness of incumbents to permit the use of their bells; opportunities now awaited them in towers where there was very little ringing.

If the present system of affiliation were amended and individual membership fees substituted, it would be possible to include details of all the towers in the Association's report, but of course only the names of the actual members would be included. The present set-up of rules made it difficult to print the report in time for the annual general meeting (although they had not yet failed). He hoped to see them amended to be more helpful to general secretaries of the future by divisional annual meetings in October or November, which would enable balance sheets to be available in January, thus giving the treasurer and auditor more time to carry out their duties. Over the past two years the



MR. R. W. R. PERCY
popular general secretary of the Association, having held office since 1953. Elected to Central Council 1960.

paying of subscriptions—whether affiliation or individual—had been somewhat chaotic but he was certain they would all be better and happier with an individual subscription.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Leslie Weller) reported a good year, which was due to towers paying an affiliation fee as well as a member's subscription. Divisional expenses were down, but they must bear in mind that the previous treasurer had not made any payment to "The Ringing World" for 1964; this had now been done.

The peal secretary reported 93 peals rung during the year—the sixth highest in the history of the Association. Mr. L. Stilwell had rung his 750th peal.

The president, vice-president, Master, treasurer, secretary and auditors were re-elected. Mr. Peter Romney, the peal secretary, had moved to Dorset, and Mr. John Norris was elected to this post.

AFFILIATION FEE ABOLISHED

After some discussion a proposition was carried by 64 votes to 52 that from January 1st, 1966, the affiliation fee be abolished and an individual subscription retained.

A report of the committee revising the form of service was presented by the Rev. Mr. Scott. A rough draft would be sent to each division and finally to the Bishop for approval.

A recommendation from the committee: "That the grant to churches for bell repairs be increased from £5 to a maximum of £25, any grant must be approved by the General Committee," was accepted by the meeting. Following this, a grant of £25 to Billingshurst was agreed to and the committee are to

consider the application for a grant to Upper Beeding.

Details of an appeal by Billingshurst to raise the whole of the cost of restoration of their bells was given. The generous support of all ringers was asked for.

The general secretary asked for guidance for the Central Council representatives regarding two motions to be submitted at Northampton—the payment of 1s. for each person taking part in a peal before publication in "The Ringing World" and that the Council recommends affiliated territorial Associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members or their equivalent. The representatives were asked to vote against both motions. In connection with "The Ringing World," an appeal was made for more ringers to take the journal through the post.

Attention was drawn to the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild to be held at Eastbourne on July 3rd and the support of members was requested.

Two members received special recognition—Mr. Peter Wood was elected a vice-president for his 18 years' service to the Western Division, and Mr. H. Gravett, who had completed 60 years as a ringer at Burgess Hill and still attended for service and practice ringing, was elected an honorary life member.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

A supper of bread and cheese, pickled onions and beer preceded the annual general meeting of the Southampton University Guild on May 1st. The Master (Mr. M. D. Trigg) reported good progress during the year with 11 quarters (four firsts as conductors), the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Guild, a summer tour, successful annual dinner and frequent day outings.

Officers elected were: President, Canon K. W. H. Felstead; Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg; Vice-Master, Miss H. Walters; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. J. Joyce. The summer tour will be around Tiverton, Devon, during the first week in July. All correspondence for Guild to Mr. P. J. Joyce, c/o J. C. R., The University, Southampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Bridgnorth Branch

An encouraging feature of the spring meeting held at Madeley on May 1st was the number of young learner ringers who attended and they were afforded every facility. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lord), who also took the chair at the business meeting. Before the commencement of this meeting, members stood in silence as a tribute in memory of the late Mr. J. Stanier, for many years captain of the Madeley ringers.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fred Jones, the present Madeley captain, for his assistance with the arrangements for tea. Ringing was under the direction of the new Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Jones, of Bridgnorth.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

Members of the Kent County Association will be saddened by the death of George H. Cross. Although so well known as the Master of the Cumberlands, his work for the Kent Association must not be overlooked. He was for many years on the committee of the Association as honorary auditor and his advice and assistance in financial matters were most useful.

He was an outstanding conductor and practical ringer on both tower- and handbells. He once said, not in any boasting way, that he thought it possible to ring two handbells to any method to which one could ring a tower bell, and in his case it was probably true. He was a prolific composer, and whereas some of his work was criticised, not unjustly, for lack of originality, he produced many compositions of great practical value.

Although exiled from his native Norfolk, he never lost the slow speech and casual manner associated with East Anglia. In his case these characteristics belied a keen brain and great natural ability. He was wonderful company with a dry sense of humour and kindly but unflinching wit.

His wife came from Chislehurst, in Kent, and after their marriage they lived for many years at Barnehurst and both took part in many peals in the Lewisham District of the Association and beyond. They moved to Somerset on his retirement and were greatly missed by a wide circle of friends in the county where they had lived so long. Great sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Cross and their son and two daughters in their bereavement.

P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

May I, as one of the older Cumberlands in the Lincoln-Newark area, say how much we mourn the death of our great friend and late Master, George H. Cross.

It was to George and his St. Martin-in-the-Fields band's great sincerity during their pre-war visits to Lincoln and Newark that the seeds were sown for the present stronghold of the Cumberlands in this area.

For me personally, I shall always be most grateful for the advice and instruction given to me when I was so often welcomed to his home during wartime visits when we entered the Port of London. For so much of the ringing I've enjoyed since those days, I have only this great man to thank.

To the family we offer our deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace. J. L. M.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Competition

In the drizzling rain, and at Tenby, not St. Florence, as advertised, the St. David's Diocesan Guild held its annual competition on May 8th. Bands were entered from Tenby, St. Florence, Pembroke, Llandilo, Cardigan and Llanelly.

The test piece was to ring six bells up and stand; to ring 120 of any Doubles method, and then, after standing again, to ring the bells down. As in previous years, Mr. Frederick Sharpe was the judge.

After tea, at St. Florence, Mr. Sharpe gave a helpful analysis of the ringing. The placing was: 1 Tenby, 2 Llanelly, 3 Cardigan.

The Master of the Guild then introduced Mr. Sharpe and his famous band of handbell ringers, and the recital which followed was a much looked-forward-to item of the competition. Mr. Sharpe always includes one or two Welsh hymn tunes, and is pleased when the listeners spontaneously join in the melody. Too soon the recital ended, and votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Sharpe and to his band by the Rector of St. Florence, and by Mr. Scudamore, captain at Llandilo.

R. W.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
GUILD

A.G.M. and Dinner

THE 18th annual general meeting of the Manchester University Guild was held on March 9th in the University Union, and the following officers were elected for the session 1965/66: President, Brian A. Tomlinson; Ringing Master, David J. Baker; secretary, Stephen Taylor; treasurer, Miss Margaret Whitehead; committee members, John Gander (steepie keeper) and Clive Colton.

The annual dinner was held on March 13th at the Mitre Hotel amid congenial surroundings and a happy atmosphere.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Clive Colton and the reply was given by Mr. Fearnough. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the secretary, Mrs. Mary Jones, who welcomed representatives from the Durham, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Sheffield University Societies and all the life members of the Guild who were present at the dinner though not now resident in the Manchester area.

The reply was given by Mr. Dave Marshall, the Master of the Durham University Society, who produced the one genuine laugh of the evening among a series of groans at un-funny stories, with his hair-raising tale of immoral practices in Durham. The toast of "The Society" was proposed by Mr. Philip Erith, of the London University Society. The reply was given by the Master, Mr. David Baker, who cheated by giving a speech which was substantially a repetition of his report at the annual general meeting. He remarked on the fact that the Guild had an excellent record for the past year of four births and three marriages, and announced that the most significant event of the year was undoubtedly the change of pub, which had met with general approval. The standard of ringing had been maintained in spite of the loss of so many members at the end of last year, and he looked forward to an equally happy and successful term of office for his successor. (Mr. Baker was re-elected at the annual general meeting.)

The evening concluded in the normal manner, with idle chatter, excessive alcohol consumption and handbell ringing. M. J.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District Striking
Competition

Chesterfield District's third annual striking competition, held at Clowne, on May 8th, was certainly the best yet with an attendance of over 70 members and friends. Due to the record entry of nine teams, including a last-minute one from Sheffield University—"Brand X"—it took almost two hours for the teams to ring the test piece of 240 changes, and as a result everyone was more than ready for the excellent tea waiting in the Rectory Barn.

The results of the competition were: 1 Old Whittington (Oxford T.B., 246 points); 2 Dronfield "A" (Oxford T.B., 228); 3 Bolsover "A" (Cambridge Minor, 221); 4 "Brand X" (Plain Bob, 214); 5 Old Brampton (Grandsire Doubles, 158); 6 Staveley (Plain Hunt, 147); 7 Bolsover "B" (Plain Bob, 124); 8 Barborough (Plain Bob, 121); and 9 Dronfield "B" (Plain Hunt, 63).

Presenting the Old Whittington team with the District Shield, Mr. A. Mould (Derby) congratulated them on a fine performance, particularly as this was the second year in succession they had won. With Dronfield and Bolsover, they will now go forward to compete in the Horsley Cup at the Association's final on May 22nd.

Following the election of Miss V. Dorricott and Mr. F. Farnsworth (Staveley), Mr. S. Margerrison (Old Brampton) and Mr. G. Pears (Clowne) as new members, Mr. S. Lawrence, captain of the winning team, concluded the meeting with comprehensive thanks.

Next meeting: June 12th, North Wingfield.

M. P. P.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
SOCIETY

THE University of London Society held its annual general meeting on May 8th. The afternoon's ringing began at Poplar, where a late start was necessitated by rope and stay trouble. The bells are a difficult ten to ring and drop nicely. The eight of St. Mary's, Bow Road, proved rather more manageable. These bells are incredibly loud outside and it is easy to sympathise with the howling mob which greeted the last peal band to visit there. Ringing activities concluded at St. Vedast's, where a service was conducted by Canon Mortlock. Tea was provided in St. Olave's Church Hall and was followed by a business meeting attended by 20 members and four visitors.

In his report the Master, Mr. Richard O. Humphries, remarked on the increase of members attending regularly on Thursdays and Sundays and the continued improvement in the standard of methods rung—seven and eight Spliced Surprise Major being quite common on practice nights. The realms of 10-and 12-bell ringing had been entered with a practice at Southwark Cathedral on the second Wednesday of the month. Seventeen peals had been rung, ranging from Plain Bob Minor "in hand" to Cambridge Royal and Yorkshire Maximus. Eight quarter peals had been scored on Sunday mornings at St. Vedast's.

In her report, the secretary (Miss Y. Edwards) mentioned the well-attended tour in Shropshire and South Wales and outings to Loughborough and Paris.

Eleven new members were ratified. The president and vice-presidents, respectively David J. R. Martin and Philip M. J. Gray. Denis N. Layton and Alan F. Thirst, were re-elected. Last year's treasurer, Roger W. Powell, was elected Master, and it was decided to combine the posts of secretary and treasurer, Robert E. J. Dennis being elected to the office. (Both Master and secretary reside at Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1, and are at Imperial College.) Alan J. Frost was elected Central Council representative, and Peter R. Layton auditor: committee members, Yvonne Edwards, J. Susan Smith and Anthony H. Smith.

Richard Humphries called for support for the summer tour in Devon and Cornwall and asked those interested to get in touch with him. The annual dinner will probably be at the Church House on February 12th. Discussion ensued on the cost of an annual report and the committee were instructed to report their findings on this and finance generally to the Society's general meeting on October 16th. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

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SKETTY, SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—On March 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia Jenkins (first T.B.) 1, Elizabeth J. Watkins (first T.B.) 2, Kathleen M. Watkins 3, Hazel Way 4, J. A. Hoate (cond.) 5, B. J. Woodruff 6. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—On April 24th, 2,640 Plain Bob Maximus: Hazel Way 1—2, Penelope J. Welch 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7—8, R. T. Smith 9—10, E. J. Morris 11—12. First of Maximus by all except conductor. For practice.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, Rose Wratten 3, B. L. Marks 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hooker 1, Rose Wratten 2, Ann Rayner 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, Crawford T. Hillis (cond.) 6. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Hooker 1, Annie Rayner 2, Rose Wratten (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Neilson 6. Rung for the Aldington Festival of Flowers and Music.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Starling 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, G. Collins 3, D. Livesey 4, S. Poole (cond.) 5, E. Ball 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Livesey 1, Pamela J. Sturdy 2, Monica Fluck 3, G. T. Collins 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, E. Ball 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Sherwood 1, A. D. Sayer 2, M. E. Denyer (first quarter, aged 12) 3, Miss A. Hawes 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Way 1, J. T. Symonds 2, Diana Hayns 3, R. Mills 4, J. Hayns (cond.) 5, R. Barnes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): T. H. O. Lewis (first quarter) 1, L. Floyd 2, L. R. Woodruff 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, A. J. White (cond.) 5, J. R. Franklin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On April 12th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. Hobson (first "inside") 2, R. Parkinson 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kenyon, of St. George's, Bolton, where Mrs. Kenyon is a service ringer.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Kinsey (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. For Evensong, and to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung. Norwich, May 2nd, 1715.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Bond 1, Beryl Baldwin 2, Angela Wright 3, Angela Grainger 4, Catherine Powell 5, R. I. Vaughn 6, M. J. Bew 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8, B. J. P. Sione 9, D. P. Snowwell (25th quarter) 10. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Bernard Stone, who is moving to Oxford.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, Miss M. Retter (first "inside") 2, E. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, A. Broom (first quarter) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss V. Look 4, B. Coles 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Anne Christie (ringer and organist at this church) and Mr. Martin Peach.

EDINBURGH.—On May 1st, in Princes Street, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: Miss E. Graham 1—2, M. Peterson (cond.) 3—4, M. J. Marriott 5—6. In aid of Edinburgh Students' Charities Appeal.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Floyd 1, Miss M. Birch 2, L. Floyd 3, A. J. White 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. S. Foster 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For morning service by members of the Chiltern Branch.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, F. Wills 4, Miss V. Look 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. For the annual service of Exeter Combined Lodges, Loyal Order of Moose.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Cane (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, G. A. Cockman 5, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 6, Adrienne Gibson 7, S. Warren 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Warren 1, Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 2, D. J. K. Paul 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, D. J. Herschell 7, J. Helder (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled. Both quarters in memoriam Albert Foxwell, aged 83, faithful verger of this church for 23 years, who was interred on May 10th.

ESHER, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Powell 1, Mrs. D. Massey 2, P. Henry 3, Mrs. M. Powell 4, J. Maybrey (cond.) 5, Miss P. Sinclair (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. W. W. Davidson.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCs.—On May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. Hobson 2, J. F. Wood 3, S. Anderton 4, D. Hogg 5, J. Thornley 6, D. Vincent 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Hatch, of Leigh.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On May 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Harwin 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, Miss D. Robotham 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. First in method 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

GRIMSBY, LINCs.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Muriel Pashley (first quarter) 1, Maureen Bee 2, J. J. Willows 3, M. Walker 4, W. Longbottom 5, J. Parker 6, F. Kennington 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Canon D. G. Hawker, on his induction as Vicar of Grimsby.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. B. Davey 1, M. E. Nissly (first of Cambridge "inside") 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Davey 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, M. E. Nissly 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): L. P. Brain 1, S. J. Hammond 2, C. F. Loke 3, L. J. Parry 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, R. C. Groom 6.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Violet Relf 1, J. Burden (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, L. Sweatman 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, P. Denne 6. For Evensong.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mrs. E. Jackson (first of Minor) 2, M. H. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Loten 1, Miss B. Smith 2, R. Barton 3, Miss J. Barton 4, K. Gould 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8.

LANCASTER.—On May 2nd, at the Cathedral of St. Peter (R.C.), 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rainford 1, R. Warden 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, P. Rainford (first quarter) 4, S. Jeffery 5, J. Pye 6. A compliment to Monsignor R. O. Brimley, on his appointment as Protonotary Apostolic. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles R. Rainford 1, E. Dodderell 2, T. Jackson 3, P. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Richardson (first quarter) 6, J. Pye tenor. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on completion of 60 years as a ringer at the same church.

LIANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Hiscock 1, Dianne Bird 2, R. T. Smith 3, Gillian Grancy 4, Katherine Maylott 5, Frances Massey 6, H. L. Hatfield (first as cond.) 7, J. Wilson 8. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Cambridge Minor: Dianne Bird 1, Katherine Maylott 2, Gillian Grancy 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, Frances Massey 5, R. E. Hardy 6, H. L. Hatfield cover. To mark the engagement of H. Lyndon Hatfield to Dianne Bird, and of Robert E. Hardy to Katherine Maylott. Also for the 21st birthdays of Dianne Bird and Carolyn Channon.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 1st, 1,320 London S. Minor: T. G. Pett 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, R. W. Powell 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Neilson 1, Annie Rayner 2, Rose Wratten 3, Elizabeth Topp (cond.) 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmill 6. For Evensong.

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Mr. Stephen P. Darvill, of St. Albans, has completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. A. Bishop, of 12, Worple Avenue, London, asks for the notation of Cogenhoe Delight Minor.

"The Ringing World" has now a reader in the Solomon Islands. Is this our most distant outpost?

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffiths was marked by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Claverley. The band offer their warm appreciation for the hospitality given them after the peal.

The peal at Llandaff Cathedral on May 8th was the first peal of Surprise Royal in South Wales by an entirely resident band. The treble ringer, W. James Goodfellow, has now "circled the tower" at Llandaff.

A correspondent wonders what the footnote to the "Rugby" peal at Bridgend would have been had Wales been defeated. Presumably, it would have been rung fully muffled, or probably lost in sympathy!

Miss Judith Corby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, completed her first 25 peals by ringing her first peal of London "inside" at Bromley Common on May 15th. Judith, who is 14, has rung her peals on 25 different bells.

St. Peter's, Brighton, will miss Bernard Stone, who is moving to Oxford. His attention to the bells and work for the Sussex Association has earned for him the gratitude of many friends who wish him well in the future.

Another member of that well known Guildford Guild ringing family, Martin Denyer, has rung his first quarter peal at the first attempt. Martin, who is only 12 years old, rang the third to Plain Bob Minor at Ash; a good achievement after only one year's ringing.

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AN ESSEX GOLDEN WEDDING

May 22nd was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrott, of Upminster, Essex, and their many friends in the Hornchurch district send their heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Jim is a member of the band at Hornchurch, Essex, and learned his ringing at Cubitt Town, in the East End of London. Later he moved to Northfleet, where he was a member of the band for 25 years, being secretary for 17 years. He came to Hornchurch in 1932 and has been a regular member of this band ever since. The usual cliché—the last of the old band—applies very well to Jim, but although the last of the old band he is most regular and most punctual of all, and always willing “to have a go.”

Long may it be so, Jim, and our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you both.

A WIDOW'S INTERPRETATION

We acknowledge in our appropriate column a posthumous contribution of £2 from the late Mr. Ted Russell, a dear friend of ringers in the Redhill area, who died in April, 1963. Some months ago when his widow was going through his belongings she found some of his emergency supply tucked away in a pocket of one of his suits. She was most anxious to dispose of this money in the way her husband would have wished, and knowing his deep interest in “The Ringing World” she felt she could do no better than send it as a donation towards the upkeep of the journal.

A NEW LOOK AT SALFORD

Those who visit the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, the church of the University of Manchester Guild, will find a pleasant surprise. The dirty, flaking yellow and maroon walls have been transformed to those of white and light blue. The redecoration took 12 hours hard work by four Guild members and a friend. Work at times was precarious. Only two 12 foot ladders were available and a ceiling 20ft. high had to be tackled. The ladders were tied together with an old bell rope and this held satisfactorily.

Work finished at midnight when new ropes were attached resplendent in their blue, green and white sallies, the colours of the University. Mr. David Baker writes expressing thanks to the church for the new ropes and publicly acknowledges the hard work of John, Mike, Roger and Stephen.

BEST MEETING FOR YEARS

Not often is it thought that a Stroud Branch practice deserves a mention in “R.W.” but the Bisley meeting on May 15th proved such a one when, after it, remarks like “... best meeting for years...” were to be heard.

The amplifier with new speaker relaying the two trebles—hung much nearer heaven than their six brethren (or should that be sisters)—was working admirably and this fine eight attracted 25 to tea and, in all, nearer 50; some from as many miles away.

Pity it is that more from the Branch were not present to draw benefit from such visitors, as much local striking, if not diversity of method, needs to be improved. What is an Association if we do not associate? Thank you, Bisley, and thank you visitors. E.C.

THE THIRD GENERATION

The third generation of the Myers family, of Plymouth, were elected members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the meeting of the South West Branch at Walkhampton on May 8th. They were Malcolm and Graham Myers and they were proposed by their uncle, Mr. T. G. Myers. Their late grandfather, Mr. George Myers, began his ringing some 80 years ago, and was captain of St. Andrew's from 1912 until his death about five years ago, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. T. G. Myers. There are now five members of the Myers family ringing at St. Andrew's—these two young men, their father, Mr. W. Myers, and their two uncles—Messrs. T. G. and Fred Myers. The chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas, remarked that Malcolm could well have received his Guild certificate, as that morning he rang a treble excellently to Grandfire Caters.

Walkhampton, about two miles from Yelverton, is the gateway to some of the most barren yet wonderful parts of Dartmoor. Normally from the tower a grand view of the surrounding countryside is possible but on this day the view was blanketed out by a dense fog and visibility was limited to 50 yards. Older residents recalled that on V.E. Day in 1945 similar conditions prevailed, but this did not damp a very successful meeting. We thank our new press secretary, Miss Sylvia Sims, for ferreting out these details.

BASINGSTOKE GOLDEN WEDDING

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balaam was celebrated by a peal at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, on May 8th, and also as an appreciation of Harry Balaam's work as a ringer in the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Starting to ring at Southgate in 1903, he has visited many towers in the course of his journeys around the county and Surrey.

In the Great War he was very seriously wounded and lost an arm. Despite this severe handicap he persevered with ringing and today is a very good conductor and a stalwart for good striking. Since his retirement he has been a member of the St. Michael's band, Basingstoke, where he is a tower of strength to local ringing and an example of perseverance, friendship and goodwill to all who meet him. J.C.

NOT ONE TRACK MINDS

Ringing bells is not the only field in which the young ringers of St. George's Jesmond, Newcastle, excel. On May 3rd they took on the youth club at St. George's at skittles, table tennis, darts and tiddlywinks and won by 162 points to 127. Their success was marked by the presentation of a cup to the Ringing Master, Andrew Craddock.

250 YEARS AFTER FIRST PEAL

The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at Carbis Bay and published on page 352 has neither date nor time. These were Sunday, May 2nd, in 2 hours and 49 minutes. This was the actual 250th anniversary of the ringing of the first recorded peal. During the ringing the Vicar conducted the normal children's service and was able to explain the reason. At the conclusion of the peal the band hurriedly dispersed to their home towers for normal Sunday evening ringing.

TULIP TIME AT SPALDING

Ringers' Sunday at Spalding coincides with the last tulip Sunday and the week-end of the parade of decorated floats, when many visitors throng the town. A large number visited the church and took the opportunity of viewing Spalding from the top of the tower; the proceeds of approximately £30 going towards the new Church Hall Fund. After Evensong, when one of the lessons was read by vice-captain and steeplekeeper Bernard Tyrrell, a number of parishioners attended a ringers' “At Home.” Mr. Paul Taylor had kindly travelled from Loughborough to give a commentary on a film depicting the making of a carillon.

Alas, for the captain of the ringers, Ron Noon, this busy week-end finally culminated in his being rushed to Boston Hospital early Monday morning with appendicitis. However, he is making good progress and will no doubt be at home before this appears in print!

HAS ARDINGLY THE YOUNGEST BAND?

Last summer a new team of ringers was formed at Ardingly, Haywards Heath, to ring the bells, which had been silent for a number of years. Already the efforts have been televised and received publicity in the local paper, owing mainly to the fact that the team's average age is 14.

Mr. J. Phillipson, the son of the Rector, inquires how this band compares with other young teams and whether it is in fact the youngest team in the county.

BELL DIDN'T BOUNCE

For several months a young learner in the Ely Diocese has patiently attempted to master the art of handling prompted by an increasingly impatient instructor, who impressed firmly upon him never to let go of the tail-end, and would he please desist from continually bumping stays. The inevitable had to happen! A stay broke and the learner, faithful as ever to his mentor's advice, held firmly to the tail-end and allowed himself to be hauled effortlessly in the direction of the ceiling. When his ascent had ceased—his feet dangling eight feet above the floor—the boy looked down inquiringly at his astonished instructor and asked, “What happened?” After he had been pulled away from the rope the boy stated that something was wrong... “The bell didn't bounce!”

UNIFORMITY AT SOUTH MYMMS

An interesting point about the three peals rung at St. Giles', South Mymms, Herts, was that they were all the same time, 2 hours 45 minutes. Two were rung in 1899 and the third on the 8th instant. After a lapse of two years from peal ringing Mr. Stanley Huckle responded to a short notice appeal which was much appreciated.

REBEL TERRITORY?

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association has recently recorded the 150th peal rung within the diocese for another Guild. The chief “pirate” Guild has been the Swansea and Brecon, which has a virtual monopoly of the “no man's land” towers of Cadoxton and Neath. On June 12th the L. & M. are visiting Cadoxton for a meeting, perhaps with a view towards pioneering and canvassing of the rebels.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*William E. Turner .. Treble	†Derek S. Beaufoy .. 5
Trevor A. Cross .. 2	David S. Osenton .. 6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3	Christopher T. Osenton 7
David J. Orledge .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 150th peal. † First of Surprise Major.

STREET, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Derek S. Beaufoy .. Treble	David S. Osenton .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton 2	George W. Massey .. 6
*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
David J. Orledge .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Being 42 extents (10 callings).	
*Ernest Penney .. Treble	*Edward Penney .. 4
†Sandra Weaver .. 2	Frederick Savage .. 5
Jennifer Durston .. 3	*Ronald Weaver .. Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer Durston.

* First peal. † First peal "inside." First as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb.

Derek Yates .. Treble	Roger J. Lumley .. 7
Harold C. Lonyon .. 2	A. Barry Sullivan .. 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 3	Leonard Goodall .. 9
Edmond Shuttleworth .. 4	Basil Jones .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	William H. Dowse .. 11
John Worth .. 6	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Ven. Tom Clarke, Vicar of St. Michael's, who died April 4th, 1965.

(Grappenhall Branch)

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	Fred Jackson .. 5
*John R. Bibby .. 2	Cyrl Valentine .. 6
John Oultram .. 3	Walter Allman .. 7
John E. Bibby .. 4	Francis Bibby .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Oultram.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Plain Bob.	
Tenor 12 cwt.	
Ernest Pimlott .. Treble	Harold Worrall .. 4
Brian Schofield .. 2	Christopher Jones .. 5
Michael Thomson .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

A farewell peal to the Rev. J. S. Gamon, Vicar of Tattenhall.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Sheila M. Dobbie .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Brenda M. Foster .. 2	Derek E. Sibson .. 6
Malcolm M. Powell .. 3	Walter H. Dobbie .. 7
Peter M. Fleckney .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Joan Beresford .. Treble	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Ann E. Fellowes .. 2	Dennis Beresford .. 6	
*Peter M. Fleckney .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 7	
John S. Barnes .. 4	Peter Beresford .. Tenor	

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BASFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 2	Peter A. Sharp .. 6
*Harold F. Gibson .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 7
William L. Exton .. 4	Geoffrey Paul .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Rung to the memory of George H. Cross, for many years esteemed Master of this Society, who was interred at Chardstock, Devon, this day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 7 different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Michael J. Dyer .. Treble	Albert J. Davey .. 4
Edmund J. Whiting .. 2	*Leonard B. Jefferies .. 5
Paul E. Wells .. 3	R. Frank Baker .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.

* First peal "inside." First as conductor on six bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor by members of the Huntingdon District.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Marion Bean .. Treble	Brian Horrell .. 4
Alan Ling .. 2	John Gipson .. 5
Jean Sanderson .. 3	William J. Ridgman .. Tenor

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal.

Rung for the arrival of Peter, a son for the ringer of the fourth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Bernard C. Mann .. Treble	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 2	Peter G. Pitt .. 6
*Leslie Ward .. 3	Brian V. Vaughan .. 7
Alison M. Mann .. 4	Harry R. Appleton .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Major "inside."

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,376 Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 1,184 Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Ian Foster .. Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Ian R. Panton .. 2	†Philip J. Rothera .. 6	
*Peter G. Brown .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. 7	
George E. Thoday .. 4	‡James L. Towler .. Tenor	

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 125th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

William A. Blake .. Treble	Roderick J. Lees .. 5
Alan A. Elsmore .. 2	J. Dennis Holden .. 6
Eric E. Speake .. 3	Derek K. Knowles .. 7
Derek J. Tranter .. 4	Harry Griffiths .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
A silver wedding compliment to Lilian and Harry Griffiths.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Patricia Rogers Treble	John A. Harrison 6
S. Clarke Walters 2	†Christopher E. Slade .. 7
Walter Ayre 3	*Stephen P. Darvill 8
*Marilyn C. Smith 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
Hadley Hunter 5	Vivian Nutton Tenor

Composed by Christopher H. Rogers. Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth J. Darvill.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Joyce Dodds Treble	Roger D. R. Brown 4
Stanley Huckle 2	Geoffrey Dodds 5
Peter T. Dale 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal on the bells since 1899.
Rung to commemorate the completion of the ringing gallery. Also to welcome the birth of a son, Mark Andrew, to Pat and Mick Frost.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

R. Thomas Newman .. Treble	‡D. Paul Smith 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
†Judith M. Corby 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Hilary F. Martin 4	§Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 125th peal. † 25th peal and first in the method "inside."
‡ First peal in the method. § 750th peal.
In memoriam George H. Cross, for many years honorary auditor for this Association.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Doris Colgate Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
*Ann Jenner 2	*Thomas Cullingworth .. 6
Ralph Bird 3	*Dennis A. Chapman .. 7
*Arthur S. Richards .. 4	*Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal in the method.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Jillian M. Dunmall .. Treble	Stanley Jenner 4
*Ann P. Durent 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Ann Jenner 3	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* First peal.

WOULDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Bourne, York, Annable's London, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

Mary S. Taylor Treble	Ian H. Oram 4
Tony Lewis 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
John Faircloth 3	Ralph Bird Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*Hazel Arrowsmith .. Treble	Richard J. Parker 6
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Margaret E. Fort 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 8
Thomas W. Hesketh .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Richard S. Starkie .. 5	Jeffrey Fox Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOXTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*Judy Morris Treble	Arnold S. Goad 4
†George Simpkin 2	Raymond H. Martin .. 5
*Philip Bosworth 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	Harold Gibson 7
Norah M. Randles .. 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 3	George H. Randles 9
John Freeman 4	Jack Bray 10
Francis Bibby 5	John Walden 11
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 6	James W. Raithby Tenor

Conducted by John Freeman.
Composed by John Carter.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Frank Taylor Treble	Derek J. Jones 5
Denis Woods 2	Bernard B. Tyrrell 6
Miss J. Kendrick 3	Edwin T. Chapman .. 7
Miss J. Hubbard 4	Ronald C. Noon Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
Rung half-muffled by request to the memory of Bert Preston.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*Amos Ingall Treble	John F. Pearson 4
Leonard G. Thompson .. 2	†Phillip C. Pitchford .. 5
William R. Parker 3	Louis Wilders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Wilders.
* 150th peal. † First in ten methods on an "inside" bell.

COLSTERWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in G sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Vaughan P. Evans 4
William A. Holmes 2	David J. Hopkinson .. 5
Andrew J. Colborne .. 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.
A compliment to the Rector's son, who has gained his LL.B. and passed the Law Society's qualifying examination with 2nd class honours.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*W. James Goodfellow .. Treble	Donald G. Clift 6
*Penelope J. Welch .. 2	*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland 7
*Ruth E. Havard 3	Roger G. Havard 8
*J. Arthur Hoare 4	David J. Llewellyn .. 9
*Ellis N. Thomas 5	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Mon., May 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,800 Plain Bob and 3,240 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Raymond J. Hosking .. Treble	John M. Hughes 4
Edmund J. Morris 2	*George I. Lewis 5
Trevor M. Roderick .. 3	David G. Gould Tenor

Conducted by George I. Lewis.
* 250th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce, on their golden wedding anniversary (May 10th).

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G. Ronald Edwards .. *Treble* | John A. Underwood .. 5
 Richard J. Clifton .. 2 | Dan S. Pont .. 6
 Joseph W. Cotton .. 3 | Arthur E. Rowley .. 7
 R. Kingsley Mason .. 4 | Roland H. Cook .. *Tenor*
 Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb.
 Frederick R. Scott .. *Treble* | Giles R. Shedden .. 5
 Robin G. Leale .. 2 | David P. Hilling .. 6
 Gillian A. Leale .. 3 | Edward R. Venn .. 7
 Anthony D. Sansom .. 4 | J. Keith Ward .. *Tenor*
 Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
 Joyce I. Barton .. *Treble* | Roy Woodruff .. 5
 John Young .. 2 | L. Joseph Young .. 6
 Derek H. Francis .. 3 | David A. Cornwall .. 7
 Richard E. Dean .. 4 | Walter Lee .. *Tenor*
 Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. John Copping, Curate, upon his preferment to the Vicarage of Langley Mill, Derbyshire.

CAVERSHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 William Sidwell .. *Treble* | Denby Murduck .. 5
 *Bradley Murduck .. 2 | †Stanley M. Osborne .. 6
 †Roy T. Harris .. 3 | Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
 Reginald W. Rex .. 4 | Reginald F. Crook .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * 25th peal. † First peal. Tenor 13 cwt.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
 A. Patrick Cannon .. *Treble* | Timothy G. Pett .. 5
 Anthony D. Sansom .. 2 | Sydney M. Bailey .. 6
 Michael Hatchett .. 3 | David P. Hilling .. 7
 Giles R. Shedden .. 4 | Alan E. Bagworth .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
 First in the method by all. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.
 David P. Hilling .. *Treble* | Giles R. Shedden .. 5
 Timothy G. Pett .. 2 | Sydney M. Bailey .. 6
 Michael Hatchett .. 3 | Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
 Anthony D. Sansom .. 4 | A. Patrick Cannon .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

MIDDLETON STONEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In 32 methods, being 120 each Antelope, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Margaret, St. Valentine, Freeland, Oxford, Ray, Isis, Stanton, Beckley, Longparish, St. Quintin, Allestree, St. Frideswick, St. Lucy, Daffodil, Middleton Stoney, Bluebell, April Day, May Day, Newborough, Kennington, Clifford, Royston, Southrepps, 240 of St. St. Helen and St. Anne, 360 Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire, with 42 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 Ian Ross .. *Treble* | Noel D. Deam .. 4
 Leonard R. Porter .. 2 | Alec Gammon .. 5
 Roy H. Jones .. 3 | *John R. Elmer .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
 * First peal, first attempt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.
 *R. W. Smith .. *Treble* | Bernard Branston .. 4
 G. Davis .. 2 | Roy W. Spencer .. 5
 Alf Waller .. 3 | Gilbert Cowlin .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

* First peal.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. H. Butcher, a former Vicar of this parish.

STAMFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Nos. 9, 2, 10, 6, 7, 1, 8 in C.C. Collection. Tenor 14½ cwt. approx.
 Susan Stimson .. *Treble* | Frank Boyall .. 4
 Charles Black .. 2 | Victor Chamberlain .. 5
 *Dilys Gray .. 3 | John H. Bluff .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal.
 Rung for the christening of Rachel Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Chamberlain. Also a birthday greeting to Canon E. F. Wright, Vicar of All Saints'.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
 *David Nibbs .. *Treble* | Hugh N. Evans .. 5
 *Geoffrey A. Carter .. 2 | Alan Tubb .. 6
 *Jonathan Nibbs .. 3 | Alan F. Lee .. 7
 Andrew Howard .. 4 | Bernard G. North .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan Tubb.
 * First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.
CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
 Richard Tibbetts .. *Treble* | †John Eborall .. 5
 Elizabeth Snell .. 2 | Robin Stalvies .. 6
 *John Hartley .. 3 | Michael R. Meadows .. 7
 Kathleen Higgins .. 4 | Richard E. Price .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Richard E. Price.
 * First peal. † First on eight bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.
 Margaret E. Chilton .. *Treble* | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 F. William Midwinter .. 2 | George A. Dawson .. 5
 Ruth M. Blackshaw .. 3 | *John R. Pratchett .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 * 50th peal for the Guild.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 42 extents (9 bob and single variations), being five each of New Grandsire, Arnold, Burton Joyce, Cropwell Bishop, Carlton, Epperstone, Stoke Bardolph and Gonalston, and two of Lambley.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.
 Ruth M. Blackshaw .. *Treble* | *Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
 George A. Dawson .. 2 | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 Simon Humphrey .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 * 15th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

F. Hector Bennett Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
*Elizabeth Timmins 2	Edward W. Colley 6
†Terry J. Greaves 3	*Philip R. Johnson 7
Richard B. Dorrington .. 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells "inside."

A wedding compliment to Carol Venton, daughter of the people's warden of this church, and John Smith, married here this day.

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Sidney J. J. Larcombe .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies 4
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	*Philip R. Johnson 5
*Terry J. Greaves 3	Michael W. Fairey Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Alan T. Farnish Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith 4
*Laurence J. Parry 2	†C. Stanley Bloomfield .. 5
George W. Pipe 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal. † First of Minor Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Alan F. Flatt Treble	*Alan Dilley 4
Alan W. Payne 2	Alan R. Knight 5
Alan Munnings 3	Alan R. Bridges Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Bridges.

* First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

*Leslie P. Brain (15) .. Treble	Laurence J. Parry (16) .. 4
†Stephen J. Hammond (14) 2	†Roy C. Groom (16) .. 5
Margaret Egglestone .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*Michael R. Wycherley .. Treble	*Christopher F. Majew .. 5
*Alison M. Mann 2	*Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
*Alan R. Millidge 3	*Michael J. Uphill 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B. 37). Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and for the Association. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Ipswich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Eric G. H. Godfrey .. Treble	*Carol E. Cousins 4
Katharine M. Macve .. 2	Christopher H. Macve .. 5
Margaret C. Godfrey .. 3	Andrew M. Macve Tenor

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 7
*Gillian M. Hussey 3	Martin L. Howe 8
Angela Grainger 4	D. John Hunt 9
Reginald G. Hooper 5	David S. Osenton Tenor

Composed by W. Haley. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

* First of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

Reginald G. Hooper .. Treble	David S. Osenton 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Martin L. Howe 8
*Herbert W. Woolven .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Derek Slater 5
*Rosemary A. Stevens .. 2	Frank H. Hicks 6
Valerie J. Howard 3	Ernest J. Ladd 7
†Stephen D. Upton 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., March 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 six-scores each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and six six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Janet Hazeldine Treble	Diane M. Mullins 3
Irene Gocher 2	Christopher M. Godfrey .. 4
James D. Nelson Tenor	

Conducted by James D. Nelson.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. A. Sumner, past Vicar of Shipley, whilst the coffin lay in the chapel prior to the funeral on the following day.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

*John M. Hughes Treble	Edmund J. Morris 4
*Raymond J. Hosking .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
Ellis N. Thomas 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Stephens, churchwarden and church worker at this church for many years.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Dedworth and April Day, and five scores of Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	*Raymond J. Hosking .. 4
Harry Boyce 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
*John M. Hughes 3	†David G. Gould Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

A 50th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Andrew Taylor Treble	Michael S. Hollbrook .. 5
Charles Osler 2	Jack Weaver 6
Jessie M. Kippin 3	John Chesterman 7
Paul G. Holmes 4	Charles H. Kippin Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balaam.

OWSLEBURY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

*Margaret A. Thomas .. Treble	Carolyn Vibert 4
Michael J. Thomas .. 2	Malcolm M. Powell .. 5
Michael D. Trigg 3	Peter J. Joyce Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Joyce.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to David J. Forder and Jacqueline Thorne, on their engagement.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 OLD HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qt. in E.

John N. Lindon 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Peter D. Warren 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey of SS. Mary and Edburgha and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part 2	Tenor 27 cwt.
Arthur C. Berry Treble	James Attwood, Jun. 5
*Martin J. Boskett 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming 6
Anthony P. White 3	John E. Whittall 7
John Clements 4	Ian Lloyd Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
 * First peal on eight. † First of Triples as conductor.

RIPPLE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. 2	Tenor 13 cwt.
James Attwood, Jun. Treble	†John Bennett 4
John E. Whittall 2	‡John Clements 5
*Martin Boskett 3	Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
 * First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Alan McFall 1—2	Robert B. Smith 5—6
C Kenneth Lewis 3—4	Neil Bennett 7—8
John Worth 9—10	

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John Worth.
 * First peal on 10 handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—In the belfry of the Cathedral.
On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.
 *David W. Parkin 1—2 | David J. Marshall 3—4
 Trevor Taylor (cond.) 5—6
 * First peal "in hand."

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Sun., May 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*James Crowther 1—2	Rodney A. Yeates 3—4
Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6	

Tenor size 15 in C.
 * First peal on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—In the belfry of All Saints' Church.
On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*John W. Gander 1—2	Christopher T. Osenton 3—4
Cyril S. Jarrett (cond.) 5—6	

Tenor size 12.
 * First peal "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gains Avenue.
On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Margaret A. Parker 1—2	A Robin Heppenstall 5—6
†Geoffrey R. Parker 3—4	‡Peter A. Sharp 7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.
 * 200th peal. † First on an "inside" pair. ‡ First of Major "in hand."

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.
On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Margaret A. Parker 1—2	Peter A. Sharp 5—6
Geoffrey R. Parker 3—4	Jack L. Millhouse 7—8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: P. Over 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, F. G. Richardson 5, C. Pain 6, A. Grainger 7, J. McDonald 8, F. V. Gant (cond.) 9, R. Mallett 10. First of Caters 1 and 8. Also at St. Clement Danes', on May 16th, 1,440 Yorkshire S. Royal: Brenda M. Foster 1, Diana M. Frost 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, T. G. Pett 4, A. H. Smith 5, R. D. Bailey 6, R. E. J. Dennis 7, R. W. Powell 8, R. O. Humphries 9, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 10. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge (first quarter) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller 3, A. J. Scott 4, D. B. Ellery (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Simmons 1, Judy Collins 2, Mrs. E. Callis 3, B. Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judy Collins.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood 1, F. Whitby 2, R. Hayden 3, C. W. Sams 4, G. E. C. Blake 5, B. J. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Elsie M. Burton.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Raithby 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, C. F. Briggs 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, A. E. Chilton 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. W. Raithby 7, H. Stevenson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. C. Thrale, Ringing Master in this tower 1909-1949, died April 9th, aged 83.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Christine Telfer (first quarter) 1, J. G. Whit 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. H. E. Askew (first on ower bells) 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On May 9th, at the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss G. Wilce 1, A. Foster 2, Miss A. Baldwin 3, J. Preston 4, R. Wharton 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith (first "inside") 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, B. Branston 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before a memorial service for Rev. J. H. Butcher, former Vicar.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. B. Thompson 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, P. R. Daws 3, D. P. Sturge 4, D. J. H. Salter 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. F. Coles 1, K. Clarke 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, B. Downie 4, B. F. Coles 5, A. Clarke (first "inside") 6, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On April 13th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, W. Panter 3, E. E. Retter 4, F. Willmington 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, H. G. Willmington 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapley, on their ruby wedding. Mr. Tapley is captain of the local tower.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley (first Plain Bob Minor) 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, H. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. A birthday compliment to D. R. Hutley.

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. R. Coward 1, W. C. Shute (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, T. J. Setter 5, G. W. Dennis 6. Rung after the dedication of the restored and augmented ring by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Knight (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Johnson (first "inside") 2, Miss L. J. Gott (first as cond.) 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, C. Moxon 5, G. Hancock 6, G. R. Corby 7, W. Moreton 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Thomas (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whicher 4, R. Durrant 5, I. L. Durrant 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman 8. For Matins.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. White 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, L. Hawkins 4, N. Knee 5, E. Norris 6, C. White 7, T. Mallard 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hillis 1, P. Staples 2, Miss R. A. Gower 3, P. Richardson 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. First Treble Bob 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, D. Wills 3, H. Crisp 4, F. Mack (cond.) 5, A. Knight 6. For Evensong.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Anderson 1, Barbara Gateland 2, A. Wilkinson 3, June Price 4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, J. Hyden (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to a joint Evensong with the local Methodist congregation.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. E. Leggett 1, M. J. Warren 2, B. Lord (first "inside") 3, N. V. Avis (cond.) 4, D. E. Culham 5, R. A. Perkins (first quarter) 6.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — There will be a special general meeting in St. Andrew's vestry after the practice on June 2nd, concerning the changing of rule 10. 6917

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LEWISHAM ST. MARY'S.—Surprise Major practice, Saturday, May 29th, 7.30-9 p.m.—D. Hollis. 6883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Practice meeting at Saxlingham, Wednesday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 6.30-9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 6924

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ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BANBURY.—Following the recent quinquennial inspection of the fabric it is regretted that all ringing has been suspended pending repairs to the tower.—C. T. Wightman, Hon. Tower Sec. 6934

WATFORD, HERTS. — No practice on Tuesday, June 1st.—R. G. Bell. 6936

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rally, Stratford-upon-Avon, May 29th. Ringing organised 3-5 p.m. and open after 6 p.m. All arrangements for tea. Wellesbourne, Sherborne Snitterfield and Alderminster. Open from 2-8 p.m. Ringing order at Stratford will be sent direct to towers.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 6989

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope, May 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Kimbolton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6901

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Nazeing on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6902

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Venue of meeting for Saturday, May 29th, changed from Puttenham to Worplesdon, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crims-cote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. — D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 6865

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Reading, May 29th. Bells available: St. Laurence's (12) 3-4; St. Mary's (8) 4 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Diserens, 15, Harisbourne Road, Earley, Reading, Berks.—J. Spreadbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon Blethley, Bucks.—R. W. Sears, Hon. Sec. 6867

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Beighton, Saturday, May 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. E. Wyld, 23, Woodhouse Lane, Beighton, Sheffield, by Thursday, 27th.—J. Seager, Sec. 6903

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Felmersham, Sat., June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham, Bedfordshire, by Thursday, 3rd. 6906

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Scalby (6) and Scarborough (8) on Saturday, June 5th. Bells: Scalby 2-4; Scarborough 3.45-8.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by previous Wednesday. 6919

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., June 5th, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 in the vestry. Bells afterwards. Nearby cafés for tea. 6868

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Tredington, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Honington bells 6-8. The tea is in a café, so names are most important. Please send names to me. Special method: Double Court. — P. S. Bennett. College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Hensingham on Sat., June 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30.—Dianne Gibson, Branch Sec. 6910

DEVON GUILD — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 6846

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 2nd, please.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6893

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob. 6947

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Fownhope (6). Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 5th. Start 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Apply for tea. Vicar, Fownhope Vicarage, Hereford. 6943

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Cuxton (6) on June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mrs. R. Smith, The Rectory, Cuxton, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec. 6948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Core Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 6946

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southport (8) on Saturday, June 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—D. R. Jones, Sec. 6925

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting on June 5th at Arnesby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolroom 5. Names for tea to E. R. Page, St. Peter's Road, Arnesby, not later than June 2nd. — A. J. Pynnor Dis. Sec. 6920

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting only at Cranford on Sat., June 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6888

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckley on Sat., June 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckley, Rugby. 6908

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting on Sat., June 5th on Brownsea Island. Bells 3-5 p.m., followed by

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Stokesay:	11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
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Bagshot	11.00-12.30	Seale	2.45-4.00	Farnham	6.15-7.45
Yorktown	11.30-12.30	Puttenham	2.45-4.00	Crandall	6.30-7.45
Lunch		Aldershot	4.00-4.30	Bentley	6.45-8.00
Hawley	2.00-3.30	Service	4.30	Frensham	7.00-8.15
Farnborough	2.15-3.45	Tea	5.15	Grayshott	7.30-9.00

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SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own food please, cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6938

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting at West Grinstead on Sat., June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.45. Names for tea by Wed., May 2nd, to C. Longhurst, Waterloo Cottage, Worthing Road, West Grinstead. — Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday June 5th. Warnford. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School 5. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 1st. — C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 6930

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Martley, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry, 5s. Shelsley Beauchamp (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. No names no tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—The 86th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea (poached egg, etc.) as a running buffet, 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m. From 3-6, Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. From 6-9: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Lt. Waltham, Lt. Baddow. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Treasurer. S.A.E. to: P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, June 2nd. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Secretary. 6840

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Sat., June 12th at Warrington (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.15-8.30. Please bring picnic tea. 6911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District: — Meeting at Bobbingworth (Boving) on June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Neville, Blakehall Cottage, Bobbingworth. (Ongar 2291.) 6935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 12th, at Dunsfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Hascombe bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Freeston, 61 Furze Lane, Farncombe, by previous Tuesday. 6927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6629

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual Striking Competition will be held at Uffington, Leics, Saturday, June 12th. Opening service 2.45 p.m. Competition 3.15 p.m. until tea 5.30 p.m., followed by judges' report and presentation of trophy. General ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. W. Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James, near Peterborough. 6926

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, June 12th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) only from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. —C. A. H. 6942

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Cadoxton-j-Neath on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by June 7th, please.—D. J. Llewellyn, 38, Porthkerry Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam. 6816

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3-4.30. St. Giles', Camberwell. Tea, Church Hall (in street opposite church), 5.15. Meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea, by June 10th, to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road S.W.6. REN 4423. 6933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual general meeting at Hardwicke (6), near Aylesbury on Sat. June 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Wed., June 9th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blethch, Bucks. 6909

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. S. Berry, High Street, Braunston, Rugby. —F. W. Hancock. 6939

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday June 12th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derbwyn College, Alltwallis Carmarthen. 6932

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Blaxhall, on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing in the evening at Tunstall (6). Names for tea by Wed., June 9th, to Mr. F. Shaw, Stone Common, nr. Woodbridge.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 6923

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wrexham, June 19th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in Church House, Regent Street. Names for tea, not later than June 5th, to W. Cathrall 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6928

ST. MARY - THE - VIRGIN, ALBURY, HERTS.—The rededication of the augmented ring of five will take place on Sunday, June 20th, at 11 a.m., by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Lunch free to all who notify me by Sat., June 5th. These bells are now the oldest five in the county. Names for lunch, please, to A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Claggate, Albury, nr. Much Hadham, Herts. 6907

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Ringing Festival will be held in the Southern Branch at Billingborough on Saturday, June 26th. Details of all towers open for ringing later. The usual cricket match, North v. South, at Billingborough.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Preliminary notice. Please note the change of date for the quarterly meeting at Mildenhall, on Sat., July 17th. Meeting will be advertised as usual at a later date.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6916

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stone on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. B. Simms, 41, Church Road, Stone, Staffs. No name, no tea.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6952

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chipstable, June 12th, from 3 p.m. Please note change of place. Numbers for tea by 8th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 6951

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