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THE LEADER AND THE LOCAL COMPANY

(Extracts from an address given at a Course held at Selby organised by the Yorkshire Joint Council.)

By VERNON BOTTOMLEY

ENTHUSIASM is the most important quality in leadership. Enthusiasm is infectious and will spread to the rest of the band, even if rather slowly. On the other hand apathy will spread much more quickly—the rot always starts at the top, so the leader must be proof against all those shortcomings which weaken the band. His enthusiasm must drive him to set and maintain the highest standards in attendance and punctuality. His only excuses for absence are holidays and illness and he must not be late. Enthusiasm is more important than technical competence, because the former will enable him to acquire the latter. If he has not a good enough brain to become technically sound it is probable that he is incapable of becoming enthusiastic anyway. The leader is the pace-setter and the guardian of high standards and there can be no compromise and no relaxation.

He must delegate duties wherever possible, not with the idea of lightening his own burden, but with a view to maintaining interest. Members of the band should be encouraged to conduct. If the band should be ringing rounds and call changes a junior member may be entrusted with the calling, but this arrangement should not provide the leader with an opportunity to rest because it would be necessary for him to supervise the striking. Teaching beginners must be a continuous part of the leader's duties, but again enthusiasm will assist him to discover and apply good practice.

The leader's most important responsibility is the arrangement and supervision of service ringing and he must realise that only the best is good enough. There is no excuse for any bad ringing for service and this can only result from attempts to ring things which are beyond the capacity of the band. At all times temptation to practise must be avoided. If the weakest member of the band is capable of good plain hunting and weak Bob Major the band must ring good plain hunting. If the band has been taught the correct standards then it will derive more enjoyment from this alternative. Beginners must not be introduced to the service band until they can ring good rounds and call changes, and they should then be given a reasonable turn for every service ring and the remainder of the band must provide wholehearted support.

There must be no talking by those who are not ringing; there is no need for anybody to be idle. Beginners should be encouraged to stand with experienced members to acquire ropesight and to listen. This arrangement must not be taken as an excuse to talk; the beginner should have been briefed beforehand if he is to derive benefit. Service ringing periods should not be less than three quarters of an hour. An arrangement for less is very quickly reduced to 20 minutes by the inevitable tardy attenders and those who have to leave early for the vestry. When this stage is reached it is a very short step to silence. Ringing is part of parochial life and the bells should be rung whenever appropriate.

Special services should be given extra significance by ringing after the service as well as before. Nobody should be permitted to check a rope length by the appalling habit of "trying" the bell. Even in well regulated towers there will occasionally be the succession of trips which could deteriorate into near-firing. This must not be the occasion for the brilliant conductor to sort them out at length without regard to the resultant discordant clashing.

Neither should "stand" be called. The bells should always be run into rounds smartly and then either set up or sent into changes again.

Raising and lowering in peal should be normal procedure in most towers but if for a good reason it is impracticable the bells should not be dragged up and down in haphazard manner. Only those which produce a musical chord should be rung together. A preferable arrangement would be to fix clapper stays for the processes.

Whilst much of the foregoing can be applied with equal force to practice ringing, it is obvious that more latitude must be permitted, but sub-standard ringing should be kept to a minimum and a proper application to theory will be beneficial. It should always be emphasised that methods should be learned at home and practised in the tower. The use of diagrams in the tower should be discouraged—it is too late to do homework then. Pupils should be instructed at an early stage that the best way to learn bellringing theory is to study "little and often" and that it is almost useless to leave it until half an hour before practice. In the early stages they will learn more by standing and watching intelligently than by performing indifferently. As in service ringing nobody should be idle.

Most progressive bands will not have sufficient practice time in 1½ hours, and 2 hours should certainly be the rule if several grades of ringers are in the band. There should be a plan to the practice and the band should appreciate this. It is a mistake to deal exclusively with beginners at the first part of the practice—the selfish members of the band will very quickly start to use the "had to bath the dog" excuse, to the annoyance of the decent members. It is also a mistake to teach bell handling on the normal practice night, unless that session is finished before the practice proper is due to start. Clapper stays or lashing should always be used for handling tuition. It is also an advantage for elementary change ringing to be practised silently since the trainee is quite unable to listen in any case at that stage.

It is advantageous for an instructor to stand with and guide a learner in elementary change ringing provided it is done correctly. The instructor must watch his trainee's eyes and not the remainder of the circle. His advice should be kept to a minimum and should be directed to making the beginner look in the proper direction. Other members of the band should be forbidden to call to the learner. The tape recorder may be used as an aid to teaching striking. Senior members of the band will respect its presence.

The leader should have a good handling style and he should constantly criticise those who fall short of his standard. At times it may seem a losing battle, but some good may result. There is the problem of the "prickly" ringer, the one who always resents criticism and correction, and who invariably responds with an irritable "yes, yes"—an untruthful assertion that the correction was unnecessary. It may be possible to compromise in the short run by offering criticism quietly in the corner where practicable but sooner or later the touchy one will fall foul of a really demonstrative conductor and it will be better for him if he is mentally equipped to cope with this onslaught. If he is unable to take it and takes his final leave one practice night, it was probably inevitable anyway and the leader should have an untroubled conscience. The leader/conductor must always resist the temptation to "keep them going." There are far too many otherwise excellent conductors who call anything but "stand."

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 26th Council (69th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966, in the Pump Rooms, Bath, at 10 o'clock.

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

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

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1966-1969.
Canon A. C. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.
2. Election of Vice-President, for 1966-1969.
Mr. J. Freeman, proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. Bray.
3. Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1966-1969.
Mr. E. A. Barnett retires and is not seeking re-election.
Mr. V. Bottomley, proposed by Canon A. C. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.
4. Election of Honorary Librarian for 1966-1969.
Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed by Miss D. E. Colgate, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. C. C. Marshall retire and are not seeking re-election.
Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis retire and are eligible for re-election. There are four vacancies.
6. Election of Honorary Auditors.
Mr. H. N. Pitstow retires and is eligible for re-election if still a member of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
10. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
11. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1965.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To reappoint the committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable.
- (a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—
Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, F. I. Hairs, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. W. G. Wilson. There are two vacancies. The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of the Council.
- (b) Other Committees.
In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
- (i) "The Ringing World."
Messrs. R. S. Anderson, F. I. Hairs, J. F. Smallwood and W. G. Wilson.
- (ii) Records.
Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, J. R. Mayne and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

- (iii) Literature and Press.
Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.
- (iv) Towers and Belfries.
Messrs. F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Messrs. B. D. Threlfall and J. Worth.
- (v) Peals Analysis.
Messrs. W. Ayre, H. L. Roper and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.
- (vi) Peals Collection.
Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, A. J. Pitman and R. F. B. Speed.
- (vii) Biographies.
Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. Parrott, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis.
- (viii) Education and Sunday Service Ringing.
Mr. N. Chaddock, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe.
- (ix) Overseas Ringing.
Messrs. G. W. Pipe and A. V. Sheppard.
- (x) Broadcasting and Television.
Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. J. Sanger, Canon A. C. G. Thurlow and Mr. R. S. Wilson.
- (xi) Methods.
Messrs. C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.

MOTIONS

14. (a) "That this Council favours all affiliated Societies fixing the rate of their non-resident life membership subscription at a figure which does not exceed one and a half times the resident members' subscription."
Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Worth.
 - (b) "That the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published except after payment to 'The Ringing World' of not less than sixpence for each person taking part in the peal."
Proposed on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the Rev J. G. M. Scott, seconded by Miss B. M. Boyle.
 - (c) "That this Council invites all affiliated Societies to contribute a sum of not less than Three Guineas per representative annually towards the cost of maintaining 'The Ringing World'."
Proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.
 15. To fix the date of the 1967 meeting at Nottingham.
 16. Any other business.
- E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.
- 26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

FLOWERS AND THE LATE HORACE DAY

Dear Sir.—On May 1st, 1961, a large company of ringers gathered at St. Guthlac's, Market Deeping, to pay their last respects to one of Lincolnshire's finest exponents of the art.

Now, five years later, a Flower Festival is being held in this beautiful old church, and what an opportunity this is once again to remember Horace Day and ring again at Market Deeping in surroundings he would have thoroughly enjoyed. Flowers were to Horace next to his bells.

I do hope on this occasion to meet some of those ringers who were there with me five years ago.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BLACK.

West Deeping.

OBITUARY

MRS. W. McDERMOTT

Again we in the Bolton area of Lancashire have suffered a loss in the death of a most respected member, Mrs. W. McDermott, better known in the ringing fraternity as Annie Potter, daughter of the late John Potter, of St. Paul's, Walkden.

Annie, of course, came from ringing stock, her father (John) and uncles Alfred and Joseph and James Thomas being already established in the art when she started to learn in 1928. On the acquisition of the fine new eight (18½ cwt. in E) in 1930 the Church of St. Paul could boast a good Sunday service change ringing band. She was a familiar figure along with her father at the ringing meetings and her personality and charm and pleasant disposition always left one with a great admiration for this dear lady.

Of fine voice, she was a chorister at St. Paul's for many years. She was devoted to the care of her father and mother in their late years and in their respective illnesses. She nursed them with great love and care and in doing this she deprived herself of many enjoyable outings with ringing friends.

About 13 years ago she married the late William McDermott (not a ringer); they had a stepdaughter, May, to whom we offer our sympathy and also to her sister, Mrs. Bertha Lee.

Annie had a serious operation at Salford 12 months ago and we thought she was well on the way to recovery. Alas, she had not been well for many weeks and on Easter Day, after having her breakfast in the company of her sister Bertha, she collapsed and died of a heart attack.

The funeral was at St. Paul's, to which church she had been attached all her life. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege drew to the church and "whole pull and stand" was rung as it entered. Handbells were rung over the grave by members of the Bolton Branch. There were many floral tributes, as she was held in high esteem by all who came into contact with her. She was very fond of good striking and loved to hear Stedman Triples well struck; it was her favourite method. Many, like myself, loved her and will treasure her memory as long as we live. She had rung about 40 peals.

JOE THORNLEY.

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

One of the best known ringers of modern Birmingham, a worthy contemporary of Albert Walker, Mr. John Pinfold, died on April 13th. The following day, at St. Philip's Cathedral, a peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus was rung by St. Martin's Guild as a tribute, and an in memoriam peal on April 21st.

Mr. John Pinfold was one of the most popular members of St. Martin's Guild and for a number of years was Ringing Master. He had to his credit many peals, appearing regularly in the 12-bell bands. John was also a member of the Sunday service band at St. Mary's, Selly Oak.

The funeral service took place at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, on April 18th.

On the following Wednesday the members of the Sunday service band at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, rang, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Pauline Dear 1, Miss Nora Baker 2, Mrs. Barbara Parsons 3, C. Davies 4, William B. Cartwright (conductor) 5, H. J. Turner 6, H. T. K. Haslam 7, J. L. Boylin 8.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Twelve-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Bells available 6 p.m.-9.30 p.m. All welcome. Ringing will include rounds and call changes and Lambeth Surprise Maximus. 9012

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on May 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Ringing from 2 p.m. and at St. Cuthbert's in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Arthur Smith, 9, Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh 11, by Wednesday previous. Phone 031-443 3665. 9007

CENTRAL AFRICAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

THE annual general meeting of the Central African Guild was held in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on March 20th. The confusion about the actual title of the Guild continues, and it has now to be renamed for the second time as the Rhodesian Guild, because the recent Provincial Synod refused to accept responsibility for us.

The meeting was not very well attended, partly because of petrol rationing, which has also depleted the Salisbury band. The Que Que ringers had softened the heart of their petrol controller, however, and a car load from there was present. The change ringing was less ambitious than it has sometimes been, and Bob Minor was the best achievement. There was none the less vigorous ringing after the morning service, and again between the business meeting and Evensong.

At the meeting special farewells were said to Colin Stevenson and Russ Reid, who both left Salisbury in December, and to the Blagoves, who leave this month. Their expertise and enthusiasm will be very sadly missed.

The meeting elected a new Master, Mr. Harry Earle, from Que Que. The remaining officers were re-elected (Mr. K. S. Cross as secretary and Mrs. Mason as librarian).

SUNDAY RINGING REGULAR

The outgoing Master reported one peal during the past year—the first of Major on the Continent—and four quarter peals. More important than this, the Sunday ringing at each tower has been regular, and there is friendly co-operation between church authorities and ringers. Steps have been taken in both towers to disturb the neighbours less, and also in Salisbury the chiming hammers have been installed to increase the facilities there.

The treasurer's report was a model of simplicity, as the Guild has apparently spent nothing during the last year: there were several suggestions for expenditure, so this is unlikely to happen again. Among these was a proposal for a regular newsletter to go to any interested persons or old Guild members. If anyone knows of ringers in Central Africa who might not yet be in touch with the Guild, please would they write to Mr. K. S. Cross (Box 766, Salisbury) or to Frank Blagrove.

The estimates for raising the ring at St Luke's, Que Que, to six bells have been obtained from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Since they would cost about £40 per member present at the meeting, plans for an appeal were shelved. The first line of attack will be for our agents in England to look around for old bells which might be retuned or even recast. Again, if anyone knows of two bells lying unused, which might come to Que Que, would they let us know. The two bells required to complete the ring of six in D flat are E flat at 4½ cwt. and G flat at 3½ cwt.

J. A. Y.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Members attending the Marlborough Branch meeting in very un-springlike weather on April 16th were entertained to tea as guests of the Rector and Mrs. P. Bird. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector.

At the business meeting, with Mr. George Newman presiding, it was decided that a small coach be hired for the Guild Annual Festival at Fordington, Dorchester. Four new members were elected.

Worcestershire and Districts Association

WITH memories of the bitter weather of Easter Monday last year, members may well have been hoping for something better this year, but the annual meeting was again held on another bitterly cold Easter Monday in and around Worcester.

The proceedings began with ringing in the morning at All Saints' Church, followed by the annual service. Work has just been completed on redecorating and on rebuilding the organ, and the ringers, not to be outdone, have been hard at it improving the appearance of the ringing chamber. There was a good attendance at the service, which was conducted by the Association's chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies. If only the pointing of the Te Deum could be standardised then we might hear that sung as lustily as the hymns. The organ was played by a member, Miss D. J. Anderson, and a course of Grandsire Triples was hung on handbells by P. Cattermole, J. C. Eisel, M. J. Fellows and R. Ashmore.

The business meeting followed immediately afterwards and was held in the Chapter House. The Association's president, the Dean of Worcester, was in the chair. One of the main items was to adopt a set of revised rules prepared by a sub-committee. A feature of these rules was the introduction of an affiliation scheme for Parochial Church Councils upon payment of an annual fee of £1 per year. This money would be used to swell the Belfry Repairs Fund and enable bigger grants to be made. Another feature was the replacement of the old form of Branch Committee by a more manageable one (in terms of size!). After some discussion revised rules were adopted by a large majority.

NEW OFFICERS

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers under the new rules. Only three vice-presidents were now required instead of six as formerly, but three of the previous ones were reappointed, the Rev. L. J. Birch and Messrs. W. B. Cartwright and J. D. Johnson. There were two nominations for the office of Association Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. M. D. Fellows. Mr. Cartwright was re-elected by a good majority. The general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, was also re-elected, and the new separate office of treasurer went to Mr. G. Westwood. Another new office was that of peal secretary and Mr. G. L. Bowen was elected to fill this post. The chaplain was re-elected, as also was the librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper. Mr. A. D. Cook was reappointed as auditor to be joined by Mr. R. Sheppard in place of Mrs. E. D. Wilson, who wished to stand down. The Central Council representatives, Messrs. B. C. Ashford, W. B. Cartwright and D. Beacham, were also reappointed.

What may be unique in ringing associations is the honouring of long-serving members by electing them "Freemen" of this Association. In recognition of 35 years' service as librarian Mr. C. W. Cooper was honoured in this way.

A resolution had been received from the Northern Branch calling for a sub-committee to be appointed to consider the reorganisation of the Association's boundaries and the formation of a fourth Branch. This resolution was agreed to and the committee appointed.

It was decided to send an invitation to the Central Council to hold its annual meeting in Worcester in 1968, the secretary remarking that the Council had met in Worcester only once before, in 1902.

In the afternoon and evening ringing took place at St. John's, Hallow, Grimley, Ombersley, Claines, the Cathedral, and concluded at All Saints' Worcester. There were many ringers "doing the rounds" in spite of the

weather. So many in fact that it seems as if a second route may need to be arranged another time to avoid congestion.

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

In the annual report the chaplain (the Rev. H. Lewis Davies), in a foreword, urges attention to recruiting. The responsibility rested not only with ringers, but also the incumbent, churchwardens, church councillors and church-people generally if they were really concerned about having their bells rung. To maintain ringing at its present level a band would need at least one new keen ringer a year. There were towers which had not recruited a new ringer for years.

Mr. David Beacham, as secretary and treasurer, reported that bearing in mind that the general fund had been subsidised by collections (£16 16s.) the fund showed a profit on the year of £12 6s. 3d. From the Belfry Repairs Fund a grant of £25 was made to Bredon's Norton. Income to this fund was £8 8s. 3d. and its total worth was £260 9s. 6d.

Paid-up membership was 522. They first reached 500 in 1933 and since then had never fallen below 450, but on the other hand had never risen above 537 in 1953. There were approximately 700 bells in towers in their territory and in order to ensure that they were all regularly rung there should be at least half that number again of ringers.

A record number of peals (113) was rung for the Association in 1965, the most since 1949 (109). These peals were rung by 188 ringers in 51 towers. But to put these figures into the right perspective an analysis shows that 70 were non-resident life members. Of the resident members, 100 rang five peals or less and seven more than 20 peals. Thus the large total was really accounted for by a few enthusiasts. Twelve members rang their first peal and Mr. T. W. Lewis his 500th. Three peals called for special mention: 11.520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hanbury was the longest peal rung for the Association; 25 Doubles variations at Old Swinford and a peal of Minor in the Channel Islands were both worthy of note.

THE LEADER AND THE LOCAL COMPANY (continued from front page)

A most important and often neglected duty of the leader is to secure recruits and train them well in advance of apparent requirements. The age for recruitment is determined by physical considerations, but generally speaking the younger they are the better. The most reliable and desirable source is the church and it is an advantage to recruit those who have already acquired the habit of "twice on Sunday and one night a week." It is vitally important that before hand touches rope it should be clearly understood that this is the standard of attendance required and the leader should make it his business to ascertain the reason for absence or unpunctuality by any member of the band. If pupils fall into slipshod habits of this kind in the early days there is no doubt that keenness of the required standard is missing and the leader should be ruthless. If he is soft he is only delaying the inevitable and in the meantime wasting his own time and that of the band. There is no place in any band for either the part-timer or the habitual late-comer. There is in bellringing a law akin to Gresham's law relating to money and it is that bad members will drive good ones away. The remedy is obvious.

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CENTRAL FUND FOR BELL RESTORATION SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—Over the Easter week-end I was discussing with a ringing friend various alterations and improvements which were either planned or already being carried out in Cambridgeshire and also other towns in the Ely Diocese where, to our knowledge, improvement was needed.

It seemed to us, with increasing costs of repairing, rehangng and recasting bells, which often have to take a very minor place of preference for the money which churches have available, that ringers who are in a good many cases the only ones really interested in whether the bells ring or not, should provide the funds for the work that is needed to keep present rings operative, restore bells that through neglect have fallen into disrepair and even to augment existing rings. One might add that ringing is probably the only pastime or hobby where the equipment is provided virtually free.

During our discussion it seemed that with 40,000 ringers in the country one might expect to get 20,000 of these to contribute to a central fund, probably best administered by a small committee of the Central Council, at a rate of 2s. 6d. per month, which in the course of a year would raise £30,000. Having such a fund, ringers and those interested in the continuation of ringing might be persuaded to make donations or bequests to the fund.

We talked this over in some detail and thought that to have a collector appointed for each tower was probably the simplest method, this person being responsible for sending the sums collected to the general secretary of each Association for forwarding to the central fund. It would also seem to be a good idea for moneys from the fund to be paid direct to the bellfounders immediately on completion of a satisfactory job. This would prevent moneys being diverted to some other church purpose, always a temptation.

It may be that this letter could form a basis for discussion at the Central Council meeting at Whitsun. The longer such a scheme is delayed the more difficult it will be to instigate and the more expensive the work will be.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. R. KNIGHTS.

Harrow Weald.

NURSE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all those nurses who have written to me privately or have replied through your columns regarding my letter about nurse ringers.

I am very glad that there are so many interested nurses in the Exercise, and though I do realise that to arrange a nurses' peal might be difficult owing to the distances separating us and to hours of duty, I have noted all their names and will be in touch with them directly.

In reply to Dr. Neal Smith's letter I would say that I have heard of the Medical Guild and know that nurses can become associate members. However, the Medical Guild seems to operate mostly in the South of England. I have not met any of its members or come across any of its activities in this area, and since the prime object of my letter was not the arranging of a peal but simply the determining of the numbers of nurses in the Exercise I do not think that the Medical Guild is the right body with which to get in touch. I thank Dr. Neal Smith for his letter and his interest.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

82, Alexandra Road,
Great Crosby,
Liverpool 23.

Letters

TOUCHES OF STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—On page 80 of Wilfrid G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" there is a 33 of Stedman Doubles. This touch is false, as is any with singles in two successive sixes.

The shortest true touch of Stedman Doubles is a 38—singles on 5-2 and 4-5.

Other touches of Stedman, other than 120's, are: 48—singles every slow six; 51—singles on 1-5 and 1-2; 53—singles on 1-5 and 2-3; 65—singles on 2-1 and 4-2; 66—singles on 4-1 and 4-5; 79—singles on 4-2 and 5-4. (The 79 will still be true if singles are called each time 1-5 is behind.)

I would be very interested to hear of any other touches in this method.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY SMITH.

St. Uny's Cottage, Lelant,
St. Ives, Cornwall.

Wilfrid G. Wilson writes: I am grateful to Mr. Smith for pointing out the falseness of the touch of 33 changes of Stedman Doubles. It was added at the last minute to fill a gap in the page, and because it could usefully fill the gap when the service touch is over too soon.

But the true touch of 38 changes given above will serve the same purpose and I have arranged for it to be included in the forthcoming second edition of "Change Ringing."

"DATE TOUCH" QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—A "Date Touch" of Stedman Triples, composed by Martyn J. Marriott, was published in "The Ringing World" dated February 4th, 1966, on page 88.

Is the homing course, as set out from 416523, correct? If so, I should be glad to see it set out "six" by "six."—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, St. Ives,
Cornwall.

CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—Following the publication of my letter on clapper failure, Mr. H. Radley, of Dunholme, has discussed the problem with Mr. G. Wilson, head of the Engineering Department, Lincoln Technical College, who has offered to place at our disposal any of the college equipment in order to investigate the problem.

It is proposed to make certain measurements on actual bells to determine factors which are at present unknown, and also to make tests on broken parts if these can be made available.

Failure appears to occur in two forms: (a) in the shank of the clapper itself; (b) in the bolt which attaches the clapper to the bell and headstock. The causes, although related, would appear to be different in each case.

I would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone who has had first-hand experience of either failure, especially if the broken parts can be forwarded to us for examination. I would ask the person concerned to write first, giving details, before actually sending the "bits and pieces," since certain details and dimensions are also required about parts other than those which have actually failed.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. FROGGATT.

c/o 84, Newland Street West,
Lincoln.

CLAPPER FRACTURES

Dear Sir,—With reference to A. W. Froggatt's letter in the issue of April 1st, I feel that he passes off the effect of the impulsive force between the clapper and the bell far too casually. The implication is that if the centre of gravity of the clapper is close enough to the point of impact, the force acting at the clapper pivot will be small, but this is not, in fact, the case.

If the clapper strikes at its "centre of percussion" the force acting at the pivot will be zero, irrespective of the magnitude of the force acting between bell and clapper, but the centre of percussion is positioned such that if its distance from the C.G. is a , and the distance from the C.G. to the pivot is b , then $ab=k^2$, k being the radius of gyration of the clapper about its C.G.

If the point of impact is removed from the centre of percussion through a distance C , and if the force acting between bell and clapper is F , then the reaction at the pivot will be

FC

$a+b$

Since F is of large magnitude, it will require only a very small value for C to give a force at the clapper pivot sufficient to cause eventual fatigue failure.

Thus the fracture of a clapper pivot could be caused by a badly designed clapper, as an alternative to the suggestions put forward by Mr. Froggatt. In this case the obvious but expensive remedy would be to fit a properly designed clapper, but otherwise the use of a new bolt with higher fatigue strength might provide a solution.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with your correspondent of April 15th re "Use For Silent Bells," that probably the most common reason for silent bells is lack of interest by clergy and parishioners, I would point out that church bells are dedicated to the glory and for the use of worship to God.

I agree that if the bells are silent then they are not fulfilling their purpose, but to use them purely for secular purposes does not seem to be a good precedent to adopt.

It is nice to be able to ring without disturbing neighbours, and in fact in our area there are one or two churches without too dense a population. However, if ringing annoys the neighbours, couldn't it just be that they do not wish to be reminded that there is a service about to commence which they will not be attending?—Yours faithfully,

ROY M. COX.

Worthing, Sussex.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter from Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst regarding Abraham Greenfield, because when I was in that area several years ago I frequently rang with Mr. Greenfield at Netherton, as well as at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Another mentioned in Mr. Rodenhurst's letter was the "genial" Benjamin Gough, who in those days, I believe, rang at Coseley and whom I often met. Speaking of Netherton, this was the tower in which I rang my very first peal, one of Stedman Triples conducted by Alfred Davies, another Netherton ringer, and included in the band was that well-known Black Country ringer, Bill Short, of Clent.—Yours faithfully,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

THE annual general meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Newport on Easter Monday. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were available during the afternoon and the service was held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. P. T. Clements. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Church Hall, where a delightful tea had been prepared by Miss Trowbridge and her band of willing helpers.

At the meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. P. T. Clements supported by a vice-president, Mr. F. J. Hannington, and the Master, David J. Llewellyn. We were indeed indebted to Mr. Clements for the manner in which he conducted the meeting.

Proceedings started with a silent tribute to the memory of members who had passed on during the year and it was with great sorrow that we heard of the death on Good Friday of Joe Lovett, a member of the Pentre band, who in the 1920's and 1930's rang peals off Cambridge and Superlative with the local Sunday service band. The secretary was asked to convey a message of sympathy to Mrs. Lovett.

The secretary, in his report, which had been circulated to all members, reported that 1964 had been a very eventful year in the history of the Association. The War Memorial had been replaced in Llandaff Cathedral and the name of the member who fell in World War II added. It was decided to honour the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones, who was hon. secretary for over 40 years, and this took the form of a new bookcase being made by a member, Donald G. Clarke, and "The Ringing Worlds" left by J. W. Jones from the first number until 1956 being bound and placed with other books in the new bookcase. The Association has been most fortunate in that most of the work for the memorial tablet was carried out by T. M. Roderick at his own expense, and the beautiful bookcase was provided by D. G. Clarke, thus saving the Association considerable expense.

YOUNGSTERS HONOURED

The boys of Cowbridge Grammar School continue to prosper with their ringing and have now formed their own Society. The first Master, Christopher Ricketts, appeared in "The Ringing World" series "Up-and-Coming Youngsters." Also during the year Ellis N. Thomas was featured in the same series but he has now left the school for Cambridge University. As Nicholas Simon appeared in this same series some while ago it is thought that we are the first Association to be so honoured.

During the year 77 peals were rung, an increase over last year's record total of 50. A feature of the year has been that peals were rung in towers where peals have not been rung for a large number of years, including Radyr (last peal in 1912), St. Athan (1925), Merthyr (1929), Llanbradach (1932) and Aberdare (1938). The leading peal ringer for the year was N. W. H. Simon with 29 peals of which he conducted 27, and Miss Ruth Havard led the ladies with 21 peals. Miss Christine Glastonbury (now Mrs. R. Lucas)

conducted the first peal by an all-ladies' band at Rumney. The Association also entered the long length field with a peal of 10,000 Double Norwich at Llanfeigan in July. Mr. G. E. Fearn brought a touring band into the area in September and scored 14 good peals and it was pleasing to note that some of our young members were invited to take part in some of these peals.

The hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, in presenting his report and the accounts, paid tribute to the work of Messrs. Roderick and Clarke. The accounts indicated a decline of assets of £28, but in view of the work carried out with the two memorials and the fact that all stationery stocks had been replenished during the year this was considered to be satisfactory. A considerable saving will be effected during the present year due to Mr. Iolo Davies, Master of the Llandaff Branch, who undertook the task of duplicating the Association's report; again, we are most grateful for this practical help.

NEW MASTER

Mr. Lionel Jones, of Usk, was elected Master for the coming year and was installed in office by the retiring Master, David J. Llewellyn. The Rev. R. C. Lucas congratulated D. J. L. on his year of office and also noted that following his recent marriage he had become master of his own house!

The following officers were re-elected: Hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick; Central Council representatives, Mrs. J. S. King and T. M. Roderick. It was decided to appoint Mr. Leslie Bainham as hon. librarian to look after the books and bookcase in All Saints' belfry.

The sum of £20 was given to Bedwelty to assist them in repair work to their bells in the near future.

During recent years some discussion has been held with a view to changing the design of the Association's badge, the existing design being considered too large. It was decided to accept the design prepared by Miss Sheila Salkeld, of Chepstow, and that an order should be placed as soon as possible.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday and that the Branches should consider the advisability of changing the date to some time other than on a Bank Holiday and for their views to be considered at next year's committee meeting, as such a change would involve a change in the Rules.

The librarian, Mr. L. Bainham, was asked to take steps to complete the collection of "Ringing Worlds" up to the present time and to have them bound and housed in the new bookcase. Offers were forthcoming from members to provide the missing numbers. In the future a copy of "The Ringing World" will be taken by the Association and bound annually.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. I. Davies to all who had assisted in arranging the meeting.

Further ringing took place in the Cathedral from rounds to Surprise Maximus. M. J. P.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Rushall is now a suburb of Walsall, situated to the north on the Lichfield Road. Those attending the recent meeting of the Society held there found St. Michael's Church about a mile from the centre, almost within the Walsall town boundary. Some visitors might be surprised to discover that the church was originally Norman, with a rebuilding carried out in 1440, and the building of today dates from 1856. Since 1723 there has been a ring of bells in the tower, these being cast by Joseph Smith's bell foundry of Edgbaston, Birmingham. In 1908 Messrs. James Barwell of Birmingham recast all five bells, adding a treble, and hung them in a steel frame on plain bearings. It is these bells which we ring today, with a tenor of 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat, and they are now one of the last remaining complete examples left of this founder's work in this area.

After general ringing, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Simister) had conducted the service, tea was partaken in the Parish Hall. The honorary secretary announced that the eight-bell striking competition would be held at Coseley on April 30th at 3 p.m. and that the next full meeting would be at Church Eaton on May 7th. An appeal was made to any lady ringers visiting the towers of Lichfield Cathedral, Walsall or St. Peter's, Wolverhampton to please refrain from wearing stiletto-type heels as the floors had recently been re-covered.

The following new members were elected: Miss J. Ady and Miss K. O'Sullivan (Rushall) and M. Tobin (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton). Our sincere thanks are extended to all who helped towards this successful meeting, in particular the Vicar, Messrs. C. Rainham and N. White. C. M. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District was made very welcome when members held a meeting at Edwinstowe on March 26th, both by the Rev. W. Pickles, who conducted the service, and by the local company, who prepared an excellent tea. Ringing on the light six varied between rounds to Grandsire and Norwich Surprise, and although at first numbers were small these were swollen later by members who had been detained to ring for weddings at their own towers.

At the business meeting the following new Guild members were elected: S. Marshall (Selston), Mrs. I. Leake and Miss G. Crompton (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Miss M. Eyre and Miss W. Fotherby (Greasley) and G. Howbrook (Edwinstowe).

The proposed District outing was discussed and it was agreed to combine this year with the Sheffield and District Society, from whom an invitation had been received through Mr. H. T. Rooke. This would obviate any financial loss regarding transport until the extent of interest could be ascertained.

Ringling continued until 9 p.m., rounding off an extremely pleasant meeting.

Next meetings: Greasley, April 16th (evening only); Cuckney, May 28th (District Cup Contest).

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QUARTER PEALS

Three quarters on Easter Monday afternoon:
CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, D. G. Brown 2, C. G. Barnes 3, N. Thomson 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6, F. E. Collins 7, K. Taber 8. Rung on the middle eight.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of Immanuel, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Barnes 1, D. G. Brown 2, N. Thomson (first in method) 3, A. Brown 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, M. J. Uphill 6, K. Taber 7, F. E. Collins 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Brown 1, M. J. Uphill 2, N. Thomson 3, R. C. Stevens 4, K. Taber 5, C. G. Barnes (first in method) 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Hignett (first quarter) 1, J. J. Lander 2, A. F. Hall 3, R. I. Gosling (cond.) 4, S. K. A. Huson 5, P. Thomlinson (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. W. R. Pearson a onetime ringer at the church.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Adelaide L. Day (first quarter) 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, R. E. Mantion 4, J. L. Day 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the wedding of Ronald Horton and Gillian Routen and for the Easter Festival.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Weller (cond.) 1, Miss W. Matthews 2, I. M. Robinson 3, G. Rix 4, H. F. Wood 5, R. A. Banner 6. For morning service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on April 3rd, 1,320 Southrepps Bob Doubles: L. J. Bailey 1, D. Rennolds (cond.) 2, L. J. Slade 3, R. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Powell 5, I. M. Shingler 6. First of Southrepps for all except the 4th. For Evensong.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 12th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Julia A. Fellows 1, Mrs. D. Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, H. G. Hart 4, G. Penney 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Sayer 1, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 2, A. D. Sayer 3, W. H. Raxter 4, J. S. Whittall 5, M. C. Powell 6, A. Morgan 7, A. Russell 8.

CLAVERTLEY, SALOP.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, W. Francis 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton 7, R. Jones 8. In memoriam Miss Dolly Broome, a well known local resident and church worker, interred this day.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Powell (first quarter) 1, H. Best 2, E. Dibble 3, G. Nabb (first "inside") 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, L. Walker 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle (first quarter) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, Pamela Wright 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On April 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Janet Cave 1, Beryl Platt 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Gloria Cave (first "inside") 4, Jackie Hedges 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mary Thomas 3, M. Bishop 4, G. W. Bishop 5, C. J. Garlick 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parsons. Until his retirement, Mr. Parsons was headmaster at Hagbourne School for 40 years.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Phillips (first quarter attempt) 1, G. J. Mann 2, E. H. Maslin (cond.) 3, N. Greenacre 4, A. K. Phillips 5.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, J. Andrews 2, T. Hobson 3, C. Brownlow 4, A. Critchley (cond.) 5, R. Parkinson 6, N. Tompkins 7, W. Tyson 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers for a United Evensong at the Parish Church.

GODSHILL, I.W.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Daish 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, A. Harman 4, C. Denness 5, G. Coldman 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wyatt. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Gray 1, Miss M. Dalsh 2, Mrs. E. Wyatt 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Callaway.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Simpson (first quarter) 1, Carol E. Tyler (first "inside") 2, P. Mary Beach 3, S. Patricia M. Nix 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, D. J. Beach 6, C. W. Hodgkinson (cover) 7.

HAMERTON, HUNTS.—On March 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Graham-Scott 1, T. R. Garret 2, C. J. Higgins 3, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 4. First quarter on bells. A farewell to treble ringer, who is joining the Police Cadets.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, B. J. Harfield 2, H. W. Brown 3, N. J. Wright 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, J. R. Norris 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. H. Tribe 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all. Rung to record the band's thanks to the secretary, Robert Tribe, who is moving to Linfield.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Pauline C. Mayhew (first quarter) 2, J. J. Waller (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hepburn 1, G. Harniss 2, J. Norris 3, R. Peckham 4, C. Robinson (first as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Backshall on their 40th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. M. Stone, on their 23rd wedding anniversary.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss L. Baguley 2, Miss M. Green 3, G. Alcock 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Double (three methods). For Evensong. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Kirkby Doubles: Miss E. A. Hill 1, Miss M. Green 2, M. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Rung half-muffled before the Holy Hour service.

LYMPME, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

OSPRIDGE, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Farnsworth 1, F. Pack 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, J. Keeler 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, G. Nicholson 6. For Evensong.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, M. Roberts (first "inside") 2, K. Salisbury 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. Russen W. Thomas (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ST. PETER'S-IN-TANET, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Exwood 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Mrs. M. Firman (first "inside") 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, R. Dadds 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Jarrett, a member of the St. Peter's band, aged 82.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELL, CORNWALL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, B. Buswell 3, Mary Garveth 4, E. R. Langley 5, A. F. Burley 6, D. A. Trethewey 7, D. Stephens 8. First in method 1, 5 and 7. A compliment to Rev. Eric Inglesby, formerly of Truro, inducted and instituted this day as Rector of Caythorpe, Lincs.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Scholey (first quarter) 1, W. Fay 2, E. King 3, C. Easton 4, M. Pickard (cond.) 5, D. Reed 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. A. Eddy 1, D. R. Brazier 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, David Brazier 6. For Mothering Sunday family service.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On April 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. J. Cann 4, Merryn Hutchings 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, H. H. Fearn 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Thomas 1, S. Bende 2, Miss A. Brown 3, Miss E. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. Bende 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley 4, Mrs. J. Gray 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On March 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain): B. Bradbeer 1, Helen Grierson 2, Heather McArthur 3, Susan Bostock 4, Gillian Wildney 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather McArthur 1, Lesley Ward 2, Helen Grierson 3, Rachel Orman 4, Jennifer Andrews (cond.) 5, Gillian Wildney 6.

UP OITERY, DEVON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Webb 1, C. Manley 2, T. Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, L. Stevens (first quarter) 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Grove (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, Miss R. White 3, D. J. Wilkes 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam E. Morgan, organist for 20 years, interred this day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Duncan (first of Caters) 1, D. Hawkins 2, Laura Grindrod 3, I. L. Dear 4, June Whitcher 5, M. C. Austin 6, H. Duncan 7, A. J. Slade (first of Caters as cond.) 8, R. Durrant 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Matins. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline Cole 1, Jacqueline Young 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, I. L. Dear 8. Rung for the Friends of Essex Churches annual recital. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. C. Austin 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. Wilson 4, A. J. Slade 5, K. Warner 6, R. Durrant 7, I. L. Dear (cond.) 8, E. T. Newham 9, D. E. Cobb 10. First of Royal for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9. Rung before Matins as a golden wedding compliment to the vergers and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. P. Chapman. Also on April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Thomas (first of Major) 1, Laura Grindrod 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, K. Scrimshaw 4, H. Duncan 5, I. L. Dear (first of Major as cond.) 6, D. E. Cobb 7, M. C. Austin 8. First of Major "inside" 2 and 3. For Evensong.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Hull 1, W. Perrins 2, Sheila Hallett 3, R. Taylor 4, M. Bartlett 5, J. Sheppard 6, C. Jenkins 7, M. Horsmann 8, E. Skipsey (cond.) 9, R. Marlow 10. First of Royal 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Chadwick 1, R. J. Tanner 2, J. Smith 3, A. Burton 4, G. Futers (cond.) 5, D. R. Carlisle 6. Rung before Evensong half-muffled in memory of Harry Pounder, a member of the band, recently deceased.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. L. Crisp 1, N. D. Shepherd 2, D. A. Wills 3, G. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. A. Lingwood, inducted the previous Tuesday.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On March 28th, 1,800 Doubles (28 methods/variations): C. P. Starbuck 1—2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3—4, P. Church 5—6. Most methods on handbells for all the band. Also on March 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1—2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3—4, P. Church 5—6. First of Minor on handbells 1—2 and 5—6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight 1, H. Yeates 2, Anne Kingcott 3, A. Ferris 4, Hilda Kingcott 5, Ruth Ball 6, P. England 7, M. M. Collins 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. First "inside" 3 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Browning, churchwarden.

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EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,320 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Single Oxford): Gaynor Wallace 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, T. Lewis 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For family service.

ALVESTON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Lander 1, R. I. Gosling 2, A. F. Hall 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas 5, B. R. Manning (cond.) 6. Rung also to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Joanne, to Mrs. P. Wall, a former ringer at the church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Margaret Wright 1, Wendy Lee 2, Christine Andrew 3, E. Jenkins 4, J. Brennan (cond.) 5, C. J. Clegg 6, P. Malloch 7, L. Hill 8, R. M. Edwards 9, F. Shallcross 10. Rung by St. Michael's Sunday service band for Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the back eight): Wendy Lee 1, Margaret Wright 2, Christine Andrew 3, P. J. Malloch 4, L. Hill 5, N. Bennett 6, F. Shallcross (cond.) 7, C. J. Clegg 8.

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Buer 1, K. Robinson 2, C. H. Smith 3, D. Blackwell 4, L. Bateman 5, E. Hutchinson 6, C. Bateman (cond.) 7, G. Chatfield 8. Also to commemorate 50 years of ringing by C. H. Smith.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, E. Furbank 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey M. Evans 1, S. E. Armstrong 2, B. J. Stone 3, Angela M. Wright 4, R. E. Peckham 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, R. E. Peckham 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. P. Snowell 8. For Evensong.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): J. A. Muscelwhite (first on treble) 1, C. J. Groome 2, Miss J. M. Midgley (first in two methods) 3, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 4, P. H. Mackie (first quarter) 5, G. E. McQueen (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter in North America in more than one method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's, Hackington, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: I. F. Waddell 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, Jean E. Grabham 3, D. G. Mitchell 4, R. B. Waddell 5, W. K. Hamilton 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. G. Kedg 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8. For Evensong.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, D. Nicholson 3, J. Nicholson 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hatcher 1, F. Sandford 2, R. Chillingford 3, N. Istance 4, R. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. For Matins.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon 1, W. White 2, G. W. Bishop 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Nappen (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the first Communion. Also 1,296 Little Bob Major: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Mary Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, A. H. Webb 7, M. Bishop (cond.) 8. First in method for all the band. For Parish Eucharist.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Pearson 1, C. Richardson 2, K. Chapman 3, E. Chapman 4, E. Buckley 5, R. Cowley 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Worley 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, Eleanor M. Hough 2, H. Gardner 3, Vivienne M. Dye 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, N. Tull 3, L. G. Haines 4, S. Franklin 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, D. H. Haines 8.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): L. P. Brain 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, C. F. Loke 3, S. J. Hammond 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For early morning Communion.

HENLOW, BEDS.—1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dilley (first quarter) 1, M. Major 2, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 3, R. Fuller 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, R. Cousins 6. For family service.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharp 1, K. Gatman 2, V. Beaumont 3, R. Jordan 4, Rev. F. Ross 5, R. Hawtree (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—1,309 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Banton (cond.) 1, Susan Mitchell (first "inside") 2, Mary I. Hildred 3, T. W. Brighton 4, Susan E. Thompson ("circled" to quarters) 5.

HYTHE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, R. A. Birch (cond.) 2, S. Mowl 3, R. Mowl 4, C. Meers 5, W. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, H. Porter 8. First long touch of Triples for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. A. Trethewey 1, Mary Carveth 2, Mary Matthews 3, Claudia Critchley 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. F. Burley 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss M. Green 1, M. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Before Festival Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jane Markham 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Prescott 6. For early Communion.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. S. Bagworth 1, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 2, P. Chapman 3, B. Bull 4, A. Griffin 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8. For Evensong.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Ottaway (first quarter) 1, A. Ottaway (first quarter) 2, H. Corney 3, J. Ottaway (first Plain Bob) 4, C. Ottaway 5, R. Burbury (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price 1, M. Soper 2, C. Ward 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Davis 1, G. Hawkins 2, B. Tither (first "inside") 3, John Davis (first as cond.) 4, Jesse Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Georgina Grey 1, B. Benstead (first "inside") 2, R. Allsworth 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, R. Benstead 5, F. J. Nelson 6.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Mould 1, C. Chandler 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. Sheppard 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. S. Spackman 6. Rung for the christening of Roy Arthur Stedman Mould; the ringers of 1, 4 and 5 being respectively the father and godfathers.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, G. E. Mudge 3, J. W. Perkins 4, A. J. Collings 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8, H. F. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10. For 6.30 Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Hopkin 1, Sheila Marshall 2, Nita West 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newum 8.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—1,320 Minor (Double Oxford and Single Oxford): J. Godfrey 1, Mrs. P. A. Crosby 2, M. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss L. M. Baguley 1, Miss E. A. Hill 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Rung by Kirkby band for afternoon service, and as a birthday compliment to Don Kirk.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Nicholson 1, Miss W. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, J. Clarke 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. A. Naylor 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, L. B. Dobbie 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin 5, D. Jewell 6, B. White (cond.) 7, B. Vince (first in method) 8.

USK, MON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards (first quarter) 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, R. S. Clench 3, G. Knight 4, F. A. Hobbs 5, S. G. A. Kear 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Hughes 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate the painting of the bell framework by the band.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Vennall 1, G. M. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, R. H. Abbott 4, Frances M. Massey 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of 9-10 in the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Marple on March 31st was Giles B. Thompson. The omission is regretted.

A welcoming home peal to Mr. Ronald K. Russ and family, who have been living in Adelaide, was rung at Ludgershall, Bucks, on April 14th.

To prevent controversy a peal was rung at Longney, Glos, non-Association, on Easter Sunday "to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the glorious Irish uprisings." The conductor was Giles B. Thompson.

Will those who keep their "Dove's" up to date note the first peal on the recently installed bells at Ambecote, Stourbridge, Wores (8, tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B). Installed by John Taylor and Co.

Mr. Sam Petter, of Worplesdon, was 89 on April 19th. To keep his hand in he rang for service the previous Sunday. A peal attempt on April 19th in honour of the occasion unfortunately failed.

Mr. Cecil H. Smith, of Bakewell, completed 50 years of ringing at All Saints' Church, Bakewell, on Easter Sunday, and to mark the occasion a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the Bakewell Church bells on Easter Sunday evening.

Coming to Bath, where her father attends the Central Council meeting is Helen Dodds, of St. Albans. She is hoping to show her friend, Wilf Williams, that she can now handle a bell in rounds! With a bit of luck, remarks her father.

Sympathy was expressed at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild that Mr. Andrew Beckwith, the popular secretary, is in hospital with spinal trouble. He is in Eilston Ward, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, and would be happy to hear from ringing friends.

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INDISPOSITION UPSETS LONG LENGTH FOURTH BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL ATTEMPT

Mr. R. B. Smith writes: The attempt to ring 15,171 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on April 16th had to be called round due to the indisposition of a member of the band. The bells were brought round after 7,279 changes in 4 hours and 53 minutes. Mr. Shirley Burton is at present checking to make sure that the amended calling is true. Another attempt is to be arranged but not in the immediate foreseeable future. Thanks are expressed to all who helped in making arrangements.

NEWS FROM THE WILD WEST

Michael Simpson sends us this week a quarter peal from Calgary—"the Wild West" he describes it—which he believes has the distinction of being the first quarter peal in North America in more than one method. The quarter peal on Easter Day was made possible by a visit to Calgary of Christopher Groome, of Huntington, Yorks, whose acquaintance all the band were pleased to make. "Time did not permit us," writes Michael Simpson, "to make another attempt for a peal, but we are determined that this event shall not be long postponed. In fact, if we can get the band together, we hope to have another try on April 23rd."

ANOTHER KENT TOWER RESTARTS

The bells of Snodland, Kent, have for some time been silent due to the lack of ringers, but now to the joy of local parishioners the sound of bells can be heard every Sunday. This is mainly due to the efforts of Martin L. Howe, of Maidstone, who has spent many hours teaching a band to ring. There is terrific enthusiasm in the newly-formed band and a worthy captain has been elected.

P. S. M.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

Bad luck befell the Leicester ringers at Newark-upon-Trent on Easter Monday. The ninth clapper parted company with the bell after three well-struck courses of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. The band were indebted to Mr. Colin Reed for standing in at short notice and for allowing them to ring on the fine eight at Balderton.

GOOD FRIDAY RINGING AT EDMONTON

On Good Friday a united service took place on the Green outside All Saints' Church, Edmonton, attended by members of all the Free Churches of the district, and about 600 Roman Catholics. To mark the occasion the committee requested that a half-muffled quarter peal be rung before the service. None of the ringers had ever before rung on Good Friday, so even this seemed a break from tradition. The standard of ringing by the local Sunday service band was quite good and it was obvious that everyone realised the importance of the occasion.

On Easter Saturday gifts were exchanged between All Saints' and the Roman Catholic Church, a huge bunch of flowers from All Saints' to be part of their Easter decorations, and from St. Edmund's R.C. Church a bottle of altar wine to be used at the 11 a.m. Communion service.

The fourth Bristol Festival of Ringing will be held on Saturday, October 29th. As usual, there will be at least 24 towers open, a Cathedral service at 12 noon, a visit to the Cathedral central tower to see the old ten-bell frame which now houses four bells, and a visit to see "Great George," the 9½ ton clock bell in the University tower. It is also hoped that permission will be granted to climb to the very top of the tower for what must be the best possible view of Bristol. Last time the record tower snatch total of 17 during the day was set up.

During the evening a room has been hired in the Crown and Dove with an extension to 11.45 p.m.—one shilling per person will be charged to cover the cost of hiring the room.

It will be left to everybody to make their own lunch arrangements this time. Previously a hotel buffet luncheon was arranged and programmes were issued with lunch tickets—this proved to be more trouble than it was worth, especially when people complained about the quantity provided. This time programmes will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. We hope this fourth festival will be as well supported as the previous three—the more the merrier! J. H.

MRS. FREDERICK SHARPE HOME

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Frederick Sharpe is home from hospital and making progress slowly towards recovery. She has still to attend hospital periodically for treatment.

STARTED SPLICED SURPRISE AT 69

The peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods, rung at Sprotborough, Yorks, on April 16th, was the first of Spliced for Harold Wagstaff, and we wonder if he has created a record in reaching his 69th birthday before accomplishing this? Harold is now planning to ring a peal in the eight standard methods for his 70th birthday!

MR. J. UNDERWOOD'S EASTER MONDAY TOUR

Following a highly successful outing to Rutland last autumn, Mr. John Underwood, of Haxey, selected the Derby area for his Easter itinerary. The towers visited were Stapleford, Sandiacre, Breaston, Spondon, Alvaston, Shardlow and two Derby city churches—St. Peter's and St. Alkmund's.

A substantial party was formed of ringers and friends from the Gainsborough and Scunthorpe Districts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and, in spite of poor weather and two inexplicable motoring delays, the tour proved to be most enjoyable. All the bells and towers visited were delightful and the standard of ringing displayed was moderately agreeable (even at times exceptionally good!).

At Sandiacre we were assisted by the welcome presence of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, and later the party was augmented by two young ladies, Janet Hudson and Christine Cobb, away on a long week-end safari from London! These two young ladies were able to extend our repertoire somewhat, and more than one aspiring tenor-man deflated rapidly at the sight of young Christine covering the big 'un with such skill! H. J.

CHAIRMAN SEES PROGRESS

In 1962 Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship was elected chairman of the South East District of the Suffolk Guild. On March 12th at the annual general meeting, again at Woodbridge, he laid down the reins of office, contending that it was time new blood took the chair. When he was first elected there were just 18 present: this year, despite a windy day, 58. This growth of attendance, he told the meeting, was a source of delight. Thanks were expressed at the way he had conducted the meetings. His successor is Mr. Ernest G. Pearce, who was accorded best wishes for the future. The Ringing Master, Mr. Howard Egglestone, and the secretary, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, are continuing in office.

Reporting on 1965, Mr. Egglestone congratulated the keen young band of 18 members at Bramford under the guiding hand of Neville Whittell. Six of them were congratulated on scoring their first peal, and the whole company on ringing 28 quarter peals, mostly for Sunday service. Also to receive congratulations were Henley, where five young members achieved their first peal. A lot of young members in the District, said Mr. Egglestone, had advanced to the stage where they could tackle new ground and enjoy ringing other methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Beloe, and the hymns were accompanied by Peter Harris, a Guild ringer. Tea was arranged by Mr. A. S. Woodard. Good wishes were sent from the meeting to Mr. Andrew Beckwith, Suffolk Guild general secretary, for a speedy recovery.

FIRST PEAL AT ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM

The first peal on the new 12 at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was enjoyed on Easter Monday. Stedman Cinques was rung and birthday greetings were extended to F. Neville Pailing on his 21st, Walter Nichols his 71st and Frederick Salter his 73rd. The band were sorry that ill-health prevented Mr. Salter standing in the first peal, after his many years of work for this tower.

LEICESTER RINGERS IN CHESHIRE

Markfield, Leics, ringers had an Easter Monday tour of Cheshire. A former rector, the Rev. C. I. H. Siviter, and Brian Schofield were instrumental in putting their organiser, Jack Wardle, in touch with the towers. All the bells were very much enjoyed but the fine six at Taxal and the eight at Fairfield deserve special mention. At Bollington the company were joined by Peter and Jill Staniforth and Bob Smith. Methods rung ranged up to Cambridge and London on the sixes, Plain Bob and Grandsire, on the eights with an occasional "crunch" of Stedman Triples.

TO LIVE IN GERMANY

A farewell quarter peal was rung at Godalming on April 3rd to Derek White and his German wife, Derek, who came to Godalming from Hampshire, was the only outsider to join the Godalming band in the last ten years. He is making his new home in Germany.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Jack S. Dear 5
J. Richard Castledine .. 2	C. Martin Press 6
*George E. Bonham 3	Philip Mehew 7
Anthony K. Fortin 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Thoday

* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL EAST—At the Church of St. George.

On Good Friday, April 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2	Tenor 15½ cwt
Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	Patrick J. Bird 6
Brian B. Hullah 3	D. John Hunt 7
John H. Taylor 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Henbury.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	John W. Smith Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith

Conducted by D. John Hunt

A birthday compliment to Richard W. Sweet.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's.	Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
C. M. Press (King's) .. Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 5
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 6
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) .. 7
R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLASEY (Liscard), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Marion R. Pantom Treble	Peter Adcock 5
Edna Cooper 2	James L. Towler 6
David E. Rothera 3	Peter G. Brown 7
Ian Foster 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.

On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Gerald Parsons Treble	Raymond J. Ballard 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Dennis Latham 6
Felicity Webber 3	Roy Worrall 7
Harold Dowler 4	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 25 lb. in E.

Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	Peter Woollven 5
Alan M. Barber 2	Geoffrey Pratt 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	C. Martin Press 7
*George E. Bonham 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal in the method.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.

On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. in A flat.

Nina B. Thomas Treble	Ronald J. Snack 4
George E. Bonham 2	Anthony K. Fortin 5
David E. Rothera 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

LOUGHTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt 8 lb. in A flat.

Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	*Ronald J. Snack 4
Jack S. Dear 2	George E. Bonham 5
*David E. Rothera 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to Miss Linda Ellison, of Stotfold.

TERRINGTON ST JOHN Norfolk.—At the Church of

St John the Baptist

On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of St Clement's and four of

Plain Bob (seven callings)	Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
A. Keith Phillips .. Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Frank Knight 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Robert D. Bellamy 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.

On Sun., April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

*Richard P. Turnill .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 4
†Robert G. Oakley 2	George E. Bonham 5
Alan M. Barber 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber

* First peal. † First of Minor

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E

Austin T. Wingate .. Treble	John F. I. Turney 5
Elizabeth Taylor 2	Thomas E. Wood 6
Gillian Sims 3	Leslie Evans 7
Ralph Godsall 4	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by George T. Cousins.

KINGSTONE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods/variations, being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

Charles Phillips .. Treble	Peter Sell 4
Reginald G. Powell .. 2	Michael V. Powell 5
Leslie H. Colcombe .. 3	Alfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Powell

Rung as a wedding compliment for Michael V. Powell, who was married on April 2nd, 1966, to Miss Veronica M. Monger.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian H. Oram

First peal in the method. (Corrigan No. 37).

STURRY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Easter Sunday, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, viz.: Two of All Saints 20 of Reverse Canterbury and 20 of Plain Bob.

*Barbara A. Bouldin .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 24 lb. in G
*Mary Mackenzie 2	Christine M. Bouldin .. 4
Patrick A. Harrison .. 3	Roger C. Button 5
	*Andrew E. Pullin Tenor

Conducted jointly from the 3rd—22 extents 4th—10 extents, 5th—10 extents.

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

Rung for Easter.

BOREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

- 58 - 14, 58 - 56, 38, 14 - 14, 38, 14 - 14, 3.

Lead-end 18674523 (2nds place), 4ths place bob. Clean.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*Douglas Deakin Treble | Raymond D. Helliwell .. 4
David Haworth 2 | Michael Bell 5
Roger Leigh 3 | Anthony J. Helliwell .. Tenor
Conducted by Roger Leigh

* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Leigh.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents St. Clement's and five of Plain. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
Douglas Deakin Treble | David Haworth 4
Roger Leigh 2 | Raymond D. Helliwell .. 5
Dennis McCormick 3 | Roger Barnes Tenor
Conducted by Roger Leigh.

Rung while a procession containing members of all denominations carried a cross through the town and erected it on the summit of a nearby hill.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each in Cambridge S.M., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.
Roger Leigh Treble | Dennis McCormick .. 4
*Raymond D. Helliwell .. 2 | *Michael Bell 5
Roger Barnes 3 | Anthony J. Helliwell .. Tenor
Conducted by Anthony J. Helliwell.

* First peal in five methods. First as conductor in five methods.

HALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three extents Plain Bob, two extents Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.
*Graham K. Austin Treble | *John R. Ridley 4
Nigel P. A. Goulding .. 2 | Thomas W. Hesketh .. 5
James Dunbavin 3 | Terence M. Fitzgerald .. Tenor
Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal in three methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C
Malcolm E. Wade Treble | Joseph William Cotton .. 6
*Rupert A. Clarke 2 | Roland H. Cook 7
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 3 | Samuel J. Haines 8
David F. Moore 4 | G. Ronald Edwards .. 9
Martin C. Faulkes 5 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 250th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble | Rupert A. Clarke 5
*Martin Green 2 | *Samuel J. Haines 6
Malcolm E. Wade 3 | Roland H. Cook 7
*David F. Moore 4 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland H. Cook
* First peal in the method.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.
Roger D. Bailey Treble | J. Edward Cawser 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2 | J. Martin Thorley 6
Derek F. Jones 3 | *Norman W. Attaway .. 7
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 4 | E. Alan Jacques Tenor
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
*Michael E. Brown Treble | Malcolm E. Wade 5
Joseph William Cotton .. 2 | Samuel J. Haines 6
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 3 | *Malcolm C. Faulkes .. 7
David F. Moore 4 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* Twice "circled" tower. † "Circled" tower.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.
Joyce M. Sharp Treble | Christopher K. Cooper .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2 | Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 8
John Walden 3 | Joe E. G. Roast 9
Peter A. Sharp 4 | Ian R. Panton 10
J. Richard Hough 5 | Howard W. Egglestone .. 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6 | *Dennis A. S. Symonds .. Tenor
Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 400th peal.

A wedding compliment to Andrew S. Hudson and Claire Dillamore (honorary member of the Cathedral company), whose marriage at St. Giles', Lincoln, preceded this peal.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.
Edwin T. Chapman .. Treble | Keith R. Davey 5
*Janet E. Hubbard 2 | J. Martin Thorley 6
†Joan Gilbert 3 | Roger D. Bailey 7
‡Derek J. Jones 4 | *Alan G. Payne Tenor
Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal of Major.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
Charles H. Baker Treble | Maurice Lings 5
*Melvyn A. Rose 2 | John Hall 6
Roger Hippisley 3 | *John F. Underwood .. 7
William Bains 4 | Harold Judd Tenor
Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood. Conducted by John Hall.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Helen Hird and John Nicholson, married this day at Stow.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being twelve methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
Joan Gilbert Treble | R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2 | Keith R. Davey 5
Albert E. Flatters 3 | Alan G. Payne Tenor
Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

THE LEANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.

On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.
Richard W. Owen Treble | Donald G. Clarke 5
Jacqueline S. King 2 | Austin T. Wingate 6
David Pike 3 | David J. Hughes 7
David J. King 4 | James L. Fitzgerald Tenor
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Holy Saturday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
Freda Clayton Treble | John R. Mayne 5
Elsie K. Hart 2 | Alick Cutler 6
Susan E. Smith 3 | John Hill 7
H. George Hart 4 | David J. Taylor Tenor
Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth. This is the 100th peal on these bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., April 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*Alfred W. Foreman .. Treble | Harry B. Fuller 5
Henry Tooke 2 | Leslie F. Bailey 6
William Clover 3 | Thomas E. Spight 7
Robin Churchill 4 | Albert G. Driver Tenor
Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KETTERINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Single Court and Double Court, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; 58 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Charles H. Moore Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
Frank C. J. Arnold 2	Henry Tooke 5
William Clover 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Diana Reeves Treble	†John F. Carter 5
*Robert A. Reeves 2	Paul R. Davis 6
Charlotte A. Bennett .. 3	Mark W. Sayers 7
Pamela E. Powell 4	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
 * "Circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Major. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely Sunday service band.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Michael C. E. Hodge .. Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
*James F. List 2	Brian R. White 6
*David Floyd 3	Francis A. White 7
Walter F. Judge 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of the composer (April 19th).

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 gr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Albert Diserens 2	Noel J. Diserens 6
Eunice A. Lewis 3	John N. Diserens 7
Peter J. Shipton 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Ron and Pat Diserens.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Grandsire and St. Anne, 120 each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, May Day, St. David, Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps Clifford's, Royston, Litchurch, St. Helen, Antelope, Marchington, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Longparish, Pink's, Beckley, Freeland, Isis, Oxford, Middleton Stoney, St. Lucy, St. Margaret, Gresford, Northleigh, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Swithun, St. Valentine, Harbury, Allstree, St. Fridgswide.

Alec Gammon Treble	*Roy H. Jones 3
John A. H. Betts 2	Leonard R. Porter 4

Noel D. Deam Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* 100th peal.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: Reverse Canterbury, Cambridge (two extents), Kent, St. Clement's (two extents) and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B.

J. Richard Poole Treble	J. M. Elaine Dixon 4
*Heather A. Alford 2	Marie R. Cross 5
Michael C. E. Hodge .. 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

* First peal in five methods. First recorded peal on the bells.

LUDDERSHALL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Thurs., April 14, 1966 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Place and Plain Bob.

Cyril H. Kinch Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 3
Ernest G. Jones 2	Barry J. Davis 4

Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Ronald K. Russ and family on their recent return from Adelaide, South Australia.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 16, 1966 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods: 240 each of St. Hilary, St. Remigius, St. Osmund, 480 each of Westminster II, Blackburn, 840 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin.

Garth A. Porter Treble	Leonard R. Porter 3
Roy H. Jones 2	Noel D. Deam 4

Alec Gammon Tenor

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

Compliments to Rev. Paul Rimmer, who has completed seven years as Vicar; to the conductor and Miss Avril Walton on their engagement; to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who have rung 25 peals together. This was the 60th peal on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E

Harry Richardson Treble	*Denis G. Pearson 5
Peter M. Fleckney 2	John E. Skerritt 6

*John G. Mitchell 3	Michael J. Staley 7
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*Frank E. Coales 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor
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Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.

*Andrea M. Newman .. Treble	Philip Bosworth 4
Jean Marlow 2	Murray A. Coleman .. 5

Sheila J. Staley 3	Geoffrey E. Watson .. Tenor
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Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal, first attempt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob—seven different callings.

Derek J. Jones Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Robert C. Woodward .. 2	E. Alan Jacques 5

Janet E. Hubbard 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor
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Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

BRADDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods: Two extents of April Day, 15 Plain Bob and 25 Grandsire.

*Martin R. Bolton Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Hilary Knight 2	†Kevan J. Chapman 4

Leonard R. Porter Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., March 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	John C. Eisel 7
Norman J. Goodman 2	Edward W. Colley 8
*Robert E. J. Dennis 3	Peter J. Stretton 9
John R. Insley 4	Michael J. Fellows 10
James Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
David J. Purnell 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay Treble	Arthur V. Pearson 7
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Edward W. Colley 8
Ann E. Fellows 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John R. Insley 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Maurice G. Ingram 6	John A. Anderson Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Ann E. Fellows 2	Edward W. Colley 8
B. Gillian Schofield 3	George E. Fearn 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Michael J. Fellows 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung to the respected memory of John Pinfold, vice-president and former Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, who died on April 13th, 1966.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 4 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 7251 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith Treble	Michael J. Fellows 7
John C. Eisel 2	John H. Fielden 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Brian Harris 9
Neil Bennett 4	Brian J. Woodruffe 10
Basil Jones 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Martin D. Fellows 6	A. Peter Whitehead Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ILLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon Treble	Clifford A. Barron 5
Roderick W. Pipe 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
John R. Insley 3	George E. Fearn 7
James Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

First peal in the method.

With the best wishes of the band to Mr. J. Leacey, headle and parish clerk, on his forthcoming retirement, and to the Rev. J. Rusher, assistant curate, on his leaving the parish.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Christopher Lees Treble	Roderick J. Lees 5
Michael W. Fairey 2	J. Dennis Holden 6
Eric E. Speake 3	John H. Allen 7
F. Hector Bennett 4	Arthur Pritchard Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Minnie I. Foskett Treble	*F. Neville Pailing 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	David R. Ingram 8
Beryl N. Reed 3	James W. Raithby 9
Peter A. Sharp 4	Geoffrey R. Parker 10
Richard Inglis 5	Geoffrey Paul 11
William L. Exton 6	*Walter Nichols Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First 12-bell peal. First peal on these bells following augmentation to twelve.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Peter G. Brown 2	Robert E. Hardy 6
Yvonne A. Murray 3	George E. Thoday 7
George E. Bonham 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

The conductor's 400th peal (conducted 130). Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Harrison, of Chelmsford, Essex.

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

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 66 methods: (1) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fifield, Thorn, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bamborough and Lindon Surprise (11 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (2) Pontefract, Donnotton, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob (14 methods by C. K. Lewis). (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Hummer, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver). (4) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Wavertree, Childwall, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westleccott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (5) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise. (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise. (7) Plain Bob. With 143 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
*Janet I. Rogers 2	George W. Pipe 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* 50th peal. Most methods to a peal for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

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

On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Frederick J. Payne .. Treble	Janet I. Rogers 4
*Toni M. Rogers 2	Donald L. Mills 5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale .. 3	†Robin H. Rogers Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal.

A 79th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, part donor of the treble bell in 1953.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Robert W. Hinde 6
David S. Osenton 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Olive D. Tester 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 8
Andrew J. Corby 4	Colin A. Tester 9
Hilary F. Hinde 5	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	*Roy M. Cox 5
Ernest Treagus 2	Henry C. Weaver 6
*James M. Hills 3	Raymond P. Wood 7
Jean A. Allen 4	Morgan Marshall Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal of Triples "inside." A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Discrens on the birth of their daughter.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Lucile M. Corby Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Frank I. Hairs 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
R. John Osbon 3	John W. Smith 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	Colin Osbon Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Countess de la Warr.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON, NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

A 2,160 and four extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B
*Raymond J. Hosking .. Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas 4
*John F. I. Turney 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of London.

CADOXTON, NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Thurs., March 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR

A 2,160 and four extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B
Ellis N. Thomas Treble	John F. I. Turney 4
Gwyn I. Lewis 2	John M. Hughes 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

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

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 33 cwt. in D flat.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Alan Carveth 6
Anthony J. Davidson .. 2	Anthony Locke 7
Thomas G. Myers 3	Rev. A. S. Roberts 8
G. William Critchley .. 4	D. Roy Bould 9
*Graham F. Dunstan .. 5	*Derek A. Trethewey.. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First 10-bell peal. First of Caters as conductor. The 25th peal on the bells and the first since rehanging in 1964.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5
*Ruth A. Elmes 2	John W. Blackwood .. 6
Stephen T. Kirby 3	Lewis F. Cobb 7
†William T. Perrins 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal † First of Major in the method.
A compliment to Ruth A. Elmes and John W. Blackwood on their recent engagement.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BASING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in the method (Tipler's B68-1).
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

AMBLECOTE, STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Peter J. Brown Treble	John C. Eisel 5
Geoffrey Westwood 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Brian J. Luff 7
M. Irene Ellsmore 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey N. Goodall .. Treble	Richard Farnsworth 5
Eileen J. Osborne 2	John S. Seager 6
John E. Turley 3	Clive W. Longden 7
Cyril Rusby 4	John J. L. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
Rung to welcome the arrival of a daughter, Nicola, to Mr and Mrs. C. Rusby.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

Patricia Lockwood Treble	Irvin Slack 5
David S. Lockwood 2	Eric Robinson 6
Arnold Cole 3	Ian North 7
Michael Johnson 4	Rodney Stephenson .. Tenor

Composed by Philip O. Bixby. Conducted by Ian North.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 3,392 Rutland, 448 Cambridge and 416 each Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 106 changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

James Thorley Treble	W. Eric Critchley 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2	*Harold Wagstaff 6
Vernon Bottomley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Gibson Jackson 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung for the wedding of Terence Bramall and Elizabeth, daughter of the Rector, Rev. Canon John Lyth, M.A.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each St. Clement's and Cambridge, two Plain Bob and Kent T.B. and one Oxford T.B.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Rodney Stephenson Treble	Patricia Lockwood 4
Irvin Slack 2	Douglas Thorp 5
Arnold Cole 3	Ian North Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Michael H. Gregory .. Treble	Andrew F. Howard .. 5
Alan Tubb 2	Brian B. Hullah 6
John H. Taylor 3	Giles B. Thompson 7
Diana M. Chapman .. 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the glorious Irish Uprisings.

HORNINGSEA, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., April 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, viz.: 2,760 Grandsire, 1,800 St. Martin's and 480 Plain Bob.

A. Keith Phillips Treble	George E. Thoday 3
Robert D. Bellamy 2	George E. Bonham 4
Alan M. Barber Tenor	

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

Rung for Good Friday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan. —At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycocli.

On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	*John F. I. Turney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on handbells and first of Major.

A wedding peal for Penelope J. Welch and David J. Llewellyn, married at Llandaff Cathedral on St. David's Day.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan. —At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycocli.

On Sun., April 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*Ellis N. Thomas 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	John M. Hughes 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on handbells.

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ENGAGEMENTS

DEAM--WALTON. — The engagement is announced between Auril Jennifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Walton, and Noel David, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Deam, both of Marston, Oxford. 8983

DINGLEY--FENNELL. — The engagement is announced between Pauline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fennell, of Broadstairs, and James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dingley, of London. 9006

MILLER--PILGRIM. — Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pilgrim, of Keyworth, Notts, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to John, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller, of West Bridgford, Nottingham. 8970

WEDDING

ANDERSON--THOMSON. — On Saturday, April 16th, at St. James' Church, Benwell, between John Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, of Gosforth, Northumberland, and Iris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomson, of Newcastle upon Tyne. 8979

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. — Bed and breakfast, evening meal optional. — Mrs. Thirkettle, 25, Lewisham Grove. 8968

PERSONAL

"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders, but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." — Isaiah lx, 18.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Holy Trinity Church, Amblesote, Stourbridge, Worcs. New ring of eight bells by Taylors. Sundays 8.55-9.25 a.m.; Fridays 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome. — M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 8989

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual Ringing Festival will be held in the North Lindsey Branch, June 18th. Details later. — C. A. H.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Meeting at Bath, Whitsun, 1966
Three tours of Somerset are arranged for Whit Monday covering the North, Central and Southern areas respectively. Will those wishing to participate please contact J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenhurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, stating whether a coach trip is preferred. Will members wishing to take part in peals please write to E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath. 8924

LEYTON PARISH CHURCH. — On Sunday, May 1st, during evening service (6.30) a ringing chamber clock will be dedicated to mark the appreciation of the loyal service of Charles Alfred Hughes as captain of the tower since September, 1928.

MARKET DEEPING, Lincs. — Flower Festival, April 29th, 30th, May 1st. Evensong, Saturday, 30th, 5 p.m. Ringing from 4 p.m. and after service until 9 p.m. Refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8933

ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON. — Ringers' Sunday, May 1st. Ringing before and after Matins and Evensong. All ringers welcome.

VISITORS to the Spalding, Lincs. Flower Festival will be welcome to ring on the Parish Church bells from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th, and on Sunday, May 8th, ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 2 to 6.30 p.m. The "Washington Film" will be shown after Evensong in the Parish Room. 8988

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS
The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Cedars Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8945

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Alwyn Neale, 14, North East Terrace, Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 6-9 p.m. — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8931

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Correction: Quarterly meeting, Baldock, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential. — C. M. Orme, Hon Dis. Sec., 12, Gaunts Way, Letchworth Tel 5015. 8894

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Meeting at Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send names to Mr. D. Pont, 1, Nanhill Rise, Woodhouse Eaves. — Pat Farmer, Dis. Sec. 8950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral. 8 a.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock in Tithe Barn followed by meeting. Ringing: Upton (6) 10.45 to 11.45; Willingham-by-Stow (6) 11.30 to 12.30; Stow (6) 12.15 to 1.15; Saxilby (6) 1 to 2; Lincoln towers, i.e. Cathedral (12). St. Giles' (8). St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6). St. Botolph's (6) from 2 until service and after the meeting, but St. Giles' until 7 only. Names for tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Uxbridge, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Officers and C.C. representatives to be elected. Ringing: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, and St. Mary's, Harefield, 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Andrew's 3-4.30 p.m. and in evening. Names would ensure tea. — T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 8883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting at Norwich SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 1966
A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors. 8901

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Bicester (8) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8929

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Southwell, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Trebeck Hall following Evensong. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts. — W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8882

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Meeting at St. Dennis, Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 8951

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Heckfield, Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Rotherwick bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 8963

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 2nd, 7 p.m. — S.M.: Cam. group Spl. 8991

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in Gloucester Area SATURDAY, MAY 7th

Painswick, 11-12.30.

Lunch at Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, at 1.15 p.m.

Gloucester Cathedral, 2.30-4.

Business meeting at St. Mary-le-Crypt, 4.15 p.m.

Cheltenham, St. Mary's, 6-7.

Names for lunch (10s. 6d.) to me, please, by May 2nd at latest. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8893

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. — Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, Saturday, May 7th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. All welcome. 8966

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hardington Mandeville, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, please. — R. J. Fox.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Towers open: Haynes, Cranfield, Eversholt 9.30-10.45; Aspley Guise 10.45-12; Husbome Crawley 12-1; Gravenhurst, Flitwick, 2-3.30; Ampthill, Silsoe, Maulden, 3-4.30; Flitton, Maulden, 6.30-8.45. Service, tea and business meeting Maulden 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lockett, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden (Tel. Ampthill 2127) by Thursday, May 5th. — A. Smith, Gen. Sec. 8970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Wootton Wawen, May 7th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall.

Names for tea to Alan J. Collings, 3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Waven. Solihull. Special method: College Exercise.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8962

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting at Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. C. R. Rogers, Bridekirk Vicarage, Cockermouth, by May 3rd.—Dianne Gibson. 8935

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorington, on Saturday, May 7th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. General ringing later. Names for tea to Mrs. A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Lane, Thorington, Colchester. 8935

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Annual meeting will be held at Long Clawson on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Frederick J. Williams. 8935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, by Thursday, May 5th. — A. P. S. B. 8949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael and All Angels', Maidstone, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 8949

LADIES' GUILD. — Meeting at Liskeard, Saturday, May 7th. Ringing commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Menheniot from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by May 2nd. 9003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Slaidburn, Yorks, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Times of tea and business meeting to be arranged on the day. Please make own tea arrangements.—Brian Tomlinson, Braich, Sec. 8903

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing at Chapel Allerton (6) 2.30-4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Headingley in the Schoolrooms, Otley Road. Names, please, to A. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6, by previous Thursday. St. Chad's bells available after tea. 8948

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Joint meeting with Leicester District at Billesdon, Saturday, May 7th. Skelfington (5) 2.30-4 p.m., Billesdon (8) 3-4.15 p.m. Service Billesdon 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics, by Wednesday, May 4th. Billesdon available after meeting.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8948

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting, Wicken, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman. 8980

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Stickney, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me by Monday, May 2nd.—D. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8976

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 7th. All Saints' (6) tower open 2.30 to 3.30. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Friars Walk Schools, followed by meeting. St. Modwen's (8) tower open after meeting. All welcome.—J. C. 8916

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Meeting at South Lopham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. G. Boast, Elm Royd, South Lopham, Diss, by Wednesday, May 4th. — C. F. W. Phillips, Hon. Sec. 8922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olney, May 7th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8936

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Creaton, 3 p.m., Cottesbrooke 6 p.m., Saturday, May 7th. Important—names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8981

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Langham (6), May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 3rd. 8987

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Newcastle on Tyne, May 7th.

PROGRAMME

Friday, May 6th.
Practice at SS. Basil and James', Fenham (8).

Saturday, May 7th.
10-11 a.m., All Saints', Gosforth (10).
12-1 p.m., St. John's, Newcastle (8).
Make own arrangements for lunch.
2.30-3.30, St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, Newcastle (8).

Business meeting in the Cathedral Library, 4 p.m.

High Tea at Bainbridges, Bigg Market, Newcastle, 5.30 p.m. (7/-).
7-8 p.m., Cathedral (12).

For high tea, apply F. Hodgson, 160, West Auckland Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, not later than May 2nd. — J. A. Hoare Hon. Sec. 8942

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Thorne, Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorlands, near Doncaster, before 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8973

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, by Wednesday previous. Crawford Cup District Round, Cotgrave, on May 14th, at 6 p.m. 8790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBY ASSOCIATION (Peak District). — Joint meeting, May 7th, at Baslow and Hope. Bells: Baslow (6) 3-5 and 6 p.m.—7 p.m.; Hope (8) 7.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—Andrew King and Mrs. G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 8972

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Meeting at Church Eaton, near Stafford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, by Wednesday, May 4th, latest, please. Tel. Lich. 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8907

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual striking competition at Theberton on May 7th, 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield. Would teams intending to compete please notify Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Names for tea to Mrs. Ralph, The Rectory, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 4th. Leiston (8) available during the evening. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting St. John's, Croydon, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by May 4th. 8916

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Froxfield, May 7th, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—C. E. Bassett. 8930

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Yarnton Monday, May 9th, from 7 to 9 p.m. 8992

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts. — A one-day ringing school will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, May 14th, commencing promptly at 10.15 a.m. Inclusive cost for tea and a cup of tea at lunchtime will be 4s. Subjects include: (i) How to maintain a hand; (ii) Bell control; (iii) Elementary change ringing; (iv) Simple conducting; (v) Maintenance and sound control. Accommodation limited to 60, preference being given to members of the three Districts. Names to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Monday, May 9th, latest.—W. D. H. 8993

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival of the Guild will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 1966, at Oxtan, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by annual meeting.

Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St. Saviour; the preacher will be the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cost of lunch 5/6 and tea 5/6 or 10/- for both if tickets are obtained before May 9th from A. J. Martin, Esq., 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Towers open: Eastham (6) 10-11 a.m.; Bromborough (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Port Sunlight (8) 11-12 noon; Bebington (8) 11.30-12.30 p.m.; Oxtan (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea; Bidston (6) 3.15-4.15 p.m.; Woodchurch (6) 3.15-4.15 p.m.; other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8903

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Grundisburgh (10) on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bradfield (6) 6.45-8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, by May 11th. No name, no tea.—J. M. Andrews. 8985

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Dingestow, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, please. Also available: Cwmcarvan (6 bells) 2-3.30 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8955

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Waltham May 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—C. A. H. 8955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St. Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook near Trowbridge, before May 11th.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs. Hedger, will attend tea and meeting. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddlehinton (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10-1.45 and 6.30-9 p.m.; Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10-2 p.m. and 6.30-9 p.m.; Wyke Regis (8) 6.30-9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10-1.45 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts. — One-day ringing school (elementary methods and conducting). Cheriton, Saturday, May 21st, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Tickets, 5s. each, and full details from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. For first 60 applicants. Please send stamped addressed envelope.—A. P. S. B. 8908

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and
Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes)
On SATURDAY, MAY 14th

Ringing arrangements:—

Twineham (5) 10.30-11; Henfield (8) 11.15-12; Aldrington (6) 1.30-2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15-3; The Good Shepherd (8) 2.45-3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3-3.45.
Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15-1; Keymer (6) 1-1.30; Ditchling (8) 2-2.45.
Burgess Hill (8) 11.15-12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15-1; Chailey (6) 1.15-1.45; Newick (6) 2-2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15-3.45.
Buxted (8) 11.30-12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30-3; Ringmer (8) 3.15-4.
Seaford (8) 3-3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2-4.15 and after meeting.
Service 4.30 Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea essential to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, not later than Tuesday, May 10th.

For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send s.a.e.

DEVON GUILD. — A.G.M., Plymouth, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11-12.30 and 2-3; Plympton St. Mary's (8) 11-12.30 and 1.30-3; Egguckland (6) 12-1 and 2-3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30-3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30-3; Plymstock (6) 1.30-3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2-3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2-3.45 and 7-9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. — D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne May 21st Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 17th, please.—C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 8986

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

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Detailed programme sent with tea tickets. Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec.

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