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A Second Impression

SHOULD there be left any sceptical members of the Exercise who are doubtful about the work done by the Central Council, a glance at the agenda which was got through this year should convince them that these Council meetings are no joy ride, particularly for the President. There is no possible doubt that this year's Council meeting will stand out as one of the most successful, not to say enjoyable, that has ever taken place. It speaks volumes for the interest of the members who, despite the marvellous attractions of a beautiful seaside resort, stuck to their task in a room which was more like a greenhouse than anything else, and remained until the very end of the proceedings.

The new Secretary won his spurs all right, and many words of congratulation could be heard on all sides. We have got a good man in E. A. Barnett, and it was very fitting that his charming wife, Olive, was elected an honorary member. What a round of applause there was when she took her place at his side!

There will be many memories left on the minds of the members. It was good to see that grand veteran, Frank Bennett—alert as ever in spite of advancing years—and obviously proud to see his granddaughter sitting up on the rostrum. Then there was the feeling of relief that the mighty report of the Methods Committee went through without a lot of acrimonious discussion, and it should be said here that the Methods Committee have done a wonderful job, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to them for clearing up, we hope once for all, the many knotty points which have befogged and bewildered us for so many years.

Then there was the sight of the Editor frequently mopping his brow (my, it *was* warm!), but sticking to his task like a hero; the enthusiasm of the members when a very charming Irish colleen representing the Irish Association was introduced to the President. We did not this time hear the dulcet tones of Fred Dukes, but he was there all right. The Cockney Yorkshireman was still on the track

of red herrings, though probably only he himself knew how the Council was going to be able to cut its own throat with one! The relief of Alf Peck, who learned at long last that the peal of Royal he took part in so many years ago *was* London after all (another ghost laid). The tolerance which characterised all the speeches; the sincerity of young Lewis, of the Methods Committee; the doggedness of Harry Miles, who stuck to his guns and his resolution, but got no votes, and the efforts of the Mayor of Bournemouth to pull our legs about cow bells!

Work over, time for tea and relaxation arrived, and this latter took several forms—for some, ringing on the many attractive rings in the district (much less strenuous than deliberating in Council). To the writer it provided an opportunity of hearing for the first time the splendid ten at Wimborne Minster. For others something in the nature of liquid refreshment, for talking is a thirsty job, and for others a social hour at the headquarters. There is only one Harold Poole (did someone say, 'Thank goodness'?) and he certainly provided some entertainment for us. The sight of Bill Cartwright, H. Poole, C. McGuinness and Fred Dukes all kneeling on the floor and doing the Leicester version of 'lapping' was a sight for sore eyes. Never was a man so busy as Fred Dukes. He seemed to have more bells than he knew what to do with! Community singing, handbell ringing—and some particularly good stuff was put over by G. E. Feirn and his merry boys (and girl), who rang some excellent Spliced Major with such ease and confidence that at least one diehard might almost have been said to have revised his opinions on spliced ringing.

The happiest memory of all will be the obvious pleasure of George Fletcher and Edith when they received from the hands of the President a token of the Council's appreciation of their 21 years' combined effort in its service. The thought went through the mind of the writer that the capacity of one of the vessels which were presented was rather insufficient! Yes, we shall remember Bournemouth for a long time, and we shall remember the efforts made by Felstead, Pullinger and Davis to ensure our comfort and happiness. To them we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

J. F. S.

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Peals rung in Honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	JOHN B. SANSOM 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 9
JANET S. BAILEY 4	CYRIL J. WATTS 10
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 6	MRS. P. LEWINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by RAYMOND G. BURTON.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*PAUL D. BOOTH Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
†EDMUND MALIN 2	PETER BERESFORD 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	WALTER J. COPE 8
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER 9
DENNIS BERESFORD 5	MARK N. CULLING Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

CHARLES SANGWIN Treble	†CLEMENT W. JOSE 6
HARRY MILES 2	*FRANK BRADLEY 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 3	E. VIVIAN WILLIAMS 8
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS 9
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5	*ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Caters. † First ten-bell peal. * 150th peal.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

MRS. DORA EVANS Treble	MAURICE HELPS 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR 7
WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 3	PHILIP W. WEEKS 8
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4	ROGER O. FRY 9
WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 5	KENNETH F. MEDWAY Tenor
	HERBERT J. MERRETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE J. HAWKINS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH Treble	MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 6
*DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 2	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
JOHN E. S. MORETON .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 8
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal for the Guild.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*TOM GREENACRE Treble	*EDWARD BARKER 6
†G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	*ROBERT GREENACRE .. 7
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 8
*JAMES H. RAPER 4	*WILLIAM ROSE 9
*STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First ten-bell peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEWIS H. BYWATERS Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
ARTHUR J. SMITH 2	*JOHN SCOTT 7
HENRY B. WHITNEY .. 3	HARRY WOOD 8
RICHARD KENDALL .. 4	HAROLD P. BURTON .. 9
JOSEPH E. ARNOLD .. 5	H. CLAUD MANN Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 37).

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. Treble	SQUIRE CROFT 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 6
DAPHNE LUKE 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY .. 4	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

The peal was also rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. C. Davey, I.S.O., on resigning the churchwardenship of St. Stephen's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
RONALD RUSSELL Treble	W. NEVILLE BROWN .. 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY .. 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3	WILLIAM H. DALE .. 7
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for Southwell Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., May 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.
JOHN P. SIMS Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5
DENIS F. WHEELER .. 2	†CYRIL A. JONES 6
*CHARLES SANGWIN .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 7
ALBERT F. BURBIDGE .. 4	H. OWEN THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* Fortieth peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., June 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
DEREK JEWELL Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
LESLIE WALTERS 2	FRED YEO 6
REV. T. H. B. ANDREWS .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
CHARLIE ROOK 4	ARTHUR SMALLRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.
*R. C. BEAL Treble
BLANCHE M. BALL 2
†RENEE MARWOOD 3
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4

*C. ANN WEST 5
ALAN H. STURGESS 6
HAROLD A. NOBES 7
JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal or eight bells. † First peal 'inside.'

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
REV. J. KINGDON Treble
HARRY LEWIS 2
SHIRLEY GOLDING 3
BETTY GRIFFITHS 4

JOHN ASHCROFT 5
HAROLD WORRALL 6
HENRY O. BAKER 7
BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.
*GEOFFREY MILES Treble
JEAN H. STURGESS 2
EDWARD A. MARSH 3
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4

NORMAN J. SMITH 5
ALAN H. STURGESS 6
HAROLD A. NOBES 7
JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt.
C. HENRY FLOYD Treble	GERALD UGLOW 5
FRANK MATRAVERS 2	HARRY H. MOCKRIDGE .. 6
WILLIAM WARREN 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
*GEORGE SAGE 4	PERCY PENGELLY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.	Tenor 14 cwt.
GRAHAM MORRIS (14) .. Treble	*ALFRED P. BINDOFF 4
ROY TAYLOR 2	CHARLES ROUSE 5
*BRIAN T. COOPER (17) .. 3	ALFRED LYNALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal.

FLETON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Grandsire and six extents of Plain Bob. Twice repeated different callings.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
DONALD COTTINGHAM .. Treble	HERBERT GOAKES 3
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 4
DENIS D. WRIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
First peal on these bells.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob (4 callings), 30 Grandsire (10 callings).	Tenor 15 cwt.
*RICHARD COUSINS Treble	*FRANK ARNOLD 3
†COLIN JOHNSON 2	*EDWARD W. MARTIN .. 4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
All, except the conductor, are service ringers at the above church.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWIG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
DAVID G. LEWIS Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
DAVID J. LEWIS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS 3	LYNN JEFFREYS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*BARBARA HALDANE Treble	JACK POUNDS 4
*RUTH CORE 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS 5
ELLEN PARKER 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal in three methods.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Norfolk, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.
JOHN EALES Treble	RICHARD S. HOLLAND .. 3
MICHAEL F. AMOS 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND 4
STEPHEN J. SUMMERS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
Rung by members of the local band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt.
*GEOFFREY HORTON Treble	JOSEPH CORDELL 4
HARRY KING 2	SIDNEY KING 5
NORMAN KING 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal.



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OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 8
GEORGE E. LARGE .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 9
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 10
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS .. 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 11
JOHN THOMAS .. 6	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN M. STALLARD .. Treble	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 3	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 8
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 5	*WILFRED F. WEBB .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.

*First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ALAN DUGDALE .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. 5
DENIS MADDOCK .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
JOHN ORME .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
*FRED JACKSON .. 4	JOHN SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

*First peal of Surprise.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN DUGDALE .. Treble	*JOHN ORME .. 5
*DENIS MADDOCK .. 2	*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
*FRED JACKSON .. 4	*JOHN SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

*First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. 5
WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
STANLEY W. COPPLING .. 3	ERNEST WHITING .. 7
CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 4	CHARLES W. LOOME .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

MILTON ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN .. 5
FRANK BENNETT .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE .. 6
DOROTHY E. FLETCHER .. 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLAEDA,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK E. DUKES .. Treble	PETER N. BOND .. 5
R. GORDON CORBY .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JOHN FREEMAN .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDGAR MARLOW .. Treble	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN .. 5
*JAMES B. BICKNELL .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 7
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

*First peal in the method on a working bell.
Rung in memoriam Jesse Screen, for many years a ringer and tower-keeper at Christ Church, West Bromwich, who died May 25, 1952, aged 80 years.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*E. JOHN HENSTRIDGE .. Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT .. 5
*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 6
*R. JAMES COOK .. 3	HARRY PARKES .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 4	*PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

*First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 6
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 7
FRANK W. PERRINS .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. 6
*EDWARD J. JENNER .. 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

*First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 6
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 3	RONALD G. BUGG .. 7
*JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part, No. 13.

*CHARLES PEAKMAN Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. . 5
†ALBERT MALLEN 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
†FREDERICK JUKES 3	THOMAS HEMMING .. . 7
†ARTHUR PEAKMAN 4	*DAVID GRIFFITHS .. . Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

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

Specially arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peakman, and a 21st birthday compliment to their daughter, Beryl.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Treble	DAVID D. REED .. . 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†JOHN H. GILBERT .. . 6
RONALD N. MARLOW .. . 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
*JAMES E. DANIELS .. . 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	RONALD KENRICK .. . 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. . 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. . 6
PETER COXALL 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. . 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. . 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

Rung in memoriam Charles Dautesey Langley Greenhalgh, in whose memory these bells were donated by his three daughters, Miss Eva Greenhalgh, Mrs. Mabel K. Dunn and Mrs. Ethel M. Evans.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*BERNARD G. MOORE .. Treble	*PETER N. BOND .. . 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. . 6
C. ERNEST SMITH .. . 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. . 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	†WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 600th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being a 720's each of Cambridge Surprise. St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

A. EDWARD DOBB Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER .. . 4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. . 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. . 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. . 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. . Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. . 4
EDMUND E. ATYEO .. . 2	*ALBERT W. DYRE .. . 5
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. . 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dyre.



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CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON Treble	TOM GREENACRE 4
*HELEN BRAY 2	ERNEST A. SHIPP 5
EDWARD GREENACRE 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal in two methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt

MRS. M. MOORE Treble	ALAN SYDER 4
JUNE STARLING 2	PETER WOOD 5
TERRY EARLE 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob, 22 extents of Grandsire and three each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

ANN M. COX Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT 3
REX J. CORKE 2	MARTYN W. HARBOTT 4
E. JOHN WELLS Tenor	

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 1 extent of London Surprise, 2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford Treble Bob, 1 Kent Treble Bob, 1 Cambridge, in that order.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

E. JACK PARISH Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
WINIFRED M. BURTON 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Mon., May 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER E. ELSWORTH .. Treble	FRANK MITCHELL 4
JAMES REED 2	STANLEY DANCE 5
DOUGLAS M. HALL 3	EDWIN ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN ATKINSON.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal rung on the bells by a local band.

Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble	FRANK PEARSON 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE HENRY DANDO .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
MICHAEL W. HORSEMAN .. 2	E. JOHN TARGETT 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since the restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, London, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED BISHOP Treble	*JOHN R. KEMP 4
JOHN R. YOUNG 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

* 50th peal.

Rung to welcome Rev. —. Sangster as Vicar.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 13 methods: 1, Carlisle; 2, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; 3, Cambridge and Ipswich; 4, Primrose and Norfolk; 5, Cambridge and Primrose; 6, Beverley and Surfleet; 7, York and Durham. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ELIZABETH M. TAYLOR .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
CECIL WADE 3	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of combined Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	ALAN MEADOWS 4
*STANLEY WALMSLEY 2	JAMES BLACKBURN 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. T. Miller, who was interred here on May 28th, 1953, and who had been a ringer here for 60 years.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two blocks of 2,160 and one 720 C.C.C. (Nos. 96, 98, 100; 101, 97, 99; 94).

FRED INGALL Treble	PETER MASON 4
BERTIE BEE 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

Rung on the eve of Trinity Sunday. First in the method by all the band.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. M. Billings, wife of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

BOURNEMOUTH

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT 11, EXTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, M. W. Ford 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. C. Ford 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana M. Gough (first quarter) 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, Wendy E. Turnbull 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for Holy Trinity.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sayer 1, L. Everest 2, Miss Solly 3, Miss Reid 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, H. Luck 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung to mark the award of the M.B.E. to the ringers of the treble (Capt. A. Sayer, R.A.O.C.), for his services in Malaya.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Senior (first quarter) 1, J. Brown (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, June Starling 4, S. Bones 5, H. Moore 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. G. Hartley 1, S. T. Hume 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Bailey 2, Miss M. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. E. Moreton 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. Thompson 7, J. E. Lloyd 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Robert Rose and Joan Wing, both of whom are members of the local band.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On May 27th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. Haigh 1, C. Haigh 2, Susan Dinsdale 3, J. Thackeray 4, G. Smith 5, C. Maxfield 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Jean Lawn 8. First half peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung by a local band. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Unthank) on his retirement at the end of June.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, B. K. Lunn 3, D. E. Fowles 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6. A birthday compliment to Anne Stokes.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss Eleanor May 1, Mrs. Renee L. Armstrong 2, N. J. Fleetwood 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, W. J. Barker 6, L. S. Woods (first as cond.) 7, J. Armstrong 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 7. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dulcie J. Fleetwood to Mr. Colin E. Wright on the previous day.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Martin 1, J. E. Chittenden 2, Miss M. Bishop 3, J. Hobden 4, W. G. Ledward 5, F. G. Weller 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, E. J. Walker 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin, married in this church June 2nd, 1928; and a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Martin.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, L. Bailey 3, G. Roberts 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, E. Thorne 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, S. Hollis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam O. W. Morewood, Vicar's warden.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On May 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, S. A. Warwick 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for 7 a.m. Communion. Also 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: R. Pye 1, A. Elliott 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, C. Button 6. Rung for 11 a.m. services. Also 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Pye 1, P. Elliott 2, C. Button 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, E. Bright 6. Rung after Evensong.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On May 23rd, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Booth 1, T. H. Taffender 2, L. W. Bullock 3, L. Woods (first of Stedman) 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, Dr. D. G. Hollis 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. B. Archer 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): D. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, S. White 4, G. Prescott 5, F. Millier 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Harcourt, who are leaving Locking.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Oliver 1, E. Malin 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, J. D. Holden 4, R. Hawkesworth 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, R. Bastone 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Bastone.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Barrett 1, D. M. Barrett 2, O. W. Barrett 3, J. K. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for festival of Whitsun.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. H. W. Moore 1, Miss J. S. Starling 2, H. W. Moore (first in method) 3, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 4, T. Earle 5, A. R. Syder (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Wratten (cond.) 1, M. J. Martin 2, Miss R. P. Longhurst (first 'inside') 3, G. F. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Cole 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, D. Lentell 3, A. J. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. North 1, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 2, D. T. North 3, C. W. Ottley 4, G. J. Gammon 5, C. J. Stevens 6, G. Walford (first as cond.) 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for Empire Day.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss M. Coleman (first of Minor) 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, F. Gibbard 3, C. Gough 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, G. W. Holland 6.

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OUR CORONATION NUMBER

'The Ringing World' will issue a 20-page
number on June 19th to deal with Coronation
ringing and other activities. If adequate sup-
port is forthcoming a second Coronation issue
of 20 pages will be published on June 26th.

The ringing heard on tele-
vision during the processions
on Coronation Day was ex-
cellent and a worthy example of the art of
change ringing. St. Margaret's were plainly
heard at the Queen's arrival at the Abbey,
while the Abbey bells had a measured beat and
rhythm as the Royal procession left after the
Coronation.

First reports of Coronation ringing indicate
that the Exercise fulfilled all expectations. We
hope in our next issue to give a general survey
of Coronation ringing.

Ivan J. M. Saunders, of Danbury, Essex, has
rung ten peals before attaining the age of 15
years. This is very good progress as Ivan has
been ringing only 2½ years and rung his first
peal 14 months ago.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who was far from well
at the Central Council meeting at Bournemouth,
is in bed with an attack of pleurisy. It neces-
sitated his missing ringing for the Coronation
at Holy Trinity, Guildford, with Mr. H. Hutton.
Only Mr. Hutton was thus able to ring for the
four Coronations in the same Guildford tower.

Cornwallian writes: 'With reference to your
note in "Belfry Gossip" (June 5th) regarding
young members of the Central Council, Mr.
Cyril E. Lanxon was elected to the Council as
a representative of the Truro Diocesan Guild
in 1936 when he was just 18 years of age.'

An interesting and rather novel greetings tele-
gram was received at the North Wales Associa-
tion Jubilee Dinner at Wrexham last Saturday,
which ran: 'Heartiest wishes for a pleasant
and profitable dinner, and a bit of good ringing.
Don't forget "The Ringing World."—Tenor-
behind.' Someone would like to know what
'Mrs. Tenor-behind' said to her husband when
she met him in town after sending the wire, in
his deshabille, looking worse than a rag-
gatcher (she said); now I've told you.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal attempt at the
Abbey, that followed the
Queen's Coronation, was not
a success. After nearly three hours of ex-
cellent ringing a banging above the heads of the
ringers gave the impression that something was
wrong. 'Stand' was called and an investigation
showed that the noise came from a window
left open by the electricians. The band, how-
ever, met again on Friday and succeeded in
ringing a good peal in three hours and five
minutes.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at their
annual meeting at Exeter on Whit Monday,
voted £25 for the Bell Restoration Fund of
Clyst St. George Church, which was badly
damaged during the war. The Rev. H. T.
Ellacombe was rector of this church for 35
years. A report of the meeting will appear
in our next issue.

A great step forward has been made at
Great Bowden, Leicestershire, by the ringing
of a peal by the local company. Up to ap-
proximately two years ago, when the present
band was formed, only call changes had been
rung in this tower for a number of years. Only
one member of the band, Mr. F. Arnold, had
any knowledge of method ringing.

We have received a letter from Mr. A. Wil-
mot, of Clifton, Bristol, registering his protest
at the St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers partici-
pating in the Glastonbury Pilgrimage as a Guild
and not as individuals. 'I am sure the parish
minister would disapprove of their action,' he
concludes. The policy of 'The Ringing World'
is not to take sides in religious controversy be-
tween different sections of the Christian faith.
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vast that there is room for all without casting
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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CORONATION MEETING

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ROLL OF HONOUR TO BE PLACED IN ST. PAUL'S — BIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE'S SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS — PRESS HAVE WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN BELLS

THE CIVIC WELCOME

A civic welcome was accorded the Council when it met in the afternoon, by the Mayor (Councillor W. P. E. Mears), who said he enjoyed meeting the advance guard of the Council the previous Saturday at dinner, which was a very enjoyable function. Apart from bells in churches they found in some countries bells around cows' and goats' necks. He was amazed recently, while in Switzerland, to find that each cow knew the sound of its own bell. It sounded fantastic but it was true. He hoped their stay would be a happy one.

The president thanked the Mayor for his welcome and for the use of a room in the Town Hall for the meeting. The Council, he said, appreciated the welcome from the Civic Authorities because they not only rang bells for Ecclesiastical purposes but on various State occasions. In many places they rang when the Mayor was elected. That morning they sent a loyal message to H.M. the Queen, and when he was asked what to say he told the Rev. F. L. Edwards to send greetings to the Queen to tell her they would be making an awful noise the following Tuesday. This, Mr. Edwards put into polite language. The Council expressed its approval of the Mayor's good wishes by a hearty round of applause.

At the president's request Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mrs. Barnett took their places at the president's table and received a hearty ovation.

COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK

The hon. secretary stated that Dr. Hatcher was unable to be present that day but he had written a progress report. He had been unable to complete the handbook but it was fairly clear that it should be ready next year. The Standing Committee recommended that the progress report be received.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed and Mrs. Marshall seconded, and this was agreed to.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. H. Miles reported that last year St. Paul's Cathedral librarian retired and a new librarian took his place. He met him by appointment in November and put four questions to him. These were: (1) Would he take responsibility for the custody of both Rolls of Honour? (2) Could they be shown open in a glass top case? (3) Could arrangements be made for a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths to turn over the pages at intervals? (4) That the Roll be withdrawn temporarily each Whitsun so that it would be on view at the Central Council meeting.

The librarian accepted verbally all four questions, but when he attempted to pin him down to writing, he found that the librarian could not obtain a glass case. He approached Mr. Cullen and he submitted a sketch drawing of such a case which would cost about £20. It would be made of oak and a suitable inscription would be engraved on the top. Its length would be 3ft., width 1ft. 6in. and height 2ft. 6in. He suggested that there might be some member who would like to present such a case to the Council. If not, he suggested that every Association affiliated to the Central Council should give 10s. towards the cost. He moved this.

Mr. A. B. Peck seconded.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that a case be provided for the Roll and that each Association affiliated should subscribe 10s. and that steps be taken to obtain a photostat copy of the Roll.

The recommendations in the report were taken in sections. Mr. F. E. Collins moved and Mr. F. Rogers seconded that the Roll be housed in St. Paul's.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded that the Roll be brought to each Council meeting.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the uniqueness of the Roll should be borne in mind before it was carted round the country.

Mr. J. Willis emphasised the importance of insuring the Roll.

Mr. P. J. Johnson was strongly against the Roll being taken out of the custody of St. Paul's authorities.

Mr. A. B. Peck said it was decided at a recent meeting that a member of the St. Paul's band should turn over the pages from time to time. He agreed with Mr. Johnson that it was inadvisable to move it. The Rolls were perfectly safe at St. Paul's.

The proposal of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Rolls remain in St. Paul's and not be taken to the Central Council meetings was carried.

The next resolution, that in the event of no single member being prepared to pay for the case it be provided by each affiliated Society contributing 10s., was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. This was carried.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Miles for his excellent work in compiling the Roll and the trouble he had taken in housing it. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Fletcher proposed that trustees be appointed for the Roll and that Mr. Miles be the first trustee. This was agreed to.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1952:—

Tower bells.—Jan. 5th, 5,040 Wallington Surprise Royal, Surrey Association; Jan. 16th, 5,024 Wath Delight Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Jan. 17th, 5,088 Acton Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; Jan. 19th, 5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major, Derbyshire Association; Jan. 21st, 5,040 Spliced Surprise Maximus (7 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild; March 24th, 5,280 Buckingham Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; March 27th, 5,056 Middleton Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; April 5th, 5,040 Southover Surprise Royal, Sussex County Association; April 12th, 5,024 Edmonton Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; April 15th, 5,024 Pontefract Delight Major, Irish Association; May 15th, 5,040 Langley Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; May 17th, 5,280 Colville Bob Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; June 7th, 5,040 Staffordshire Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; June 12th, 5,040 Saltley Delight Royal, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; June 19th, 5,184 Plymouth Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; June 26th, 5,280 Buckinghamshire Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; July 31st, 5,184 Spliced Surprise Maximus (8 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild; Sept. 13th, 5,088 Battersea Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; Sept. 17th, 5,184 Saxlingham Imperial Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Oct. 6th, 5,056 Coslany Imperial Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Oct. 15th, 5,040 Metronolitan Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; Oct. 18th, 5,056 Owen's College Bob Major, Manchester University Guild; Nov. 8th, 5,088 Buckley Imperial Bob Major, North Wales Association; Nov. 15th, 5,120 Daresbury Imperial Bob Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; Nov. 15th, 5,152 Adelaide Surprise Major, Hertford County Association; Nov. 19th, 5,184 Aldeburgh

Court Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; Nov. 22nd, 5,120 Grosvenor Imperial Bob Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; Dec. 3rd, 5,088 Whitwick Surprise Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; Dec. 11th, 5,040 Spliced Surprise Maximus (10 methods), Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Handbells.—Jan. 14th, 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (14 methods), Middlesex County Association; Feb. 23rd, 5,184 Spliced Royal (7 methods), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Sept. 8th, 5,088 Spliced Royal (11 methods), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Oct. 24th, 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (16 methods) Hertford County Association.

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

The inauguration of the very fine album for the safe keeping of our records, which was exhibited at Lincoln, has, without doubt, inspired both among those of this Council and outside it a more helpful and intelligent attitude toward the work of the Biographies Committee, resulting in the clearing of a good number of our old obscurities.

The committee have been fortunate in enlisting the help of Mr. J. Willis, of the Kent County Association, for the writing of the sheets for the album after the completed material has been edited by Mr. W. Viggers, and it is hoped by this arrangement that the work will progress at a steady rate until the present arrears have been made up. This allows Messrs. L. Stilwell and A. C. Hazelden to concentrate on the important task of watching and searching for information required for completing the records of old members of the Council, some of whom died 40 or more years ago, and recollection of whom has very often faded from the memory of their successors.

Our index books now contain the names of 632 persons who, in the 62 years of the Council's existence, have been members. Of this total there are 213 departed members for whom the Biographies Committee have material for completing records.

Of the remaining 419 names, there are a further 24 who are known to be departed, whose biographies are defective only as regards a photograph. They are:—Mr. W. Bibby, Mr. J. Dillon, Mr. H. A. Heywood and Mr. W. Walmsley (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. E. Burgess, Mr. A. E. Coles and the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells Association), Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. H. Walton (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. H. W. D'Aeth, Mr. T. H. Beams and Mr. S. J. Hector (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. (Kent County Association), Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. B. Keeble (Essex Association), Mr. R. G. Knowles (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Lawrence (Middlesex Association), Mr. G. T. McLaughlin (London County Association), Mr. D. J. Nicholls (Peterborough Diocesan Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Association) Mr. Harvey Reeves (Worcester and Districts Association), Mr. E. F. Strange (Surrey Association) and Mr. G. Longden (Lancashire Association).

There are also a further 14 names of former members whose decease may be presumed, but of whom the Biographies Committee have little or no knowledge. They are:—Mr. R. B. Blanchard (Surrey Association), Mr. J. W. Creasey

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(Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. Ball (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. T. Collinson (Birmingham Amalgamated Society), Mr. T. Card (Cumberland Youths), the Rev. Pitt Evkyn (honorary member), Mr. H. J. Bradley (Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. C. Buchanan (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. Joseph Griffin (Midland Counties), the Rev. T. Hughes (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. W. Metcalf (East Derby Association), Mr. C. E. Malim (Waterloo Society), Mr. A. E. Nunn (Kent County Association) and the Rev. J. U. Todd (Bath and Wells Association).

There are 381 names of present and past members of the Council presumably living, 96 of whom appear in our books as names only.

The committee again acknowledge with gratitude the help which many persons, both members of the Council and others, have given so readily and so fully, namely:—Mr. E. C. Shepherd, of Solihull, who has provided information about some cases in Midland areas and is now engaged on the rather obscure case of the late Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton-on-Trent; Mr. H. V. Frost, who has kindly cleared for us questions concerning the late Squire Proctor and Canon Woolmore Wigram; Mr. H. Walker, of York Minster, who has with equal generosity substantially helped us regarding the late Mr. W. H. Howard and Mr. George Breed.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who moved the adoption of the report, said the album was on view. He asked that Mr. Willis be added to the committee.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded and said it would be necessary to expand to a second volume. They wanted photographs of postcard size, and over £6 had been spent on copying photographs because they were not of the right size.

The report was adopted and Mr. J. Willis was elected a member of the committee.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary reported that both members of the committee were absent. The report had not been circulated and it appeared that the committee asked for guidance as to what was to be done with the records when completed. The Standing Committee recommended that they be kept in loose-leaf form in the Council's records.

Mrs. Fletcher moved that the records, when completed, be handed to the librarian and this was agreed to.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The report stated that references to bells and ringing in the Press at large have been frequent and widespread. In view of the many technicalities often involved, occasional errors are practically inevitable, but it is eminently satisfactory to note that journalists of to-day take far greater care than was formerly the case to obtain and reproduce correct information on matters relating to the belfry. The prominence accorded in local newspapers to the installation or restoration of church bells indicates a lively interest on the part of the public while the activities of local bands or individual ringers are found from time to time occupying two or three columns of print and illustration. Two typical examples may be cited. On December 8th, 1952, the 'Scarborough Evening News' gave a full and circumstantial account of the re-opening of the bells of the Parish Church, and followed it up on New Year's Day with a detailed description of the local band ringing at midnight. In each case photographs appeared of the ringers at their ropes. On March 14th, 1953, the 'Bath Herald' devoted nearly half a page to an account of the work being carried out on the bells at Weston. The 'Diocesan Notes' in the 'Church Times' include frequent mention of bells, and recently reported a case of nearly 60 years' service in a belfry. The 'West Briton' always keeps a vigilant eye on the Cornish veteran. Mr. Sam Quintrell, and gave

due prominence to the peal rung in celebration of his 97th birthday, with a picture of the band.

The forthcoming Coronation has naturally stimulated interest in the part to be played by ringers on that occasion. The 'Manchester Guardian' published in November an admirably-written article on the ringers at Westminster Abbey. The Women's Institute journal, 'Home and Country,' conveyed Christmas greetings to its readers with a picture of ringers in the belfry at Pevensey, Sussex, on the front page. A writer in another paper tells of the interesting discovery of figures written above the notes of the tenor part to assist a singer in reading his part by relating the notes of the scale to the corresponding number of bells. From another continent the 'New Yorker' comes to hand with an article entitled 'The Canterbury Pleasure,' written by the daughter of a Derbyshire clergyman. Recalling vivid memories of the ringers at her father's church, she tells of the bells regularly being rung up and down again on Sunday mornings and exactly at 11 o'clock the ringers making a very leisurely exit from the church. 'They would pause in their journey,' she writes, 'to acknowledge . . . congratulatory smiles bestowed upon them. Last to leave was the potman, his tray of empty jugs and tankards discreetly covered with a green baize cloth.'

It is satisfactory to note that 'The Ringing World' has increased its circulation and paid its way well. Recent publications by members of the Exercise include one on 'Bells of Cheshire,' by Mr. J. W. Clarke, and on 'Bells of Oxford,' by Mr. F. Sharpe, while Mr. R. W. M. Clouston gives readers the benefit of his researches in towers of Flintshire and Stirlingshire. Mr. Clouston has also contributed to 'The Belfry,' which continues with laudable enterprise to edify readers in the Maidstone District and has published erudite treatises on Method Structure, by Mr. Yorke-Bramble.

The report of the Irish Association states that in Dublin cinemas bells have featured in a film entitled 'Saturday Calling,' and bells of Wexford have been heard on 'News Reel' throughout the country, while the bells of most towers in Northern Ireland have been heard in one or another of the wireless programmes. The 'Irish Bell News' is reported as thriving with a circulation exceeding 200. The 'Ringing Towers' of New South Wales increases in scope and interest. The rehanging of Maitland bells was a prominent feature last year.

Both tower bells and handbells have featured in sound broadcasting as also in television, especially in Children's Hour. A performance on handbells by twins, recently televised, was of special interest. On one occasion girl ringers had a part in Woman's Hour. In one edition of 'Country Magazine' a pleasing novelty was introduced by a band of West Sussex handbell ringers, which elicited from Ralph Wightman, who was presiding, the impromptu observation, 'We have good ringers in Dorset, too!'

Broadcasts of bells before services have naturally varied in quality and a considerably higher average of striking is to be desired, but in the matter of quantity, ringers have a real grievance. It is quite the exception for even the standard 14 minutes to be allowed, and on a recent Sunday only eight or ten rounds came over from a Lincoln church. This curtailment of the very short time granted to ringers may well call for an official protest. Another point is that when bells are to precede a service the fact should be stated in 'The Radio Times,' as is actually done in West Region programmes.

In the broadcast of bells on Christmas morning a very fair average of striking was maintained, but in no case was it quite faultless. Whatever ringing may be broadcast for the Coronation we trust that it will be of a quality worthy of the occasion.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in presenting the report, said there were three things that might be said. One was that in broadcasting it was a very wide field and they could only give a

superficial report. Some of the broadcasts were not given in the particular region in which they were listening and there were a number of events which had not been included in the report.

The second was that owing to the lamented death of H.M. Queen Mary, that splendid television broadcast from Kingston Seymour, which many of them present saw, came too late to be included in the report. Everybody who saw it agreed that it was a perfect example, both visibly and in sound, of what bellringing was. It was splendidly arranged and presented by boys with handbells as well as the church bellringers. He was sure that those who took part in it, including two well-known members of the Council, were to be heartily congratulated.

The report referred to the curtailment of the short time allowed to ringers before broadcasting services. This was a serious matter. Some time ago some sort of statement was obtained from the B.B.C. that 14 minutes would be allowed. In fact, it was quite the exception to hear the bells for 14 minutes; ringing had been cut short in some broadcasts to half a dozen rounds. This was a matter in which ringers had a very real grievance.

Another matter was that when bells were to precede a service it should be stated in 'The Radio Times.' It was given in the Western Region but not in every region. He thought some steps should be taken by the Council at its highest level to get some general understanding with the B.B.C. that bells should be included in the programme and that at least two minutes of uninterrupted ringing allowed.

Mr. A. Walker, seconding the adoption of the report, said he also felt very strongly about broadcasting. When he first started broadcasting they were asked to ring for 15 minutes and then it was gradually reduced. It should be dealt with from a high level. He had written to the B.B.C. in Birmingham and got in touch with the Religious Director but they were up against a stone wall.

The president asked for discussion to take place under the special resolution.

The report was then adopted.
(To be continued)

A CHICHESTER PILGRIMAGE

On the first Saturday in May, four ringers from Cranford, Middlesex, accompanied by one wife and four ringing friends, left Cranford for Chichester. One of them, whilst still retaining the record for the tallest ringer, became a challenger for yet another record, having travelled from Norwich the previous day for this outing.

After lunch at Walberton, the first ringing of the day was sought in the local church, two more of the band having been collected at Arundel Station.

Arundel was our next stop, and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung on this beautiful ring of eight bells. Time was short; we had to be in Chichester in time to ring for Evensong at the Cathedral. There we were met by an old friend from Cranford and some of her friends from the college, and also three members of the local band who had kindly raised the bells for us.

The ringing over, the more agile members of the party climbed to the roof of the campanile to view the Sussex countryside. The party then adjourned to the Bishop Otter College to be entertained by Barbara Thrush and her friends to tea. The ringers in turn entertained the young ladies with some handbell ringing, courses of Grandsire Caters, and Bob Major being rung successfully, also some tune ringing. After a glass or two of ale at the nearest inn, the party reluctantly set out on the homeward journey, arriving home at 11.15 p.m.

Thanks are due to the ladies of the college for the first class tea, and to Mr. R. G. Blackman for his excellent arrangements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—To avoid all possible misunderstanding, I should like to make it quite clear that 'The Ringing World' Committee neither sponsored nor supported the proposal at the Central Council meeting that compulsory charges should be made for the publication of peal and quarter peal performances. It would have saved the sponsors a good deal of trouble if they had consulted the committee first, as they knew that if the proposal had been adopted they would have been worse off financially than at present.

We do appreciate, however, the interest of those who put this proposal forward and there can be no possible doubt of their sincere desire to help constructively. After all, interest is much better than apathy.

There was a remark made at the Council meeting by a speaker, that 'The Ringing World' Committee should not have to go 'cap in hand' to the Exercise. We would point out that never yet has this committee gone 'cap in hand' to anybody.

What has happened is that interested and far-seeing members of the Exercise have spontaneously come to our aid with donations and voluntary peal and quarter peal contributions without being asked.

We are against compulsion of any sort, being well aware of the results that might have followed the adoption of the resolution, and we are glad the Council endorsed our view.

There are encouraging indications that the worst is over and, provided our good friends continue to support us with their peal and quarter peal voluntary contributions, we shall weather the storm. We are very grateful to them.

Once more I would stress with all possible emphasis that the permanent solution to 'Ringing World' difficulties is a larger circulation. Once that has been achieved there will be no need for worry.

There are still some thousands of ringers who do not take 'The Ringing World' and if they were canvassed regularly and thoroughly there would be a healthy rise in the circulation. We commend this task to all who desire to help.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Blackheath, S.E.3.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—While thanking you for having published the 5,120 with five arrangements, I shall be pleased if you will kindly point out the following amendments.

In arrangement 'A,' alongside 3462857 Cam. or Sup. not Lon. or Sup. and 2453678 is produced by a bob.

As there is more than one method commencing with Ches. I should like it to be known that this refers to Chester.

If the above errors were in my copy which I sent you to publish please accept my regrets.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23 Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

LODDON DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The publication of the figures of such a method as 'Loddon Delight' can do nothing to foster the cult of Delight ringing in an Exercise incensed with Surprise. The method is at once simple and stagnant and will be dismissed as a mere curiosity.

Most of the ringers (and many conductors) of Surprise peals regard Delight methods as being excessively simple and not worthy of attention for this reason; a 'fallacy which 'Loddon Delight' will do nothing to explode.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

LOCAL PEALS BY CHURCH OFFICERS

Dear Sir,—Some 30 or more years ago I took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith with a band comprising four fathers and four sons, which was published with a footnote that this was the first time it had been done.

In a letter the following week headed 'Nothing new under the sun,' it was promptly corrected to the effect that, at (I think) Richmond, George Gross, jun., had conducted a similar peal nearly 200 years before.

When the Dallington peal was published, unaware that my son had written you, I wrote privately to Mr. Nobles pointing out that prior to the 1914-18 war peals of this description were by no means uncommon, quoting Crayford, where from 1889 until 1914 out of a band of twelve or more, nearly everyone held another office in the church and during that period probably 30 or 40 peals had been rung by them, in many of which I had taken part. (In fact I have just realised the band in my very first peal, May 20th, 1899, was composed of six choristers, a sidesman and the verger.)

One peal rung here in 1890 or 1891 may interest Mr. Underwood; it had the following footnote:—'This is the first peal in the method by all the band, all of which reside within one hundred yards of the church.' There is one survivor of this peal, Mr. H. Gibbs, of Brede, Sussex, now in his 83rd year.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyner should not assume that because I did not mention Edinburgh in my letter about St. Augustine's I objected to one and not the other. When the letter was written I had not considered Edinburgh or noticed that it was identical with St. Augustine's, although described quite differently. What caught my attention was the fact that both the plain lead and bob of St. Augustine's were Grandsire calls, from which it seemed to me (and still does) that the 'method' was really Grandsire and should not be called by any other name.

The fact that a plain lead end of St. Dunstan's is the same as a Grandsire extreme is another instance of the confusion which arises from the use of different terms for the same thing. A Grandsire extreme is a recognised call and if it is desired to use it as such it should be so described and not referred to as 'a plain lead of St. Dunstan's.'

I cannot see any good reason for describing extents of Grandsire Doubles in which extremes are used as 'St. Dunstan's,' especially when they are given in a standard work on Grandsire by 'such an eminent authority as Snowdon,' which has long been accepted by the Exercise. I certainly should not like to question the wisdom of such an expert on the subject.

The instances given by Mr. Joyner illustrate well the chaotic state of affairs which has been reached and I am of the opinion that the juggling with methods and calls has been carried to excess. I fully agree with Mr. Joyner that the whole matter should be reviewed by a competent body with the object of straightening out or at any rate reducing the tangle.

I think that no arrangement without a plain course of its own should be dignified by the designation 'method.' Such arrangements might be described as variations of the methods on the plain courses of which they are based, but names or numbers would still be unnecessary to identify them. To refer to, say, April Day as Plain Bob Variation No. 1; to St. Columb as Reverse Canterbury Variation No. 2, and so on, even if abbreviated to P.B. Var. 1 and R.C. Var. 2 would be rather cumbersome especially in verbal references, and it is not easy to suggest a satisfactory solution of the problem.—Yours faithfully,

G. N. PECK.

Rugby.

DOUBLES METHODS PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,—In answer to several correspondents over the past few weeks, I wish to say, on behalf of the Methods Committee, that we are preparing for publication in 'The Ringing World' statements on Extension and Plain Bob lead heads, now that our report has been accepted by the Council. There will also be published, as soon as possible, a small book on Doubles methods which will, we hope, produce order out of the present chaos. This will contain between 70 and 80 completely different methods and principles and the former all have a 4th place bob. The book will not recognise as different methods those which have the same plain course but a different type of 'call.' About all that remains to be done is the naming of the methods (we are trying to find out their original names which is, in itself, no light task, as recent correspondence has shown!)—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

YOUNG RINGERS AND TENORS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I may add a few words about young ringers and big tenors.

In my opinion the question of age doesn't really enter into it. The main factor is whether or not the young person concerned can handle the bell. If she (or he, for that matter) overpulls the bell then there is risk of physical harm; this also applies to more mature ringers!

It doesn't always require brawn to ring round the back end—a little bit of brain comes in handy at times.

I am in favour of letting young ringers have a go at the tenor, but before allowing this I would satisfy myself that the ringer concerned possessed the required ability.

I agree with Mr. Fry that it may give young ringers a wrong impression of their own capabilities, but after all is said and done are we older ones altogether modest at times?—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

PEALS AT MAIDWELL

Dear Sir,—May I make a correction to Mr. Amos? The previous peal of Minor was rung on Saturday, June 19th 1937, as a compliment to my wedding, as follows:—Cecil Brown 1, John Plane 2, W. Deacon 3, Jack Bell 4, Arthur Millward 5, Sidney Munton (conductor) 6.

Mr. Amos is quite correct in stating the weight of the tenor as 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Five of our bells were recast in 1772 by Arnold, St. Neots, from four 16th century bells, tenor 14 cwt. The 16th century tenor bell bore a Latin inscription, translated: 'I am dedicated to the Church of Our Lady, called by the vulgar—Marv. W. Henshawe, 1504.' The treble was added in 1895 by John Taylor.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES W. DIXON.

Tower keeper and Churchwarden.

Maidwell, Northampton.

Dear Sir.—I would like to point out to Mr. P. Amos the footnote which appeared for the peal of Minor, published on page 294 of 'The Ringing World' for May 8th, is correct. The details of this peal are:—A peal of Plain Bob Minor, on June 19th, 1937, conducted by S. Munton, and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Charles Dixon, a local ringer, who was married to Miss D. Noble.

Further, I feel Mr. Amos would be advised to look the records up correctly before making these unnecessary comments.

With regard to the tenor weight, it is usual for these to expand; this must be a contracting one.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 253)

(1). The following are from WYBUNBURY Church, near Nantwich:—

'If for to ring you do come here
You must ring well with heart and ear,
And if you ring in spur or hat,
A quart of ale you pay for that;
And if a bell you overthrow
Sixpence you pay before you go:
These laws are old, they are not new,
Therefore the clerk must have his due.'

Those which formerly existed in the church at HOLMES CHAPEL were similar to the above with the following variation in the last couplet:—

'Observe these laws, and break them not,
Lest you lose your pence for that.'

(2). At BOWDON, Cheshire, are the following, remarkable for length of metre, and having the provincialism 'gun of ale' for 'gallon':—

'The Ringers' Orders

'You ringers all observe these orders well:
He pays his sixpence that o'erturns a Bell;
And he that rings with either Spur or Hat,
Must pay his sixpence certainly for that;
And he that rings and does disturbe ye Peal,
Must pay his sixpence or a Gun of ale.
These laws elsewhere in every Church are us'd
That Bells and Ringers may not be abused.'

It will be noted in stanza V. of the above-mentioned rules at Drewsteignton, and again at Wybunbury there is mentioned a fine of a 'quart of ale'; and at Bowdon the local expression a 'gun of ale.' Quite a number of other such 'rules' will be observed giving similar fines in ale, 'beere' or cider, and by this it must not be thought that the ringers of those days were a drunken lot. Far from it—they observed the customs of their day. One may read in constables', churchwardens' and other early accounts, the payment for work done; ringing on joyous or mournful occasions; choosing of church officers; and many other such events, all paid 'in kind' by bread and ale or the like. Most of us to-day are proud of our art and our achievements in it, but—let me emphasise this—we are no better than our forefathers, sometimes I think not nearly so good! They fostered and carried on the art in much more trying conditions than we do to-day: the bells were hung to swing their full length and more (no 'tucked up' stocks or balance clappers) and the bell fittings were crude, and the frames cumbersome. They rang without stays or sliders and that is why you read of fines for 'overthrowing' a bell, because an extra pull would send one over, there being nothing to stop it beyond the ringer's skill in handling it. So let us not condemn these ancient stalwarts who drank their 'beer and ale' like other folk. There were no such places then as coffee houses, cafes or restaurants. Tea, coffee and cocoa were more or less unknown and when they did arrive were quite beyond the reach of ordinary folk. So they lived and thrived on 'home-brewed.'

(3). The following rules dated 1775 are on a board in the ringing chamber at ORMSKIRK, Lancs:—

'Ye Ringers all, observe these Orders well,
He pays his Sixpence that o'erturns a Bell.
He that doth ring in either Spur or Hat
Must pay his Sixpence for his faults in that.
He that in ringing doth disturb a Peal
Must pay his Twelvecence or his gun of Ale.
He that doth Swear or doth begin a Fight
Must pay Twelvecence e'er he goes out of Sight.
These laws are Old, they are not New,
That Bells and Ringers may have their due.'

(1). E. Leigh—'Ballads and Legends of Cheshire.'

(2). Briscoe—'Curiosities of the Belfry,' page 20.

(3). Cheetham—'Church Bells of Lancs,' part I., page 85.

(To be continued)

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members attended the May meeting held in the ancient village church of Nunburnholme. These very musical six bells were rung during the afternoon and some good touches were brought round.

A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. E. A. Bailey. Church officials joined the ringers to fill the small but lovely church to hear Mr. Bailey give a short address to a church organisation that he was meeting for the first time.

Tea was taken in the village school served by the lady members of Mr. F. Wilkinson's family. Votes of thanks were accorded the new Vicar, and in his reply he told the ringers that he was favourably impressed by the ringing and the ringers, and hoped to meet them all again. A lady member of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, was welcomed to the meeting and three new members were enrolled.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the Chew Deanery Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 31st, there was a good attendance. Ringing started just after 7 a.m. with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor till the service at 8 a.m.

The band at Marksbury includes six ringers from one family and it was at their home the visiting ringers were entertained to breakfast. Mr. E. W. Knight, Ringing Master, thanked them for their hospitality.

A quarter peal was rung in the afternoon, a second start being necessary owing to a rope breaking. Mr. W. Prescott, the tower master, gave up his rope to enable one of the visitors to ring.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Rutland Branch was held at Edithweston on May 30th, this being the first meeting ever held here. This beautiful little church has recently had three new bells hung and they have a delightful tone. The meeting was very well attended; about 50 were present and 14 towers were represented. Touches of the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. C. HOUGH

The interment took place in Wistaston Churchyard on June 1st of Mr. Joseph Clifton Hough, of 112, Mill Street, who collapsed and died in his chair on the previous Thursday. Mr. Hough had been a regular worshipper at St. Mary's Church, Wistaston, all his life. He was a member of the choir for 53 years and a bellringer for 25 years. He was also a sidesman and member of the Church Council.

A member of the Oddfellows' Society, Mr. Hough was also a life-long member of the A.E.U., for he was previously employed as a fitter in Crewe Works and later at Foden's, Sandbach.

The Rev. G. M. Morgan Wynne conducted a service in St. Mary's Church, which was attended by the full choir and many members of the Church Council. Among the many wreaths was a tribute from the bellringers at Wistaston.

A correspondent writes: "'Joe,' honest to goodness Joe, was just a Sunday service ringer, an almost ever-present. I was speaking to him only a few days before his untimely passing, when the subject of peal ringing came up. Joe said "You know we have had for some time a young and very progressive band, including Derek Smith, Ken Mackintosh (who, a short while ago rang a peal at Exeter Cathedral). M. G. Morgan Wynne, Gillian Robinson and Rosemary Seaton, under the leadership of Mr. Albert Crawley or affectionately "Tab." He usually says to me, "We want a good treble man or a good tenor man and I have to be both while the others are learning the inside work. I am losing the opportunity to progress; but what does it matter, if you are helping someone else? All ringing is the same to me, and as pleasant."

Joe was one of nature's gentlemen. God rest his soul.

MR. J. T. MILLER

By the death of Mr. John Thomas Miller, of Leyland, the Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest members. He was for 60

years a service ringer at St. James', Leyland, and a capable performer in many Surprise Minor and some Major methods. As far back as 40 years ago there was a Surprise band at St. James', which included a father and three sons.

'J. T.', as he was affectionately called, took part in the first peal of Cambridge Major by the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association and had rung some 23 peals on six and eight bells. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1903 and one of his dearest wishes was to see eight bells in his home tower. Mr. Miller was 79 and leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The St. James' company acted as bearers when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower on Thursday, May 28th, following a service attended by a number of his ringing friends from neighbouring towers.

Half-muffled touches and the whole pull and stand were rung before and after the interment and a Treble Bob peal, also half-muffled, was rung on the following Saturday. E. R. M.

MR. FREDERICK SOUTER

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick Souter, of Prittlewell, Essex, who died on June 3rd, aged 61 years. He was born in Stowmarket, Suffolk, where he learned to ring at the age of eight years under his father and uncle, who were well-known in that area.

Mr. Souter was an enthusiastic ringer and was an excellent striker but the pursuit of his hobby was curtailed by his Army duties. He served in the Regular Army for 21 years and training the Home Guard for a further five years.

Most of his peals were rung for the Essex Association after the last war until he was taken ill three years ago. Throughout his suffering he maintained a surprising cheerfulness and this particular disposition will be sadly missed by his many friends.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Prittlewell, the bells being rung half-muffled by the local ringers.

DEDICATIONS IN TIME FOR THE CORONATION

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Asfordby's ring of six bells has now been rehung on a steel frame, and sally guides fitted in the tower arch by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The tower has been rebuilt inside with Ketton stone, as it was in a very bad state; actually, part of it collapsed when the masons were at work.

The dedication took place at Evensong on May 31st. After the third Collect the choir went in procession to the west end under the belfry. The Rector's warden (Mr. J. W. Hazlewood) handed the ropes to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Jackson) requesting him to dedicate the restored bells and tower to the glory of God. After the dedication prayers the ropes were handed on to the ringers by the people's warden (Mr. J. H. Cook) and rounds were rung by the ringers as the choir returned to the church. Taking part were three veterans, E. Littlewood (79), E. Lomas (78) and S. Read (79) and also J. H. Cook, F. J. Williams and A. Thompson.

Good use was made of the bells before the service. Mr. J. P. Fidler was present representing the founders. The ringers and parishioners are very grateful for a fine job of work being completed in time for the Coronation. This is the fourth occasion on which our old ringers have rung Asfordby bells for a Coronation.

The five old bells are by Hugh Watts and the inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—In commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1888. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Second.—J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Recast 1878. To those who can hear but cannot see, may the sound of this bell ever welcome be. (Original date 1631.)

Third and fourth.—I.H.S. Nazarenus — Rex — IV. Doerum — Fili: Dei — Miserere Mei. 1630.

Fifth.—Celorum Christe — Platiat Tibi Rex Sanusists, 1630.

Tenor.—Cvm — Sono — si — Non Vis Venire Nunquam — ad — Preces Cypies Ire, 1630. Weight 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Nine coins round mouth.

BETHERSDEN, KENT

Work has recently been completed on the bells of St. Margaret's, Bethersden (treble recast and modern clapper staples fitted to the remaining five bells, plus a general overhaul), and the dedication took place during evensong on May 24th.

During the singing of Hymn 303 the choir proceeded to the belfry, where the towerkeeper, Mr. H. Jarvis, addressed the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Parr, 'Reverend sir, I pass to you from the founders this treble bell, which has been recast (here the Vicar took the rope from him), and I commit to you also the work done on the other bells, that all may be dedicated to the glory of God.'

Then followed the dedication, at the end of which the Vicar addressed the captain of the ringers (Mr. W. Ring): 'We now commit the recast treble bell and the other five bells to the ringers in the person of their captain exhorting them to be faithful in the discharge of their sacred duties, and may the Lord bless their work to His glory. Amen.'

The captain then rang a few strokes on the treble.

Prayers were then said and afterwards the six bells were rung for about two minutes, during which time the choir returned to their seats, singing verses 3 and 4 of Hymn 303.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the ringers and of the bells, mentioning in particular the fourth bell, which is one of the oldest in the country (thought to be pre-Reformation). The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

W. R.

GOLDINGTON, NEAR BEDFORD

The dedication of the bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Goldington, took place on Whit Sunday at the evening service. The ancient four bells, which have continued to be rung since 1600-1696 until recently, have now been retuned and rehung and two new trebles added. The most notable feature, the fine tone of the new ring, has given great satisfaction to ringers from a wide area. The work was carried out by Mr. Harry Parkes, a notable peal ringer, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry. The ring, of which the tenor is 10 cwt. 2 qr., is a worthy addition to the Bedfordshire Association's towers.

The tenor bell is inscribed, 'God Save the Queene, 1600.'

NUTFIELD, SURREY

On May 10th the Lord Bishop of Southwark dedicated the restored fifth and tenor bells at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Nutfield.

These two bells were originally cast in 1662 by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, and in March, 1951, a crack appeared in the fifth bell. Later, on further investigation, it was found that the tenor bell also was cracked. Arrangements for recasting were put in hand with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, and on Thursday, April 9th, the two bells were recast. Two of the local band were able to witness the recasting. The whole job of recasting and rehanging cost in the neighbourhood of £450, and the largest part of this was realised at a Village Fete, the proceeds of which went towards the restoration of the bells.

The bells were dedicated during the morning service before a large congregation. The church and ringing chamber were gay with many vases of flowers and the ringing chamber had been cleaned and whitewashed by the ringers in readiness for the dedication. During the singing of the hymn 'Angel voices ever singing,' the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. T. P. Owen) and the churchwardens, made his way to the ringing chamber for the dedication. After the bells had been dedicated the Bishop handed the bell ropes to the Rector with the words 'Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' Immediately after this the local band rang rounds and Queens until the Bishop and the Rector had returned to their places in the church.

The Bishop preached an inspiring sermon. He spoke about the miracles of sight and hearing, and how the sound of the bells could remind people of the church and all that it stood for.

After the service a band comprising A. Gear 1, F. W. Bird 2, G. Olliver 3, C. Champion 4, W. F. Oatway 5 and J. W. Knight 6 rang a touch of Plain Bob Minor, followed by various methods rung by visitors from Redhill, Croydon, Limsfield, Chart, Bletchingley, Buckland and Leatherhead. The names of the visitors are recorded in a visitors' book for the tower, which was given to commemorate the occasion of the dedication of the restored bells. Mr. W. Hughes was present, representing the bell founders.

In the afternoon the local ringers were invited to tea in the Rectory garden by the Rector and Mrs. Owen. Later the ringers rang for Evensong, the first 'service ring' on the newly dedicated and restored bells.

It is an interesting fact that of the ten local ringers one is a churchwarden, one is a Sunday School teacher, two are sidesmen, four are members of the Parochial Church Council and three are members of the church choir.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS

In what Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough, described as a 'moment of inspiration' the bells of St. Mary's rang out over Rushden on May 30th, to announce the hallowing of restoration work in the spire and tower.

Inside the church, which was packed, people turned to face the western end, where the Bishop, with hand upraised, rededicated the spire and 'set apart' the second clock dial 'to the glory of God and the inspiration and use of all the dwellers in this town.'

Passing into the ringing chamber, the Bishop received the bell ropes from Mr. G. E. V. Fleeman (a churchwarden) and dedicated the bells, which have been increased to a full octave and rehung, so that after many years of only partial use they can be rung without fear of harming the tower. Rounds were then rung by eight of the newly-formed band of local ringers while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel.

During the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Green, the chorus from Haydn's 'Creation' ('Achieved is the Glorious Work') was sung by the choir. The inspiring address was given by the Bishop of Peterborough, whose theme was the lifting up of hearts in thankfulness.

After the service a well-struck touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by representative members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Just over 80 ringers and friends, representing 20 belfries of the Guild, were present as well as visitors from Leicestershire, Bedford and Cambridgeshire.

A public tea was arranged in the Institute for a gathering of 200, amongst whom were the chairman of Rushden Council (Mr. G. Allebone) and his wife, the Mayor and Mayoress of Higham Ferrers (Mr. and Mrs. John White) and many other of the town's officials.

The visiting ringers were entertained to a splendid buffet tea in the Vestry Hall by the local ringers' wives and friends.

Although there is still a good sum of money to find to complete the cost, Rushden can be proud of the fact that £3,500 was raised in the space of 100 days after the appeal was made for the Restoration Fund.

The new bells and the rehanging, etc., are the work of J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and their work was appreciated and enjoyed by the visiting and local ringers during the late afternoon and evening.

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

Treble.—Coronation, Elizabeth II., 2nd June, 1953. John Taylor, Loughborough.

Second.—Spire and rehanging, £3,500 subscribed in 100 days. Deus Laudatus, Rector: Edwin A. Green. Wardens: F. E. Andrews, G. E. V. Fleeman. Inspirer: Charles Clifton. John Taylor, Loughborough.

Third.—1794. Recast 1953. J. T., Loughb'.

Fourth.—1794.

Fifth.—1794. Recast 1953. God Save the King. J. T., Lough.

Sixth.—1794. Robt. Taylor, St. Neots. John Achurch and Thos. Smith C.Wardens.

Seventh.—Robt. Taylor, St. Neots. (1794) Fecit.

Tenor.—I. Smith and Edward Wood, C.W. 1818. Robt. Taylor and Sons, Founders. St. Neots. (Approximate weight 18 cwt.)

A. B.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Western Branch Meets at Necton

The Western Branch held its quarterly meeting at Necton on May 16th. The Rector, the Rev. —. Lenton, gave the Association a warm welcome to his church and invited them to come again. A good number of methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise. Plenty of Bob Minor was rung to enable the local band to participate in method ringing. (Major Barton, of Necton, has started a local band.)

At the business meeting the branch chairman, the Rev. —. Turney, spoke of the passing of the hon. secretary (Mr. William J. Eldred), who had served the branch so faithfully for 25 years, and asked the members present to stand in silence to his memory. One new member was elected—Mr. H. A. Bennett, of Necton.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on August 29th at Wells, and an interim meeting on July 18th at Castleacre.

The chairman thanked the Rector for conducting the service and Mrs. Lenton for playing the organ, and last, but by no means least, he thanked the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, whose health was not of the best, for giving up his afternoon to attend.

The president replied and said how much pleasure it gave him to support any meeting of the Association.

SEDBERGH COURT MAJOR

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Rung at Hethersett April 27th, 1953.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. J. Hare 1, Miss J. Dear 2, L. H. Bywaters 3, G. Dear 4, G. Mayes 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

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OUTINGS

ST. KEVERNE

The ringers of St. Keverne, South Cornwall, held their outing on May 16th. Owing to an unfortunate accident to his wife, the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Cowley) could not accompany the party and a telegram of condolence was sent him.

The party left St. Keverne at 7.30 a.m. accompanied by the 'Custodian of the Lizard' and a 'furriner,' who was nearly left behind through sheltering from a downpour, but by the time Bodmin was reached the weather cleared.

All enjoyed a ring on the eight in this beautiful old church, from where a move was made to Launceston—another fine ring of eight. Thence to Tavistock and lunch, where one of the party—true to form—knocked back a couple of lunches in good style. After that, to the local tower and the ring of eight, considered one of the best in this part of the country.

Proceeding across Dartmoor to Buckfastleigh one car missed the direct turning to the church and went to another entrance, necessitating an ascent of 190 steps! Only six bells were rung here; a faulty rope on the second could not be replaced in time.

At Plymouth Mr. T. Myers was waiting to introduce the party to the fine ring of ten at St. Andrew's and the experience was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea, home. A most successful and enjoyable day.

WITHAM, ESSEX

Ringers of Witham, accompanied by wives and friends, enjoyed beautiful weather for their outing on May 23rd. Biggleswade was reached in good time and the party were met by Mr. Bryan Sims. After an hour's ringing they left for Woburn and were welcomed by Mr. D. Harris. All were delighted with this beautiful ring of eight.

Having regaled themselves with an excellent lunch at Leighton Buzzard the company continued their journey to St. Mary's Church, Blechley, and were honoured to meet Mr. H. Sears. The next call was at the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, with Mr. A. S. Sherman in attendance. After another hour's ringing the party adjourned for tea and at its conclusion Mr. Jim Chalk expressed thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for allowing the use of their bells, the friends who so kindly met them and the organisers who had arranged a most enjoyable outing. The last place visited was Harpenden, where Mr. H. Day and Mr. F. C. Jacklin greeted the visitors.

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ENGAGEMENT

SUTTON—HOLLOWAY.—The engagement is announced between Eric, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, of Kingswood, Bristol, and Jean, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. F. A. Holloway, of Croft Road, Swindon. 2708

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MISCELLANEOUS

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Wye Valley. August 2nd to 8th, 30 towers. There are two vacancies. Cambridge Maximus ringers preferred.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2712

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Wadhurst (6), June 13th. Tea at Lesters Cafe.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place. 2684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Southminster (6), Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Burnham-on-Crouch (6) available in evening. Coach will leave Chelmsford 1.30 p.m. (Corn Exchange).—A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 2686

GUILDFORD GUILD—Farnham District.—Combined practice (not meeting, as previously arranged) at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 13th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), Saturday June 13th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2676

LADIES' GUILD—North West District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Rostherne, near Altrincham, Cheshire, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 2686

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, June 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 2688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The 25th annual Branch meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. North Marston bells (6) available after tea. 2687

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Goring (8) and Streatley (6) on June 13th at 3 p.m. 2681

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Pulverbatch, June 13th. Delightful spot. Light six. Tea. Midland Red 2.30 and 4.5 from Shrewsbury: Williams 2 p.m., 3.35 and 3.45. 2674

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, June 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 2684

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, June 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2690

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 13th. at Lymington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Bank House Cafe 5.15. Milford bells from 6 p.m.—A. V. Davis, Dis. Sec. 2715

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Publow, June 20th. 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2706

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, June 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 17th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2719

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting at Bilton, June 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by 17th. Dunchurch bells available after 6 p.m.—J. Garnet Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 2726

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald, Saturday, June 20th, 2.30. Names for tea, by 18th, to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 2700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements at local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston, Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 16th, to C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleve Hill, Downend, Bristol. Branch Corporate Communion, Sunday, July 19th, at St. Ambrose.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 2699

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Kimpton (6), June 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street St. Albans. 2717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Willersborough, June 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Teas in the School (provided)—Joseph Thornley, Assist. Sec. 2720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury on Saturday, June 20th. Bells at 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Bring own food for tea. Plenty of cafes for those who wish. All welcome.—J. Porter. 2723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th, to James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton.—J. H. Foster. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fleet (6), June 20th. Usual times. Names for tea, before June 13th, to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, Fleet, Spalding. 2695

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Haxey on Saturday, June 20th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who send names to me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 2623. 2701

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lullington (6), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Curson, Grangewood, Netherscale, Burton-on-Trent. 2725

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Aldermaston (8), Saturday, June 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 17th, to Mrs. D. Cooper, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 2646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Walgrave, June 20th. Names for tea by June 16th, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2695

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Charminster, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 15th, please, to Mr. J. Damen, 1, Glebe Villas, Charminster, Dorchester.—Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2698

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2709

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampreston, June 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify by June 17th, J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. Wimborne bells available in evening. 2714

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Dedication of rehung bells, Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 13th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Boston. 2682

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.15 and 6-6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 17th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 2691

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Grundisburgh, June 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (if sufficient applicants by 17th).—Cecil W. Pine, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 2711

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, June 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Look up Oxford Treble Bob. Notifications, by June 17th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 2678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint, June 20th. Bells (8), rehug, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11 Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2677

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Lockerley on June 20th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 16th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 2704

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, joint with District Societies, Wath-on-Dearne, June 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, 2s. per head. Names, by 18th please, to Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham. Reports now available.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2722

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUMMER FESTIVAL.—At Maulden (8) on June 27th. Service, with address by Rev. C. E. Wigg, at 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by Association photograph. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Lockety, George Street, Maulden. 2710

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, June 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise, before Tuesday, June 23rd, Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 2721

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth, June 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 24th, to T. Avery, 5, Cisternegate, Louth. 2724

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mulbarton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, June 24th, please, to Rev. A. St. J. Heard, The Rectory, Mulbarton, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 2703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, June 27th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2705

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 330th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) from 11 a.m. Service at 6 p.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) in Abbey Hotel at 1 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—L. E. Pittow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 2692

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Sketty, Sat., June 27th. Service 3 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Sketty (8) 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Gorseion (8) 12-1.30 p.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2673

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, June 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, June 25th please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2713

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 2-8. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 3s. each, please inform, by Wednesday, June 24th, Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorks. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., follows tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2702

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June 13th, 1913

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Ladies' Representation Opposed

Mr. G. F. Burton said he felt he must oppose the introduction of ladies to that Council for every reason. The argument that ladies were not represented was quite fallacious, for the ladies had voted already, because [they] were also members of the ordinary associations. What more did they want? He also opposed it on the ground that it was best for the ladies if they could be kept out of the belfries altogether ('No, no'). He was glad to say, as regards his own belfry, that they had been saved from such an awkward predicament as having ladies there. They were threatened with it, but they had got over the difficulty. . . .

[Mr. Burton was fighting a losing battle, and the Ladies' Guild was admitted to membership the following year.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Society was held at Batley on May 30th. The bells were raised in peal just after 3 p.m. and, apart from the break for tea and the business meeting, were kept going in the standard methods till 9 p.m.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) was in the chair and members were present from Armley, Birstall, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Drighlington, Halifax, Idle, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Thorner, Tong, Woodlesford and the local company. Visitors were also present from Glodwick and Mottram.

The secretary was instructed to send a loyal message to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Coronation.

It was decided that the committee should revise the tower list.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. Gibson and seconded by Mr. L. Drake.

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