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ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Diocesan Notes for April under the heading, 'The National Tradition of Bell Ringing,' pays this very generous and much appreciated tribute to our art:—

'May we all take this opportunity of paying our tribute of gratitude to the bell ringers of this country? Bell ringing as we know it is an art invented, perfected and perpetuated in this country and is a most valuable and lovely part of our tradition. The bell ringers do their service to the Church and to religion year in and year out, and to the nation as a whole on great national occasions.

'I do not consider that I have properly visited a country church until I have been in the ringing chamber and seen the ringers at their craft; and nowhere else do you find finer examples of the English people than in these sturdy, patient folk-men who have been ringing for more than 50 years, fathers and sons, and very often to-day also, daughters, sometimes quite young boys and girls. There as they ring in the ancient churches in which we worship I find the richest and most moving evidence of the character and the continuity of this beloved nation.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

AT a time when many associations are considering the elections of representatives to the Central Council, it may be as well to examine its composition, and the wholly necessary character of its work. The Council in the main consists of men and women with a background of solid achievement, of specialised knowledge, of long experience in most branches of the art, or of culture and scholarship. It thus is able to take a comprehensive view of all matters relating to bell ringing, and soberly and earnestly to debate them.

Its annual meeting is, then, apart from the social side, a time for the exchange of ideas, and a time, outside of the official meeting, for friendly discussion of common problems. It affords also an opportunity for the many committees to consider difficulties which normally can only be dealt with, somewhat inadequately, through the usual medium of the post. The work of these small committees is often overlooked by the average ringer, and only members of them know the amount of labour involved.

It is true that the meeting of the Council, for those people who are able to make a week-end of it, gives chances to see fresh country, to see the conditions under

which other people ring and to acquire new towers to add to their lists. The gathering is in no sense a holiday partly paid for by the associations. It does, therefore, behove those who have a hand in the election of representatives to consider carefully the fitness for the job of those put up for election. In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. The leading light of a district or of an association may be but a feeble glimmer in Central Council surroundings. The resounding speeches one hears at meetings on occasions may sound very ordinary in different circumstances. Of eloquent speakers the Council has no lack. They know thoroughly the subject under consideration, and can speak with clarity and usually with brevity. There are scores of members who never make a speech; but their silence does not imply that they cannot make shrewd judgment on matters in debate, nor does it mean that they are unable to use their votes wisely.

The Council has no authority over ringers, who may ring what they please; but it rightly refuses to add to its records any performance which transgresses its rules. These were made only after long consideration over the years. Some of these rules are broken unwittingly, which means that the offenders do not acquaint themselves sufficiently with the machinery placed at their disposal, nor with the things that have been done for their common benefit. Sometimes the rules are broken by ringers who are in rebellious or puckish mood. They should not be surprised nor should they be hurt when the result of their efforts prove unacceptable to the Council. They have been warned.

The Council has provided at low cost to ringers collections of methods and compositions, with technical information and useful pamphlets. Without these, ringing could not possibly have reached the present-day increasingly high standard of method splicing. How many ringers, too, realise that without its efforts the Exercise would probably have no newspaper of its own to-day? It assumed the far from inviting responsibility for the production of 'The Ringing World' at a time when no individual or group of individuals would have dreamed of doing so. The growing prestige of ringers is almost wholly due to its Council. Very largely owing to its quiet work, its reception by Church and civic dignitaries at its meetings is very impressive. By its practice of Corporate Communion on these occasions it emphasises the close relationship between ringers and the Church, which is as it should be.

J. T. D.

TEN BELL PEALS

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

On Mon., March 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

BARRY HOLLAND Treble	ARNOLD HILL 6
*MRS. NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
*FRED FISHER 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 8
*ELIZABETH BATE 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 9
*GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung on St. David's Day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS .. 6
NELIA LEAHY 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 7
HAROLD P. REED 3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 8
*BERYL PITTAWAY 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 9
J. M. N. LAKIN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise. H. P. Reed has now 'circled the tower.'
This is the first peal of Southwell Surprise Royal to be rung.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of Norman Hayes and Molly Denby, which was solemnised in this church after the peal. Both are members of the local band. This is also the quickest ten-bell peal in the tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 9
JOHN A. ACRES 5	MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
LEONARD TREVOR 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. Treble	D. KAY ADKINS 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. 8
THOMAS E. DAVIES 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN 9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal by all, for the Association, and in the county of Middlesex.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. OLIVER Treble	*EDMUND MALIN 6
JOAN BERESFORD 2	GEORGE DAVIS 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	PETER BERESFORD 8
JEFFREY B. WEBB 4	HAROLD TAYLOR 9
CLIVE M. SMITH 5	WALTER J. COPE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Venerable William Stuart Macpherson (Archdeacon of Richmond) on the occasion of his installation as 55th Dean of Lichfield.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	*JOHN F. GROVE 6
*DAVID W. BEARD 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
*FRANK V. GANT 3	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. 9
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 5	*JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Venerable E. N. Gowing, on being granted the Freedom of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., March 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
SAMELA THOMAS 2	WALTER R. HUGHES .. 7
EDGAR T. SMITH 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
*WILLIAM DAVIES 4	ERNEST STITCH 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 5	HENRY E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 100th peal.

Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening (March 30th, 1929) of the 12 bells, which were augmented and recast.
The 127th peal on this present ring.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., March 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., March 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 4	*PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and 4th. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., March 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ANN M. COX Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
JACK R. WORRALL 2	RALPH BIRD 6
TOM PAGE 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

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

The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 375th peal.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
*FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
*HOWARD SCOTT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAIN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

A welcome from Yorkshire to Rosemary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Staniforth.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN 5
*ELIZABETH LAYTON .. 2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 6
DENIS N. LAYTON 3	ALBERT J. ADAMS 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

*First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. N. Pitstow on his appointment as a Member of the Order of the British Empire, and on the birth of his first grandson, Michael John Pitstow.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

EDWARD C. GOBEY .. Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
BRIAN BUSWELL 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 6
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY 7
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

DEREK NORRIS Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
LEONARD MANNERING .. 2	RONALD E. NORRIS .. 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	FRANK THWAITES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Victor A. Jarratt, secretary of the Chatham band.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
JOHN R. COOPER 2	WILFRED W. RING 6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP .. 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT (C.C.C. 10).

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

M. VIVIAN COPPING .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	*RALPH BEAUMONT 6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR .. 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 7
JOHN F. BRYANT 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and by an All Souls', Halifax, band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DEREK G. BROYD .. Treble	MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. 2	†PHILIP MEHEW 6
†ROBERT L. PIRON .. 3	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN .. 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Plain Bob Major. Mr. A. E. Sharman has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a compliment to Joan Newman, a ringer at Totternhoe, and to Robert Brooks, who were married at Luton earlier in the day.



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GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALAN SHEPPARD Treble	*A. H. HAWCROFT 5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY 2	FRED TERRY 6
MISS D. M. HAWLEY 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR 7
JOHN M. HARROP 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

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

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

FELIX H. ERITH Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 6
GEORGE A. BUTTON 3	ROY DUESBURY 7
ANNE V. LEWIS 4	GEORGE W. BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*RONALD WALKER Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
ANNE SLINGER 2	GORDON A. HALLS 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. A. Andrews and Miss M. McKenna, who were married at Warrington this day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. Treble	*SIDNEY A. PAICE 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
*WILLIAM ROGERS 4	*CECIL DENYER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Edna M. Trott and Dennis P. G. Kempshall.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

CLEMENT W. JOSE Treble	HARRY HARPER 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 2	*DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 6
*PATRICIA D. PROWSE .. 3	†C. KEITH BREWER .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4	ALAN CARVETH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

PETER NASH Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
THOMAS H. TOCOCK 2	HAROLD W. REED 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD 3	REGINALD CROOK 7
FRANK LEWIS 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 2	JOHN S. MASON 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINESS .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 6
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	*H. LESLIE PASK 7
GEOFFREY PAUL 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

DEREK K. KNOWLES .. Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
ALAN A. ELSMORE 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
*J. BENJAMIN BUDD 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 100th peal.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	JAMES E. DANIELS 5
FRANK L. HARRIS 2	DAVID R. REED 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	JOHN HARTLESS 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Liverpool Branch.)

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr.
HERBERT ASHTON .. Treble	*ERIC ROUGHLEY 5
FRANCES E. ELLISON .. 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 6
*JOHN R. AUSTIN 3	†EDGAR WHITE 7
RICHARD G. LATHAM .. 4	HARRY BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Frances Johnson, a ringer at the above church, who was married the same day to Mr. Lewis Jones.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

G. Lindoff's No. 94 in Corrigan's.	Tenor 12 cwt.
LESTER L. GRAY Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
PETER COXALL 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
RONALD KENRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band and for the Association.

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE E. FOSTER Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN R. SMITH 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
J. Frederick Milner's 500th peal, which he celebrated by conducting his first peal of London Surprise.

**WYRARDISBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.
FRANK T. BLAGROVE Treble	AUDREY A. BUTLER .. 5
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	WILLIAM BUTLER 6
MONICA HOWARD 3	ROBERT G. LAY 7
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 4	JOHN D. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

**COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Tues., March 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
GEOFFREY W. HAIR 4	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

**QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.	Tenor 12 cwt.
*HENRY CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN .. 4
JOHN HALL 2	CECIL TOMPKINS 5
†FRANCIS POWELL 3	*ARTHUR J. SIMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., March 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
J. W. L. SLACK Treble	PETER LAFLIN 4
BRIAN WOODRUFFE 2	ALAN A. POTTS 5
ALEX RICHARDSON 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.



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WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*BETTY MCKANE Treble	NORMAN J. SMITH 4
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
HENRY C. WEAVER 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marybell McKane.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FREDERICK C. GIFFORD .. Treble	*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. 4
MICHAEL N. BLAND 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
MARIE K. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOSIE BOTTING Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	ROGER B. MORRIS 5
HENRY O. BAKER 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal. The conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 4
ALAN R. SYDER 2	TERRY EARLE 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

First peal of London Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., March 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

SANDFORD C. DUMBELL .. Treble	EDMUND MALIN 4
RONALD W. ADAMS 2	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 5
*DAVID NEAL 3	HARRY BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.

* First peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN WOOLLARD Treble	ARTHUR A. LING 4
JOHN PECK 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ELIZABETH BATE Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 4
GEORGE R. HINER 2	RONALD BIRCH 5
IAN M. HOLLAND 3	BARRY HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of April Day, one of Stedman, ten of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire, 16 callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS .. Treble	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 4
MRS. J. G. PARKINGTON .. 2	L. JOHN EVANS 5
JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS .. 3	STANLEY WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in four methods on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the treble and 5th.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DONALD H. METTUM .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
RONALD J. HILL 2	FREDERICK J. HUBBARD .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 150th peal.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wright, of Silk Willoughby, a loyal church worker, known affectionately to her many friends as 'Gran.'

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Grandsire, 10 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 10 Plain Bob, 8 April Day and 240 Hurdibras.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY P. COLLIN Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	P.C. H. REGINALD WOODS .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son, Desmond Walter, to the conductor and his wife.

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF SACRED TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*C. ANNE MUIRHEAD 1—2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON 3—4
(Manchester)	(Manchester)

ROBIN G. TURNER (Oxford) 5—6

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First handbell peal.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 27, 1954, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT MINDEN COTTON CHURCH LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ROBIN G. TURNER (Oxford) 1—2	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM 5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON 3—4	(Durham)
(Manchester)	

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT 3, STATION ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 1—2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5—6
ANNE B. SPEED 3—4	*ROBERT G. LAY 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First handbell peal.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District Meet Ringing Parson at Aston

The first District meeting of the year, off the beaten track, was held at Aston on March 27th. The six bells were set going promptly at 3 p.m. to various methods from rounds to Surprise Minor.

By service time, at 4.30, a good company had assembled from a wide area. The newly-inducted Rector (the Rev. K. C. Morris), who was a vice-president of the Norwich Association, took the service. His talk was on grave-stone epitaphs; this was most interesting and amusing.

A fine tea was provided by the ladies of the village and a collection was taken for church expenses, which amounted to £3 16s. 3d.

The Rector took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary reported that a coach had been arranged for the annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on April 24th, and that there were still a few seats vacant.

The next meeting will be held at Aspenden on May 1st with Lincolnshire Surprise as the special method. Two new ringing members were elected, the chairman and Mr. R. Head, of Pirton. The secretary read the letter from the Central Council with regard to the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' and was elected District representative. He appealed to tower secretaries to help to get new postal subscribers for the paper.

The company then returned to the tower where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock when the meeting was brought to a sudden close because of a play in a nearby hall.

E. G. B.

5,056 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Ilkeston Variation)

23456	M	V	W	H
52364	1	X		
46253	1	X	1	
53624		X		
24365		X		
65432		X		
43526		X	1	
26354		X		
54632		X		
43265		X		1
65324		X		
24536		X		
36452		X		
52643		X		
64235		X	1	
35426		X		
26543		X		
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42635	1	X		
53246	1	X	1	
46325		X		
23645	2	X		
45362		X		
56234		X		1
34625		X		
25463		X		
63542		X		
42356		X		
35264		X	1	
64523		X		
23456		X		

Note.—If instead of the second part shown above, the first part is repeated, a peal of 5,504 changes is produced.

Rung at Melbourne on handbells on March 12th, 1954. Composed and conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Memories Revived at Lawton

The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Lawton, on March 20th. This beautiful church, set in woodland surroundings, has been the scene of many gatherings of ringers. Old ringers of the branch will remember the entertainment provided by the Lawton ringers on handbells under the direction of 'Old Bill.' The band of ringers of this church 20 years ago could be considered as one of the finest in the Chester Guild, but now only two or three ringers of this band remain as regular ringers, but the Rector, the Rev. Ainsleigh Jones, is proud of the fact that the bells ring for every service.

A short service was held in the church and the Rector made a strong appeal to all ringers to stick to their job in the tower because he considered that the bells of the church pealed out a message which was of greatest importance to the population at large.

Tea was served in the new Memorial Hall and 42 ringers did full justice. Mr. Wilfred Kerr, secretary of the Branch, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ladies for the provision of the excellent tea. He wished to express the congratulations of the Branch to Mr. George W. Whalley on completing 50 years' unbroken service to Christ Church, Alsager, as a ringer. During this period Mr. Whalley had been the secretary and conductor, and what an example for the younger members to try to live up to, but then it was not impossible if their minds were set on becoming proficient ringers.

The ringing continued after tea until a late hour.
D. R. W.

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LATE NEWS

With regret we announce that Mr. Arthur Rowley, for 44 years a ringer and former leader at St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffordshire, was struck and killed by a passing train while following his employment as a ganger.

Grand old man of the Horbury tower, Yorkshire, is Mr. Herbert Rowley, now 85 years of age. Next month he will have completed 65 years as a ringer at St. Peter's, Horbury. An extra man turned up for a quarter peal on March 28th so Herbert sat out but conducted the ringing from his chair!

Mr. F. W. Wicks, who has left Arthur Road, Wimbledon, and now lives at Farncombe, Surrey, lost two farewell peals—Stedman at Putney and Stedman at Wimbledon.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, now in his 80th year, stood in at the last minute to a peal at Wyrardisbury, Bucks. The band appreciated his readiness to assist.

First area to respond to the Central Council's request to appoint a special representative to help in the drive for more postal subscribers to 'The Ringing World' is the Northern District of the Herts County Association.

Mr. E. A. Marsh, a former ringer at Woodlesford, Yorks, was married at Malta last Saturday. A peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Pudsey the same day as a wedding compliment.

Ottershaw, Surrey, has lost a ringer with many years of faithful service by the death of Mr. Steve Sleet. To his memory the bells were rung half-muffled on April 1st to 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles by P. Underwood 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, R. J. Andrews (conductor) 3, P. E. Parry 4, H. Hancock 5, W. Horn 6.

Australian humour from 'The Ringing Towers': 'The latest method of training "raw recruits" is tying the spokes of the wheel to the frame and saying nothing to the unfortunate ringer who is endeavouring to pull the bell off. The only people who really appreciate this are the other members of the band who watch the facial contortions of the ringer in question.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

It was a graceful compliment to Mr. Harold Pitstow when five ringers whom he had taught at Banstead stood in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 27th. The peal was in recognition of Mr. Pitstow's appointment as a Member of the British Empire and on the birth of his first grandson, Michael John Pitstow.

As wedding bells pealed from the tower of St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, near Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, part of the stone coping crashed through the church roof and killed one of the choristers, Mr. William Wright, aged 40, of Burton Road, Overseal.

Imagine Gilbert Thurlow's joy on investigating a battered looking gramophone on the lowest floor in a tower where the bells need re-hanging, to find a postcard tied to the instrument with the inscription 'The bell must not be rung until further notice.' What a complimentary way of describing the soulless act of twizzling a dusty record on a bent old gramo!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Denholme, Yorks, by a band composed entirely of members of All Saints', Halifax, constitutes a landmark, as it was the first peal by the company since 1904. The band who rang that peal broke up in 1907. A bridge between the two peals was that the ringer of the treble at Denholme (Miss M. Vivien Copping) is the granddaughter of the ringer of the third in the 1904 peal. The present band is a young one, the average age of those ringing the front seven at Denholme is not much over 18 years. Since their inception, 18 months ago, apart from high individual attainment, the main factor has been a virtually 100 per cent. attendance record for both practice and service ringing.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIGHTON

The Bells Past and Present

April 16th is the 40th anniversary of the opening of the present ten at St. Peter's, Brighton. The following article by Mr. A. W. Bond, the tower secretary, is therefore appropriate in recalling the bells of this famous church.

IN the year 1882 a ring of eight bells was given by various donors who names are on tablets in the ringing chamber. The bells were cast and hung by Warner and Son, The Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London, the tenor (largest) weighing 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. and were dedicated on St. Peter's Day, June 28th, 1882, by the Right Rev. Richard Durnford, Bishop of Chichester.

These bells gave great service to the church up to January, 1914, and were manned by a famous band of ringers who excelled in the higher methods of change ringing. Ringers would visit the tower from far and near for the opportunity of ringing advanced methods. A great number of full peals of 5,000 changes and over were rung, the first being on December 2nd, 1882, and the last on January 26th, 1914, including a notable peal on February 2nd, 1901, of the extent of London Surprise Major, 6,720 changes, specially rung for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, it being the longest peal rung in the tower.

About the year 1912 the late Mr. John Thornton Rickman, M.A., of Lewes, a ringer, was greatly interested in St. Peter's tower and the ringers, who gave him every encouragement and assistance in the ringing of the higher methods, with the result he made a generous offer to provide at his own expense a new ring of 12 bells.

For some reason the Church Authorities at that time opposed this number of bells. This was a great disappointment to the ringers, because had the bells been installed, it would have been the only 12-bell ringing in the county of Sussex. Eventually sanction was obtained for a ring of 10 bells, and these were cast and erected by the famous firm of bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London. The bells were hung in a cast iron frame supported by steel joists and it is interesting to note they are hung at a level immediately below the clock faces, the largest, or tenor bell, weighing 25½ cwt. in the key of D. Ten tons of iron and steel and 5 tons 9 cwt. of bell metal were used, and they are the heaviest ring in Sussex.

The bells were dedicated on Thursday, April 16th, 1914, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, attended by his chaplains, the clergy, Mayor of Brighton, councillors and the choir during the incumbency of the late Canon B. G. Hoskyns.

The first full peal was rung on May 16th, 1914, being 5,043 changes of Stedman Caters. Many peals have since been rung, one very notable one being 5,040 changes of a very complicated method known as London Surprise Royal, in which the donor of the bells took part.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—
Treble.—'Gloris in Excelsis Deo.'
2nd.—'In terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.'

3rd.—'Laudamus Te.'
4th.—'Benedicimus Te.'
5th.—'Adoramus Te.'
6th.—'Glorificamus Te.'
7th.—'Gratias Agimus Tibi.'
8th.—'Domine Deus. Rex Cælestis.'
9th.—'Sancte Petre. Ora pro nobis.'
10th (tenor bell).—'This peal of ten bells was presented to the Parish Church of St. Peter, Brighton, to replace the lighter peal of eight bells given by various donors A.D. 1882. Benedict G. Hoskyns. Vicar. J. C. Gwatkin, E. G. Hales, B. J. Saunders, Churchwardens. Te Deum Laudamus.'

The following peals are of special interest:—

Peal No. 1,987.

The last peal on the old eight:—

On Monday, January 26th, 1914, in 3 hours and 12 minutes

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5,056 CHANGES

George H. Howse	Treble
Arthur H. White	2
John Capp	3
Ernest Gower	4
Arthur W. Gravett	5
William C. Hart	6
Albert D. Stone	7
Keith Hart	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by Keith Hart.

Peal No. 2,016

The first peal on the new ten:—

On Saturday, May 16th, 1914, in 3 hours and 22 minutes

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5,043 CHANGES

John T. Rickman	Treble
Arthur W. Gravett	2
John Capp	3
Arthur H. White	4
Frank Bennett	5
Arthur Harman	6
Oliver Sippetts	7
Albert D. Stone	8
Keith Hart	9
William C. Hart	Tenor

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Keith Hart.

First peal on this new ring of bells.

Note.—Messrs. A. W. Gravett, J. Capp, F. Bennett, A. Harman, A. D. Stone and W. C. Hart are still active. The ringers of 2, 5 and tenor are present members of St. Peter's band.

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MR. H. LESLIE PASK'S 100 PEALS

Mr. H. Leslie Pask, of Lincoln, has the following interesting list for his first 100 peals:—

- Minor (2).—Cambridge Surprise.
- Triples (14).—Grandsire 2, Stedman 11, Erin 1.
- Major (33).—Double Norwich 3, Cambridge 5, St. Clement's 1, London 6, Superlative 2, Kent 1, Yorkshire 3, Wordsworth 1, Wembley 1, Bristol 3, Jersey 1, St. Giles' 1, Witherham 1, Dublin 1, Runnymede 1, Pudsey 1, Norfolk 1.
- Spliced Surprise Major (5).—Sixteen methods 1, twenty-two methods 2, three methods 1, four methods 1.
- Caters (5).—Grandsire 1, Stedman 3, Double Norwich 1.
- Royal (11).—Plain Bob 3, Cambridge 4, Kent 1, Wembley 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1.
- Cinques (24).—Stedman 23, Erin 1.
- Maximus (6).—Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 2.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Motion on Synthetic Bells for Central Council

The Society's first meeting in 1954, held at Sevenoaks, Kent, on March 27th, in truly spring-like weather, attracted a large gathering of members and friends. Ringing on the fine octave at St. Nicholas' Church began at 2.45, when a newly-married couple were rung out of church with a course of Cambridge Minor on the back six, and continued until the service at 4.30 in methods ranging from rounds to Bristol.

Unfortunately, the organist failed to arrive, and as the organ key was not available a small harmonium had to be pressed (!) into service. The Kent County Association form of service was used and included an address by the Rector of Sevenoaks (the Rev. F. W. Argyle) who conducted the service. The Rector welcomed the Society to Sevenoaks and his address was most appreciated.

Tea followed at Williamson's Cafe and the business meeting was held in the church with the Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in the chair. An apology for absence from Mr. M. Harbott was noted. Seven new members were elected, viz.:—Messrs. E. J. Munday (Iping, Sussex), J. A. H. Betts (Llanwrda, South Wales), J. T. Finney (Chichester), Miss P. M. Saxton (Chichester), Messrs. A. F. Wellington (Tunbridge Wells), G. McKay (St. Bees) and J. R. Leeming (Braintree).

The motion to be included in the agenda of this year's Central Council meeting, proposed at the annual meeting, concerning synthetic bells, was read and agreed to, and it was also agreed to withdraw the motion concerning increased affiliation fees.

The secretary announced that the annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1954, and asked for members to support the function and make it as great a success as on previous occasions. He also read a letter received from the Central Council secretary concerning 'The Ringing World' circulation, and the Master appealed to members to do all that they could to induce all their ringing friends to become postal subscribers. An announcement was also made concerning the next meeting of the Society which will be held at Windsor and Slough on Saturday, June 12th, and a good attendance was asked for.

Under the heading of any other business, it was announced that an invitation would be sent to the Middlesex County Association to a joint meeting at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate on the first Saturday in December. Finally, a hearty comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Sevenoaks for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the secretary of the local band, Miss D. Colgate, for assisting in arranging tea and the meeting generally, was passed with acclamation.

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Peals.—North Stincham 3s., Chatham 4s. 6d., Rhuddlan 2s. 6d., Silk Willoughby 3s., Horsham 4s., Bulwell 2s., Goole 4s., Cheriton 6s.

Quarter peals.—Watford 5s., Yatton 4s., Darlington 2s., Reigate 4s., Devizes 5s., Farmborough 3s., Kelvedon 2s., Gillingham, Dorset, 4s., Horbury 2s. 6d., Shaftesbury 2s. 6d., Edgbaston 2s. 6d., Buckland Newton 2s., Arborfield 5s., Henbury 3s., Shipley 3s., Staunton 2s., Sawbridgeworth 2s., East Budleigh 3s., Otter-shaw 6s.

MR. J. FREDERICK MILNER'S 500th PEAL

Or the Charge of the Peal Brigade

IT all started when Fred Milner rang a peal in a large number of Surprise methods and was asked for his 'life story' (which has received a large circulation in the 'Police Gazette'). After consulting Loughborough Bell Foundry and, I suspect, the South Kensington Science Museum, he found that he had rung 490 peals. Mrs. Milner immediately asked him where he had been all her life, but Fred started making plans for his 500th to be rung at his home tower, Southwell Minster.

Telephones started humming between Southwell and Leicester and Doncaster and the great day was fixed for March 27th. This meant that Fred had to ring nine more peals in between, which of course is a mere detail if one lives only 40 miles from Leicester and 36 from Doncaster. So all the peals were fixed up, and all were rung until it got to the 498th, one week before the Southwell peal. On this day Fred had wandered about four miles the other side of Bradford for a peal of 10-Spliced Surprise. Then came the blow; a member of the band had to stand within ten minutes of the end of the peal. Small wonder, considering that particular belfry was at the kind of temperature normally recommended for the successful growing of hothouse tomatoes.

The March Hares repaired to a cafe and had a meeting extraordinary of the standing committee. It was agreed unanimously that the Southwell peal definitely could not be the 499th. That fate was designed for a peal on the Thursday previous. Something had to be done, and quickly. A roll-call was taken of all ringers available for a peal at Conisbrough, Yorks, on the Friday night before the 500th, and all excuses were dismissed with the contempt they deserved. The handbook of 'Excuses to Wives, etc.' was consulted, and all present were roped in.

THE 499th

Came Thursday, and the 'Leicester Crowd' duly obliged with the 498th peal. Then Friday, with a dash to Yorkshire, collecting a covey of assorted ringers en route. The bells at Conisbrough had been already raised by an obliging schoolmaster who, of course, had nothing else to do, and very quickly the bells were off to the start of the 499th—they had to be quick; the peal had to be over by 8.30. In point of fact the peal was rung and the bells were down by 8.27, thanks to Wilfrid Moreton on the tenor, whose bearings are, to put it mildly, a little worn (the bearings of the tenor, not of Wilf). Eric Critchley and Wilfrid Moreton were quite relieved to see this peal come round, as they had been warned that if it were lost, they would have to sit up all night to ring a handbell peal for the 499th.

Four of that band now set off to Kirklington, near Southwell, to be ready for the 500th. Kirklington is the home of Mrs. J. F. Milner, not of Mr. J. F.—he is always away, ringing peals. There we were welcomed by the sight of the biggest and best pork pie we had ever seen, though it very soon was rather a wreck, washed down by Kirklington's Best Bottled Water. At about 10.30 p.m. Fred produced his size 26 handbells, but either because of the late hour, or too much pie, no one seemed to want to try that size. Soon after, on a more reasonable set, it was a sight to see Wilfrid ringing Stedman Triples and snoring at the same time.

A CHAT WITH THE ORGANIST

At 11.45 the next morning we were down at Southwell Minster, waiting for the Leicester contingent to arrive. The band was to be made up of two from Yorkshire, two from Southwell and the remaining four from Leicester. Soon after 12 o'clock we were off to London Surprise Major, with Fred perched up on the tenor box. After a few minutes we stopped to have

a pleasant chat with the organist, who was busy tuning his organ down below—as there is no floor in this belfry, the most weird noises were floating up to us, and although the organist maintained that we were making more noise than he, he was soon persuaded that the organ had never been in better tune before.

Off we went again, with Fred calling his first hobs ever in London, and sure enough rounds rolled up just before 4 o'clock. After congratulations by the Provost we were whisked off to Kirklington to be entertained to a high tea by Mrs. Milner, whose hospitality is renowned. There the band set off to consume cups of tea equal to Fred's peal total, until the local Water Board rang up to complain that their supplies were getting dangerously low.

The handbells were once more brought out and put to good use. Eric Critchley tried to call a touch of Spliced Major in seven methods, but after getting back to the same course end three times without being able to wangle a bob in anywhere, he played safe and fell back on Plain and Little. To make up for this he rang the tenors size 26 to a touch of Stedman Caters, though very few handstrokes were heard from the tenor. A course of Bowley Triples was called for, and after several attempts this was brought round by the simple expedient of ringing the pairs in the wrong hands, with alternate bells starting at hand and backstroke.

The ringing was rounded off by a touch of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Major, then the Leicester ringers set off back down 'The Fosse,' that remarkably elastic road, which is reputed to be twice as long from Leicester to Southwell as it is from Southwell to Leicester. Soon after the Mad Hatters from Yorkshire were off, and Fred could sit back, satisfied that his 500th was now an accomplished fact. Well done, Fred, and hurry up with your 1,000th! I won't get any more pork pie like that one until then!!
W. E. C.

DIAMOND WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. GEORGE HALKSWORTH

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Halksworth, of 3, Newlands Park Grove, Scarborough, celebrated their diamond wedding, having been married at St. Luke's Church, Derby, on April 5th, 1894. Bells were rung for them that day as they were also rung for them on Saturday, April 3rd, this year, in honour of their 60th anniversary.

The diamond wedding was celebrated at the home of one of their children at Doncaster, for it was in this town that Mr. and Mrs. Halksworth spent the first 44 years of their married life, George being a boiler-maker in the Doncaster Locomotive Works, from which work he retired in 1931, and seven years later they went to live at Scarborough.

From 1890 until the removal in 1938 Mr. Halksworth was actively connected with the ringing at St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, and with that of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, being Ringing Master of the latter for many years up to 1934. When he left Doncaster a presentation of a clock (with bell chimes) was made at Doncaster Parish Church and an inscription at the base testifies to '48 years as Secretary and Captain of the bell-ringers.'

Mr. Halksworth did not join the Yorkshire Association until 1902 but he was one of the 'veterans who rang a peal in the last century,' being a member of a band which rang Holt's 10-part of Grandsire at Doncaster for the Doncaster and District Society in 1897. His last touch of any length was a quarter peal at Scarborough in 1947 at the age of 81. Mr. Halksworth has been unable to ring during the last seven years owing to lameness preventing him climbing the belfry stairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Halksworth still enjoy their health and it is the wish of all their friends, and indeed of the Exercise in general, that they will continue to do so for many more years to come.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT EASTBOURNE

Eastern Division Annual Meeting

A very successful annual general meeting of the Division was held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 27th when 54 members, representing 17 towers, attended.

The members were warmly welcomed to St. Mary's by the Vicar (Canon L. E. Meredith), who conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. F. R. K. Hare, a member of the St. Mary's band.

The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, the difficult task of catering for everyone being in the capable hands of the Ringing Master, Mr. L. W. Giles.

An excellent tea, served in the Old Parsonage, was provided by the ringers' wives and friends and was followed by a business meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Mr. W. Rogers was elected to the chair. He referred to the recent death of Mr. H. R. Butcher, a former Master of the Association and for many years a member of the Rotherfield band. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Regarding the Association's annual general meeting, the chairman informed the members that this had been fixed for the first Saturday in May each year. Mrs. Percy expressed the hope that more members from the Division would endeavour to attend this year. The Divisional report and balance sheet were read and adopted. New members elected were: Messrs. S. Buckland, K. Hirst and Mrs. G. Roberts (All Saints', Hastings). Mr. C. Pilbeam, the Misses D. Pankhurst, S. Pilbeam, J. Kenward and D. Vale (Bexhill), Mr. A. Goldsmith (Hailsham), the Misses A. B. Kennard, S. V. Staple-

hurst and J. D. Holder (Rotherfield) and Mr. F. Lee (St. Mary's, Eastbourne). The election of Mr. Wilmington (London), prior to a peal attempt at Rotherfield, was ratified.

The following Divisional officers were re-elected:—Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, secretary; Mr. L. W. Giles, Ringing Master; Mr. T. A. Hunnisett, auditor; Mrs. B. Percy, committee, and Mr. H. G. Reynolds was elected to a vacancy on the committee.

In standing for election as Central Council delegate Mr. F. H. Dallaway informed the meeting that, having been delegate since 1937, he felt it was time for another representative. He trusted that this would be possible when delegates were next elected in 1957.

It was decided that at future practice meetings one method should predominate, notification of method to be given with notice of meeting in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. L. Giles informed the meeting that the Hawkhurst District Guild had proposed a joint meeting with the Division. After discussion it was decided to approach the Guild with a suggestion that a joint meeting be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 22nd.

Mr. Levett proposed that a letter be sent to the Rev. C. E. Ward, of Salchurst, thanking him for his kind co-operation and help to the Division over many years and to wish him many happy years in his retirement.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to the ladies for a splendid tea. Some members returned to St. Mary's tower while others took advantage of the opportunity to ring at All Saints'.

R. W. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Three or four years ago I heard that the finances of the paper were not in too good circumstances and ever since then I have accepted it as necessary for the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' item to be published in the paper weekly, although I had often thought what an extraordinary state of affairs must exist to make it necessary to take up two inches of column space to acknowledge monetary gifts totalling, say, £3, some items specified being as small as 1s. 6d. each—even 1s. But the front page of the issue of March 26th really startled me and I now realise more than I ever did that 'Gratefully Acknowledged' is necessary. It seems to be almost vital! Just fancy—from page official mention of the possible untimely end of THIS paper because of lack of support!

Such a thing could really happen, I suppose, but what a tragedy it would be! It would be a terrific blow to the whole Exercise and many of us would be left without contact, for there are hundreds of us continually in contact, merely by 'The Ringing World,' although we have never seen each other's faces nor heard each other's voices—and have never corresponded. Merely by the paper we would meet as old friends for the first time!

I am sure that no 'Ringing World' would be a great slice out of the national interest in bellringing, and that's putting it mildly. Many ringers—and non-ringers who are interested—would lose touch with much that goes on, perhaps all that goes on except that closely surrounding their own tower, and that would mean that interest in the Exercise would flag disastrously.

If it were not for 'The Ringing World' such experts and enthusiasts as Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, Messrs. Fearn, Worth, Patrick Cannon, Nolan Golden, Border, Lester, the Staniforths, the Grundisburgh Pipes, Miss Reay, Mrs. Marshall, say and so on—picking some at random—would be unheard of to a great number of ringers and others, who now seem to know them intimately; and they would probably live until they were 90 and never hear of Gartree Surprise or Southwell ditto. Some might even have no idea who Miles Graye was, unless his work hung in their own tower!

I look forward to each Friday's issue, and I realise that the cost of a crate of a dozen pints of beer (which I humbly confess, lasts me little more than a week!) is more than my 'Ringing World' costs me from the ringing-in of 1953 to the ringing-in of 1954.

Surely a 16-page weekly full of interest and not just half-full of just-any-old-and-various-advertisements is worth two cigarettes.

I like a glass of beer but I would willingly go without half of one of my pints per week to have my 'Ringing World,' and that would mean that I pay more than double the present cost of the paper.

No, I am sure that it is not the cost of it that makes sales as low as they are—it's lack of boosting sales. Som of us who take it must boost it—all of us must do so in fact.

I am going to try to get three of my friends who do not take it now to take it regularly.

Surely every person who is in charge of a ring of bells should take it—I'm going after my Vicar because I don't believe he has it.

It should be taken by every enthusiastic ringer and especially every beginner. I think the beginner's interest would soar. The paper would help him and he would help the paper.

May the article on the front of the issue of March 26th cause sales to be doubled. The indication is that weekly sales are but 5,000. Let's all go ahead to double that by the time the Queen comes home. To do this we must start now.

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

OUR 'RINGING WORLD'—TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Dear Sir,—'Campanology,' 'Bell-Ringer' and 'Bell News' all came to an untimely end because of lack of support; and if something is not done to put 'The Ringing World' in a sounder financial position, that will go the same way.

What an indictment!

You write: 'Many hold the view that the answer to the problem of the present "Ringing World" is to raise the price of the paper to 6d. or more'; but is it the answer you ask? Most decidedly and definitely; and any ringer who ceased to support it on that account would not be worth the name of ringer.

Could—or would—any business concern depend on such a doubtful source of income as from 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' which I am afraid is not always 'Gratefully Given'? You will see what a risky business it is, the editorial staff having to depend on voluntary gifts from peals. Take the first five in last week's 'Gratefully Acknowledged': four 6-bell peals and one 8-bell peal 1s. 6d. each.

I know full well that some Branches and/or Guilds demand, and get, 6d. a rope per peal, but if a peal is not worth another 'tanner' then, for the sake of our journal, cut your losses and put the price up to cover publication and leave the rest to the honour of the Exercise. Looking at ringing as a physical exercise and sport, let's be good amateurs and 'pay for our own sport'—and our paper.

Comparisons are odious, it is said, but what about the recent football semi-finals? Two matches attendance 143,434; gate receipts £35,751, nearly 5s. each.

National expenditure:—Beer, £530,000,000; tobacco £800,000,000; betting somewhere between the two.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crews.

TITLE COVER DESIGN

Dear Sir,—I most heartily support Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes re above ('Ringing World,' page 203). 'Them's my sentiments.'—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

Glasgow.

ODD-BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. P. Amos for his comment on odd-bell peals since this evens out what I have always considered to be a serious disadvantage of odd-bell towers. I also hope that it will serve, in even-bell towers, as an incentive to 'drummers' to take up 'inside' ringing, since unless a tenor cover is required for musical effect it becomes virtually the waste of a bell.—Yours sincerely,

A. HILTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

HAMPTON LITTLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—The enclosed method was rung at Hampton, Middlesex, on April 5th, 1951, under the title of Hampton Little Bob Minor:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
2 3 1 6 4 5
3 2 1 6 5 4
3 1 2 5 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

A few months later we heard that the method recently published as Cawston Little Bob had been rung in the Brighton area previous to April, 1951.

Perhaps someone from the Brighton area could let us know the correct name for this method.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, Middlesex.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the letter from Mr. H. P. Cliff under the above heading in 'The Ringing World' of April 2nd. I, too, believe that the decision to abandon all anonymous letters was no credit to the Exercise and savoured of dictatorship, and I feel certain that the decision has not got the support of the majority of ringers.

The reason for the ban has never been given. Perhaps the Editorial Committee would enlighten readers.

In any case I hope that the matter will be raised at the next meeting of the Central Council and the question of lifting the ban given serious consideration.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MUNDAY.

Guildford.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 Version)

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 26th a correspondent writes that the late Mr. T. B. Worsley produced London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) on December 31st, 1927.

I produced both Royal and Maximus (No. 3 Version) in June, 1921, so unless anyone can prove they composed the methods at an earlier date, I can still claim to be the author of both Royal and Maximus.

Just as there is 312-231 mathematical progression between the round blocks of Minor and Major and Major and Royal, so there is between Royal and Maximus.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

A NEW MILESTONE

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read in your issue dated March 19th of a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major which had been rung at All Saints', Leicester, on March 4th. The length of this peal, 5,008, is a new milestone in the history of Surprise Major ringing, and I am sure that many of us would be delighted to see the figures of the composition published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

PEAL RINGING A RETIREMENT HOBBY

Dear Sir,—Whilst the fact that a ringer has scored a hundred peals may not be considered a great achievement in these days of plenty of opportunity, I do feel that Mr. J. B. Budd's 100th peal does warrant special mention.

He retired from business in Manchester at 70 years of age and went to live at Mold, in Flintshire, in June, 1950, when his peal total stood at 46, which took him 40 years to complete.

He rang his first peal with us in June, 1950, and has rung 54 peals in less than four years, which is no mean feat bearing in mind that he is now approaching 76 years of age.

It is with regret that we have learned that he is shortly to leave the district to reside in Grimsby. He rang his bell faultlessly and he will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Chester and North Wales Districts, who wish him every happiness in his new surroundings.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. Stephens 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, C. R. Smith (first of Surprise Royal) 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. E. Willmington 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. H. Crampton 10.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Diana Gough (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Beryl Reynolds 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,248 Minor (528 Combined Kent and Oxford and 720 Plain Bob): L. Hall 1, B. C. Casle 2, W. Parker 3, W. Hunt 4, H. Smith 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6. After fruitless peal attempt.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. A. Lewis 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, F. Oakshot 3, Miss B. Worsfold 4, D. Astridge (first quarter) 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, W. G. Newbery 7, H. H. Hayns 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung before Evenson.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright 1, Miss P. J. Leaning 2, D. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, J. Jackson (cond.) 5, S. Slaney 6, A. B. Cooper 7, J. Saxton 8. Rung immediately after the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Wilfred Speakman, B.A.), formerly of Treales, near Blackburn.

BLUNDSON, WILTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, B. Shepherd 4, Miss D. Lewis 5, W. Trueman 6. First quarter of Minor 3, 4 and 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Trueman (cond.) 1, B. Shepherd 2, Miss Y. Wilkins 3, Miss D. Lewis 4, J. Manners 5, B. Bladon 6. For Mothering Sunday services.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Davis 1, J. H. Hayne 2, J. Coombes 3, R. Clothier 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First on the bells since 1946.

CHURCHSTANTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Long (first of Minor) 1, W. H. Tarr 2, S. Bristowe 3, C. Stevens 4, R. Shire 5, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on Mar. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, Miss M. Reed 2, D. R. Airey 3, G. F. Newton 4, R. D. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 6 and 7. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Durham.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: P. J. Skinner 1, D. K. Walklate 3-4, G. Freebrey (cond.) 5-6. First quarter by ringers of 1-2 and 3-4, aged 14 and 16 years respectively.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Lyons (first quarter) 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, Miss M. Dobson (first quarter) 3, G. Winter 4, W. Mortimer 5, M. Looker (Swindon) 6. Also on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dobson 1, W. Mortimer 2, J. Potter 3, H. Gummer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, C. Fruen 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Witcomb, who are going to Melksham.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Savage 1, B. Pidgeon 2, J. Quick 3, M. Board 4, J. Carter 5, S. Skinner (cond.) 6. Rung for Evenson by Sunday service band.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Stedman's Triples: Ruth C. Russell 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, J. Atkins 3, W. Mumford 4, T. Russell 5, A. Timmins 6, W. C. Dowling 7, E. Cole 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 21st, 1,302 Holt's Original (last quarter): G. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Hurrell 4, Miss M. Hunt 5, F. Richardson 6, T. Easterby 7, W. Daynes 8. Rung for Evenson.

FARNBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bridges (first quarter) 1, H. Carver 2, W. Mills 3, J. Phippen 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 28th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. Phillips 3, R. Charke 4, J. Waters 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, J. Chilcott (cond.) 8, R. Sanders 9, H. M. Page 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Ralph 1, J. B. Powlesland 2, W. A. Osborn 3, P. H. Hull (cond.) 4, F. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Tiley 6, A. J. Gray 7, A. S. Braddick (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. L. Seager, M.A., R.D., H.C.F., Vicar of Gillingham, and chairman of North Dorset branch of Salisbury Guild, on his appointment as Honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): L. Sharpe 1, W. Stannard 2, E. Bishop 3, A. Ballaam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Stannard 6.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Little 1, P. Wood 2, F. Harrington 3, G. Schleuter 4, Dr. L. Castleden 5, H. W. Smith 6, A. T. Perry 7, G. Saunders (cond.) 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss M. A. Strong (first quarter) 1, F. A. Rye 2, Miss J. R. Wells 3, T. A. Wickens 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday. Also to congratulate Miss J. Court, daughter of the tenor ringer, who has recently passed Parts I. and II. Preliminary State Examination for Nursing.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lanfer 1, Miss M. Carp 2, H. Lovell 3, J. Culley 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Rugman 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evenson.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, P. Croft 3, L. Fidler 4, J. Church 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For special family service.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Bracey 1, M. Day (first 'inside') 2, A. Sercombe 3, Miss S. Barker 4, R. Loft 5, B. Elvin 6, J. Moore 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme (first of Yorkshire) 3, P. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 7, F. Croft 8.

HORBRURY, YORKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Hall (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Wood 2, A. Bowers 3, M. T. J. Axford 4, N. R. Hunt 5, R. F. E. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, E. Atkinson 8. Conducted by H. Rowley.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, a quarter peal of All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Eileen M. Malden 1, C. E. Hill 2, E. M. Baker 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Maurice Baker, our captain, on his return from hospital.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 College Exercise: J. Papworth 1, R. Pye 2, F. Whiterod 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung for St. Mary's Day.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Smith 2, P. Inskip 3, E. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert 5, W. Izzard 6, R. Freeman 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of L. Turner's daughter's 21st birthday. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. Gray 1, Miss M. Stephens 2, W. Izzard 3, P. Inskip (cond.) 4, L. Turner 5, M. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss M. Carpenter, sometime choirmistress at the church.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. I. Haynes 1, P. I. Chapman 2, C. W. Bird 3, R. F. Turner 4, D. I. Haynes (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Geary 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Idle on the birth of a son.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,440 Annable's London Surprise Minor: S. Wallis 1, Miss A. Willes 2, J. Church 3, M. Orme 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. John Humphries, a local ringer and chorister for 74 years.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Mar. 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Sagers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, C. S. Hoad 3, Miss B. Mayers 4, G. Oliver 5, G. Peters 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. H. Inwood (first of Caters 'inside') 8, J. W. Euston 9, E. G. Talbot 10. In memoriam Dan Cooper.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Curtiss (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, A. Cozens 3, K. Perkins 4, I. Dickinson 5. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, Miss M. Page (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Harris 3, J. Sutton 4, H. Abrahams 5, F. Harris 6, R. Marlow 7, J. Mussell 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Springham 2, S. Clark 3, H. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, D. Hayden 6, R. H. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss D. Watts to Mr. P. Scarff, both ringers at this church.

SHAFESBURY, DORSET.—On Mar. 26th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cook 1, C. Pring 2, M. Hallett 3, A. Woods 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. Rung before the induction of the new Rector.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Horwood 1, J. Sinfield 2, D. Broyd 3, E. W. Taylor 4, J. Scott 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, A. Broyd 8.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Bluff (cond.) 1, W. Groom 2, W. Longfoot 3, A. Clarke 4, H. Goakes 5, D. Bell 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. O. Davies 1, L. Pullin 2, G. Westlake 3, D. E. Vowles 4, R. Brice 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

THE 27th annual meeting of the Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 20th was attended by over 50 members from 23 different towers. The bells were set going just after 3 o'clock and were rung in various methods until the service at 4.30 conducted by the Guild's president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D. Mr. Pattern was the organist and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. C. Wright, who also gave a telling address. He told the ringers that the bells not only called the people to the services but their sound could not be avoided by the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker doing their usual Sunday odd jobs.

As usual, Dr. Golding-Bird entertained the company to tea in the Small Parish Hall and afterwards took the chair for the business meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr. B. Collison and from Mr. A. Laker, who had to miss the annual meeting for the first time since the Guild was formed. Arising from the minutes, Mr. Wellington explained that trustees of the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund were Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. C. A. Bassett and not the chairman and secretary in office, as stated.

Before the election of new members the company were asked to stand in silence in respect of an old member who had passed on, namely, Mr. Walter Ladd. The following were then elected: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilton (Tunbridge Wells), Leslie Everest (Tonbridge) and John Meade (Portsmouth).

Mr. Wellington explained the new lay-out of the balance sheet and spoke on the main points of same. They were—income had exceeded expenditure by £7 15s. 7d.; the deficit for 1952 had been repaid; and there was cash in the hands of the secretary and treasurer of £3 16s. 9d. On the General Fund there was a balance of £60 0s. 3d. and in the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund £55 10s. 5d. This result was due to an increase in vice-presidents' subscriptions, a small profit on the summer outing and a surplus instead of a deficit on the dinner, both of which were a great success.

The election of officers proceeded as usual. Dr. Golding-Bird told the meeting that they were not forced to elect him, but Mr. E. J. Ladd, in proposing his re-election, said that he could see no one else in the job, and, in seconding, Mr. Wellington reminded the Doctor that his name was on all the stationery so he would have to stay on in office. All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. B. Collison, who, owing to pressure of work, resigned from the committee. Mr. Ivan Butcher (Turner's Hill) was elected in his place.

Newick was announced as the place for the April meeting, while Penshurst was chosen for May. A letter from Mr. W. Morland was read, inviting the Guild to Lambethurst in June, when the gardens of Court Lodge would be worth a visit.

It was recommended from the committee that the summer outing be shifted from the holiday months of July and August and, after some discussion, the date was fixed for June 26th and a route via Dorking, Guildford and Cranleigh chosen. It was agreed that a dinner should be held in December, the venue and details to be left to the committee.

Mr. Hilton (Tunbridge Wells) said that as a comparative newcomer he was rather impressed by the good striking at Guild meetings and was pleased to become a member. Mr. E. J. Ladd then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Golding-Bird and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, and, in reply, the president said that he was always pleased to come among such genial company and congratulated the Guild on having such a good committee.

Further ringing until 9 o'clock brought the meeting to a close, C. A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. VICTOR A. JARRETT

By the sudden death of Mr. Victor A. Jarrett on Friday, March 19th, after a short illness, at his home at Chatham, the Rochester District of the Kent County Association have suffered a great loss of a very valuable and much beloved ringer.

For a great many years Mr. V. A. Jarrett, or better known to his fellow brother ringers as 'Vic', had been a time-serving member of the Royal Engineers' Band at Chatham. Despite his many service commitments he was a keen churchman. Besides ringing for many years at Chatham he was an active chorister and church councillor.

During the war he and his family moved to Halifax, Yorkshire, where he worked with the R.E. Pay Corps. When the ban on ringing was removed, he helped, with his daughters and son, to start a band of ringers and rang a few peals for the Yorkshire Association and made many friends in the Halifax District.

Returning again to Chatham in 1947, after a short stay in Hampshire where he rang a few peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, he took a more active part in peal ringing for the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. He also organised several outings for St. Mary's ringers, and on Easter Mondays arranged for ringers of the Medway towns to attend the annual meetings of the Kent County Association.

When elected as the District's first Ringing Master, three years ago, he set a high standard by carrying out his duties in a fatherly manner—always a smile and a word of encouragement for the learner.

Some 45 years ago he rang his first peal—of Minor—at Upchurch on October 28th, 1908. He also took part in the first peal to be rung by members of Army and Navy at Gillingham, on January 8th, 1914. It gave him great pleasure to conduct his son's 100th peal, which was rung at Upchurch on October 24th, 1953. He rang his last peal at Dartford on November 12th, 1953. His total of peals in various methods was 130, conducted 19.

Thus passes a true Christian gentleman, who was laid to rest at Frindsbury Parish Church on Wednesday, March 24th. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Frindsbury, assisted by the Rector of Chatham.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. F. Borer 1-2, T. A. Cross 3-4, G. J. Butcher 5-6, G. Kenward 7-8. After the interment touches on the bells of Frindsbury were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers.

Among the mourners and friends were the following ringers:—Mr. S. Jarrett (brother), Mr. C. C. Bishop (brother-in-law), Mrs. Allen, Mr. A. J. Hewitt, Mr. P. Borer (Frindsbury), Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May (Bobbing), Mr. G. Kenward (Sittingbourne), Mr. H. Springate, Mr. C. E. J. Norris (Chatham), Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Butcher (Northfleet), Mr. T. A. Cross, Mr. G. A. Naylor, Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mr. F. J. Cheal (Rainham). There were many floral tributes from the Rochester District.

To Mrs. Jarrett, his two daughters, and Cyril, his son, who is secretary of the Rochester District, we offer our deepest sympathy. F. J. C.

HIS PEALS

Mr. Jarrett rang 130 peals, of which he conducted 19. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1), Grandsire and Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7 (4), two methods 1, three methods 7 (3), four methods 3 (1), five methods 5 (1), six methods 3, seven methods 7 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 24 (2), Oxford Bob 3, Stedman 12.

Major.—Plain Bob 16 (3), Kent Treble Bob 17 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 7, Superlative Surprise 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Hereward 1, Single Oxford 1.
Stedman Caters 1, Plain Bob Royal 1.

MR. FRANK BLONDELL

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frank Blondell on March 29th. Latterly he had been living with his son at 5, Whitton Manor Road, Isleworth. The funeral was at Northwood Cemetery, Ruislip, on April 1st.

An Appreciation

Memories of 55 years ago are recalled by the death of Mr. Frank Blondell. At that time he was a regular service ringer at S. Nicolas', Guildford, until work intervened. I remember him hurrying from work, without tea, to catch trains to ring in different towers. With him, I watched the late Rev. F. E. Robinson ringing the 7th at Godalming, which many would not try. The reverend gentleman there told a London ringer every blow of the single to the latter's disgust.

When our own bells (Holy Trinity, Guildford) were rehung I remember looking with wonder at Frank turning in the tenor, a bell which up to that time had taken two men to ring. In those days back-end men had no idea how bells went.

As our tower advanced in method ringing Frank rang his first peals of London and Bristol and he also rang in the last peal on the old bells, Bristol, arranged on purpose for the late Mr. J. A. Trollope to ring his first peal in the method, a fact which Frank was always proud of.

It was, however, as a 9-10 ringer 'in hand' that he excelled. He rang a peal of Stedman Caters on each night of the week, also a 7,023, 14,031 and the 19,738. The writer has only met one to equal him—that grand old man of Leicester, who has that wonderful gift of a perfect beat. There is left now only one of the stalwarts at Guildford of those days—Mr. C. Willshire, who lives in Canada. It was with regret time and distance made it impossible to pay my last respects. A. H. P.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Bishop Explains Why Demolition Was Deferred

'The Ringing World' has already announced the decision of the Leicester Diocesan Reorganisation Committee to defer approval of plans for the demolition of the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester.

The decision to grant a reprieve was explained by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) when he preached to a crowded congregation at the church on March 21st.

'As you know,' he said, 'I am a very new Bishop and I have many other tasks and problems with which I have to become acquainted, and I did not want, so soon after my appointment, to make so drastic a decision as to close and pull down this big and imposing church.'

'On the other hand, I could not overthrow plans which had been under discussion for so long a time and which had been recommended on more than one occasion by commissions and committees set about to consider the future.'

'We took into account the events which had been supplied of the continuing life and activity in the parish and we did not want to put the shutters up if there was any likelihood of the

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
April 10th, 1914

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(The St. Stephen's Society, Westminster)
On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in 3 hours and 15 minutes

At the Church of St. Stephen, Westminster
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
5,184 CHANGES

Tenor 23 cwt.
John N. Oxborrow Treble
Arthur G. Ellis 2
James Willshire 3
William H. Pasmore 4
Henry S. Ellis 5
Harry R. Pasmore 6
John W. Golding 7
Henry R. Newton Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

[Few peals have since been rung at this church. Those taking part in this one were members of the famous band there who played a prominent part in the development of Surprise ringing, particularly of London, of which among many others they rang the first non-conducted peal at this church on January 5th, 1901.]

LIVERPOOL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On April 4th, 1914, at the Church of St. Nicholas, in 3 hours and 46 minutes
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
5,088 CHANGES

Alfred Barnes Treble
*Henry W. Wilde 2
George Garnett 3
George R. Newton 4
*Thomas Murray 5
Walter W. Wolstencroft 6
Edward Caunce 7
Joseph Ridyard 8
*John T. Bottrill 9
*Charles F. White 10
William Davies 11
Harry Chapman Tenor
Composed by John Cox. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard

* First peal on 12 bells. First as conductor on twelve bells and the 50th peal as conductor.

church still contributing to the Christian life of Leicester.

UNIFORMITY

'The committee acted in complete uniformity and agreement in deciding not to approve the scheme for the time being.'

But, the Bishop pointed out, if the parish was really denuded of its population, if the church became a drain on the finances of the whole diocese, and if there was no sign of it ministering to its own important environment, then it might easily have to be closed.

On the other hand, if the plans for pulling down houses in the parish were still delayed, if progress were made in getting parishioners in touch with the church, and if there was obviously a real spiritual life in the parish, then the thought of closing the church might be put out of the way.

NO VICAR

Explaining that the suspension notice for the church must remain in force, the Bishop said that a Vicar could not be appointed.

'I realise that it is hard for you to make progress without a Vicar,' he said, 'but we will make the best arrangements we can.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual nomination meeting was held at St. Paul's, Drighlington, on March 27th, when by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens this lovely ring of eight was at the Society's disposal.

Ringing commenced at 3 and carried on until 8.45 with breaks at 5 for tea and at 7 for the business meeting.

The president was in the chair for the business meeting and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, East Ardsley, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Wakefield Cathedral, Sowerby, Northowram, Halifax and the local company, together with visitors from Elland and Darlington.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. E. J. Crapp and W. Wheatley (Drighlington) and Mr. G. Ingham (Queensbury).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who said it was always a pleasure to come to Drighlington and that the Society was always made very welcome. Mr. L. Drake seconded.

Mr. S. Barron replied on behalf of the local company and promised to convey the thanks of the Society to the proper quarters. He said the Society would always be made welcome here subject to local circumstances. The president remarked that Mr. S. Barron appeared to be Vicar, churchwarden and the lot when it came to arranging ringing meetings, and he added his personal thanks for all that had been done for the pleasure and comfort of the visitors at this meeting.

The following nominations were received:—President, Mr. T. W. Strangeway (Rothwell); vice-presidents (three required), Mr. S. Barron (Drighlington), Mr. H. Lofthouse (Armley), Mr. W. Dixon (Guiseley) and Mr. J. Roberts (Leeds Parish Church); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake (Leeds Parish Church); secretary and treasurer, Mr. I. Slack (Leeds); auditors, Miss M. S. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lofthouse.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting, and ringing continued, all classes being catered for. A well-struck touch of Little Bob Major was the last of the day and as it came round the tenor man asked, 'Have we caught the train?' Nevertheless both ringers and listeners enjoyed it.

The annual general meeting is due to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 24th.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its March meeting at Market Weighton on March 20th, 25 members attending, with a visitor from York. The light ring of six was rung during the afternoon to standard methods and Cambridge, some touches being very well struck.

The Vicar (Canon E. Marsh) conducted the service in All Saints' Church and gave a short talk on Psalm 95. Ringing for service should have the same effect as Psalm 122 had on the Jews when it was sung on the ascent to the ridge of the Mount of Olives, and he hoped ringers would bear in mind that there was no higher service than doing the work of God.

At tea in the Londesborough Arms the ringers were the guests of Mr. H. Musk, an elder member of the local company. His generous gesture was suitably acclaimed. After tea, when the votes of thanks were being proposed and answered, the ringers heard a very good response from Mr. C. Metcalfe, the organist. Mr. Metcalfe has been interested in bells and ringing all his life, more than 70 years, and spoke of the bell customs that were in use during his boyhood in the town but had since gone out of use.

Further ringing took place in the evening.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

PAGE.—On March 23rd, 1954, at Hatfield, to Mary (née Hickson) and J. Martin Page, a sister (Louise Margaret) for Elizabeth. 4198

ROBBINS.—On April 1st, 1954, at 374, Moorside Road, Swinton, Manchester, to Betty (née Spice), wife of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a daughter, Catherine Mary. 4212

APPEAL

THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS', CAWTHORNE, are to be rehung at a cost of £530. The greater part of this amount has already been raised. Please help us to reach our target. Contributions gratefully received by N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 4229

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—At 12, Highfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton welcome old friends and new. Board-residence, bed-breakfast and high tea or bed and breakfast only. Terms on application. Personal attention. One minute to buses all parts. Garage adjoining. 4011

LLANDUDNO.—Close to sea, bowls, tennis, golf and buses. Full board 16s. per day.—Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffiths, Maesteg, Clarence Road, Llandudno, Tel. No. 7271. 4192

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ONE SET of 12 handbells (by Mears and Stainbank, 1948), key C, tenor size 15; one set of 8 handbells (by Mears and Stainbank, 1950), key B flat, tenor 16. Both sets very little used and in new condition. 1946-52 complete 'Ringing Worlds,' several instruction books and sheets. Offers around 54 guineas secures the lot, or would sell separately.—R. Beale, Shepton Beauchamp, Ilminster, Somerset. 4157

PUBLICATIONS

'THE ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING.'—A few copies left at 3s. 6d.—J. M. Turner, Waterloo House, Moulton, Northampton. 4160

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m.. The Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. No ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 13th (Holy Week).—A. B. Peck. 4189

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Richmond (8) at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 4224

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 4169

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Newick (6), April 10th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Wattles Cafe, Pilt-down. Look up Double Oxford. 4170

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 4144

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 4211

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 10th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon and evening. St. Mary's in afternoon for service there at 3.30. S. Nicolas' in evening. Tea and business meeting S. Nicolas' Hall 4.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 4155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitstable, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4145

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, Ealing—St. Stephen's, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 4190

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Station Road, Edgware, on Saturday, April 10th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Stanmore in evening.—T. J. Lock. 4166

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to attend meeting at Claverley, with HEREFORD GUILD on April 10th. Good bells and warm welcome. Buses near, from Bridgnorth best at 2 p.m., 2.30 p.m., etc.—W. A. Farmer. 4182

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Betchworth. April 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting (Red Lion) 5. Business includes nominations for General Master. 4181

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), April 10th. Bells 3 p.m.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 4164

CAMBRIDGE.—The rededication of Great St. Mary's bells will take place on Palm Sunday, April 11th, at 11 a.m., by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Visiting ringers will be welcome at the service but there will be no opportunity for ringing by visitors until Easter Monday. 4209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Fare for outing £1 2s. each to be paid.—L. W. Allen. 4220

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Leiston.—Rededication of Leiston bells, Saturday, April 17th. Service 3 p.m. Buffet tea in Church Hall and short business meeting to elect secretary for Saxmundham District.—A. R. Bridger, Theberton, Leiston. 4162

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—A short choral evensong will be held (D.V.) at St. Mary's Church at 6 o'clock on Saturday, April 17th (Easter Eve), to which it is hoped as many ringers as can manage to attend will do so. Ringing from 3 o'clock in the afternoon and again after the service. Tea obtainable at nearby cafe. 4199

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wells on Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch at Wickenden's at 1.15, followed by business meeting. Applications for lunch tickets should be sent at once, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. **No ticket, no lunch.** Ringing: Cathedral 11-12, 5-6; St. Cluthbert's 4-5.30; Street 6.30; St. John's, Glastonbury, 6.30; other towers will be announced at the meeting. —R. O. Fry, Hon. Sec., 5, Morford Street, Bath. 4210

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Business meeting in St. Peter's Church Hall 11.30. Lunch 1 p.m. at Granada Restaurant (names to me by April 12th). Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's 10-11.15 and 2 p.m. onwards; St. Peter's 2-4.30; Goldington 2-4. —J. M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 4175

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Carlisle, Easter Monday. Cathedral bells (8) 1.30 to 3.30; St. Stephen's (8) 1.30 onwards. Service at St. Stephen's 4. Tea 4.30, for those who notify, by Wednesday, April 14th, Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle. Special invitation to Lancashire Association, Lakes Branch.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4195

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th, to be held at South Normanton. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire. Visitors welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Bells available: Great St. Mary's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after tea; Roman Catholic Church (8) 12 noon-1 p.m. and after tea; St. Andrew's (8) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1.45-4.30 p.m.; St. Benet's (6) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6) 1.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at Round Church Hall. Please send names for tea to H. L. Martin, 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge.—W. J. Ridgman, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4188

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday. Lunch tickets obtainable from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, if ordered, with remittance, at once. Towers available for ringing: Bromley (8) 10.15; Beckenham (10) 10.30; Chislehurst (Annunciation) (8) 10.15; Chislehurst (St. Nicholas) (8) 10.15; Down (6) 10; Eltham (8) 10.15. Lewisham (8) 10; Sidcup (6) 10; West Wickham (6) 10.15; Hayes (6) after meeting. Hours for ringing after the meeting will be announced after the business meeting.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4110

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos' Newport, Easter Monday. Bells (12) available 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, by April 13th, to F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 4172

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Parish Church, Burton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 4223

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. John's, Egham (8), Easter Monday, 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to me by April 13th (numbers limited).—W. Parrott, Dis. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

The next issue of 'The Ringing World' will be in subscribers' hands by Thursday morning, because of Good Friday. The advancement of press day by 24 hours means that latest time Notices can be received for publication in this issue is first post Monday, April 12th.

PROMPT. Coffee obtainable, College Hall, 1.15 (bring own lunch sandwiches). Tea (3s. per head) at Deansway Cafe, 5 p.m., for all who notify me by Wednesday, April 14th. Bells available: All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; Claines (10); St. John's (8); Kempsey (6), all 2-4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 6-7.30 p.m. —J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 4193

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Tickhill, Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, 15th, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, near Doncaster. Buses half-hourly from Doncaster and few from Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4225

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 24th. Committee meeting, Diocesan House, 3.30 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Diocesan House, 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Diocesan House, 5.45 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 3 p.m.-4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3 p.m.-4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-8 p.m. Names for tea, by April 21st, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Road, Derby. —A. B. Cooper. 4213

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6), near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, April 24th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4201

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bristol, Saturday, April 24th. Meeting at Redcliffe Parish Hall, Guinea Street, at 2 p.m. sharp. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, **certain.** Bells available: St. Ambrose, Bristol E. (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Thomas' (City) (8) 11 to 12 noon; St. Mark's (Lord Mayor's Chapel) (6) 12.15 to 1 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) and St. Stephen's (10) after tea.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank Bristol 5. 4203

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Mewrow, April 24th. Bells 3-9. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Room. Service 7. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Warren, Hallhurst, Swayne's Lane, Mewrow. 4216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Woolwich on Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Bevedere, Kent. 4206

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 24th. Bells: Cathedral 3-4; St. Margaret's and St. John's 2-3.45; St. Mary-de-Castro 2-4. Service, Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 in Little Theatre, Dover Street, followed by meeting. Social evening at Victoria Hotel 7.30-10.30. Early application for tea essential. Names to me by Wednesday, 21st. General committee meeting in Cathedral ringing room 7.30, Thursday, 22nd.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway Croft, near Leicester. 4218

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, April 24th, Leeds Parish Church. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 in Church Hall. Names to me, please, by Wednesday,

day, April 21st. Business meeting in tower at 7 p.m.—Irvin Slack, Hon. Sec., 47, Sunroyd Hill, Horbury, Wakefield. 4227

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 24th. Cathedral evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastgate Court, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Business meeting will follow in Chapter House. Usual ringing arrangements. 4226

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: Holloway 2-4 p.m.; Clerkenwell 3-4.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate in evening. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by 21st, please, to W. N. Genna, 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone Byron 5197. 4215

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Somerton (6) April 24th. Service 4. Tea 5. Deddington (8) evening. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 4205

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cookham, Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Names by April 19th, or no tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Speen (6) Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shaw bells 6 p.m. Names, by April 21st, to J. Goddard, 11, Council Houses, Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury. 4219

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 20th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 4200

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Eydon, on Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements. Please notify not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea. —A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 4204

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, April 24th. Service 4.30. Names to W. G. Callis, 2, Ivy Cottages, Mears Ashby, Northampton. 4221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Nottingham, Sat., April 24th. St. Mary's bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying, by Thursday, April 22nd, Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Please take own food. Business meeting in same room after tea. 4207

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Wonston, April 24th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Swan Inn, Sutton Scotney. Names, previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4217

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting, May 1st, St. Philip's, Hulme, 3 p.m. Ringing after tea. Tour, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, July 5th-15th, 60s., to secretary before Easter.—Valerie Gutteridge, Hon. Sec., 34 Gordon Street, Ilkeston, Derbys. 4168

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual festival of the Guild at Brecon, June 26th. Full particulars later.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4202

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Hollis 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Barton 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Smith.

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