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## BILL'S PROBATION

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

IT was in September, 1902, that Bill decided to reside in Surrey and travel to London day by day instead of living near the office, a scheme which meant some 46 miles of travel each day. Bill had been ringing at many towers in London and could ring Cinques and Maximus, so when the Rector of a Surrey church called to see him Bill revealed the fact that he was a ringer, and this news delighted the Rector. He told Bill to call at the Rectory the following evening and together they mounted the steps to the ringing chamber where eight men were getting ready to ring the octave for weekly practice. The Rector told his ringers about Bill and said he was sure they would find him a real asset because he was experienced in town ringing and could help them in many ways.

After the Rector had departed the ringers held a meeting in a corner, but their conversation was inaudible and shortly afterwards Mr. F., the conductor, called Bill over to join the group. The next proceeding consisted of a series of questions which were fired at the newcomer from all angles, the most important being, could he ring scientific and could he conduct? After answering 'Yes' to both these queries another short meeting was held, the result being a decision to give Bill a trial on the 6th for scientific ringing and conducting. The conductor took away all the 'music cards' on the stands and then intimated to Bill that no rough ringing would be tolerated, after which he tendered some advice on how to handle the 6th bell.

Bill called a bob at 1, but soon found he was the only one who was prepared to make the call, so he tried again the next lead with the same result, after which he decided not to make any further calls. His surprise was great when bobs were made at the 4th, 8th and 12th leads without being called! Mr. F. called another meeting, for he was clearly annoyed about Bill's performance and it did not take long to decide that Bill was not much of a ringer, did not know anything about conducting, seeing he

made calls in the wrong places. He would be taken on as a probationer for three months! Bill pondered for a few seconds and then said that the kind offer was not accepted, after which he wished the company good night.

Outside in the cool air Bill saw two strangers listening to the call changes, and they immediately made themselves known by saying they were ringers from a neighbouring village, two miles away, who had secured Bill's address and had walked over to extend a welcome not only to Surrey but on behalf of a learning band who would be glad of some help in method ringing. What a contrast in a short space of time, and within a radius of two miles! Bill gladly accepted the chance of adding a few more to the ranks of method ringing, additions which resulted in a strong, progressive band being maintained in spite of two world wars.

Some weeks after Bill had thrown in his lot with the young, keen band in the next village he happened to see Mr. F., the local captain, who promptly told young Bill that he had not attended the tower for practice, it was his first duty to be regular and punctual, and that three months' probation would do a lot of good, etc. The short lecture concluded with the words, 'If you don't attend I shall have to see the Rector about you.'

Bill smiled, for he had found out quite a lot about this call-change band, who boasted they could also ring scientific changes, who sometimes used cards and who received payment for their ringing. He also knew that method ringing offered many interesting channels for the keen ringer and, as he had found plenty of scope for voluntary ringing in a nearby tower, he was not long in answering the local captain with 'I have already acquainted the Rector with the facts, and you will be seeing him soon.'

From 1902 to 1955 is quite a while, but when ringers of to-day want to visit these two towers, what do they find? The local call-change band no longer exists, the bells are not rung regularly for Sunday services and there is no regular practice night. In the method ringing tower there is a keen band, Sunday service ringing is maintained, practices are regular and visitors are welcome. Both towers have had various problems during the period of years, but in one case only have difficulties been overcome.



## TEN BELL PEALS

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 7
*GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 3	†IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 8
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON .. 9
ROBERT W. HINDE .. 5	H. STEWART BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' †50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison, who was enthroned as Bishop of Chester prior to the commencement of this peal.

## DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in C.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	ALAN A. POTTS .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 9
HENRY O. BAKER .. 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the enthronement this day of the Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison, M.A., as Bishop of Chester.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Treble	ALLAN SIMPSON .. 6
JOAN E. HOODLESS .. 2	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 3	BARRY HOLLAND .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 9
*HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 5	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Caters.

## SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	†DORIS E. COLGATE .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 3	ROBERT COLLINS .. 8
LEONARD STILWELL .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 9
†A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5	RAYMOND OVERY .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal in the method. ‡First of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome home to Michael and Jean Causley after three years in Tanganyika.

## WIMBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBURGA,

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 7
JOHN N. DISERENS .. 3	*DAVID BEACHAM .. 8
J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 9
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\*First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Surprise Royal in the county of Dorset.

A birthday compliment to David Beacham.

## WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 34.	Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	DAVID HOARE .. 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	RONALD G. BECK .. 7
GWILYM SALMON .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 8
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. 9
*FREDERICK SAVAGE .. 5	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\*First peal of Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## BURGH LE MARSH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY PAUL .. Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 6
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal on the bells.

## BATHWICK, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part, No. 13.	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
DORA EVANS .. Treble	ERIC NAYLOR .. 5
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 2	†S. ARTHUR READ .. 6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3	WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 4	HERBERT J. MERRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

\*25th peal together. †First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

In memoriam Albert E. Baverstock.

## MERE, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. Treble	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. 6
*MICHAEL J. BEST .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

\*First peal in the method.

## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*STEPHEN LAYLAND .. Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 6
†JOHN E. BROUGH .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 7
†GEORGE A. PACKER .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

\*First peal of Major. †25th peal together. ‡First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOROTHY J. CLARKE .. Treble	†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON .. 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT .. 6
RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †100th peal for the Guild. First of Surprise as conductor.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. 2	SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. .. 6
ELSIE K. FULTON .. .. 3	PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the sixth and tenor.

A farewell to Sydney Warwick on embarkation leave for Singapore.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JACK H. BRETT .. .. Treble	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 2	*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. .. 3	*THOMAS BIRD .. .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4	*ARTHUR R. RUFFLE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Treble ringer 'circled tower' in eight peals.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ruffle.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

COLIN HARRISON .. .. Treble	PAUL LEA TAYLOR .. .. 5
*CECILIA COWLEY .. .. 2	DENNIS BURNETT .. .. 6
LESLIE W. STEVENS .. .. 3	*RALPH F. LOWINGS .. .. 7
*LEONARD J. HALL .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Apr. 29, 1955, in 2 hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	JOHN H. SMART .. .. 5
*DAVID HODGSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 6
†PETER R. SANDERS .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
†DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 4	GLYN F. JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire and of Triples.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,344 Rutland, 1,280 London, 1,152 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire, and 384 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTS .. .. Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 6
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
*D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Spliced in six methods. First peal of Spliced in six methods as conductor.

## BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 6
*BRIAN DOWNIE .. .. 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal.

## CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

REGINALD C. CHAPMAN .. Treble	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
FREDERICK C. LYNE .. .. 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. 6
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 7
CLARENCE R. STEED .. .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

## EWHURST, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN &amp; LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 3,840 changes in Plain Bob and 1,248 changes of Little Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DUGALD M. MACPHERSON Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 5
ANN M. COX .. .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. 6
JAMES F. DODSON .. .. 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

First Spliced peal by all the band, and on the bells. First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob for the Guild. The conductor's 75th peal for the Guild.

## GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	†GEOFFREY DIXON .. .. 5
*JEFFREY P. COOPER .. 2	ARTHUR C. WALSH .. .. 6
MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3	*ALLAN WEAR .. .. 7
*PERCY WHITAKER .. .. 4	WILLIAM DIXON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

\* First of Kent Major. † First of Kent 'inside.'

Rung for the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson. Also a birthday compliment to Jeffrey Cooper, ringer of the second.

## HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5024 HANSLOPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. 5
RICHARD F. ROE .. .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 6
*BARRY SAUNDERS .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by RICHARD F. ROE.

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

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.



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# ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
HAROLD TAYLOR .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS R. CARLISLE. Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Vivienne M. Horton.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*STANLEY H. ASHTON .. Treble	GEORGE CHERRY .. 4
MARION JACKSON .. 2	PETER W. CROFT .. 5
ROY S. HEAD .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

\* First peal. First peal in seven plain methods by all.

A 17th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

### BASSINGBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores in nine methods: two each of Stedman and St. Simon's, four each of New Bob, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, six of Grandsire, and eight each of St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*A. REX AGG .. Treble	*STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 3
MICHAEL ORME .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Frank Warrington.

### OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Four extents of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. E. GRAY .. Treble	CHARLES H. BAKER .. 4
*JEAN BLACKBOURN .. 2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 5
*ALAN GILBERT .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylors.

### HARPFORD, DEVON.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*L. K. DAWE .. Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON .. 4
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

A birthday compliment to H.M. The Queen.

### LLANFIHANGEL-RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

#### THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	MOLLIE TILBURY .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	*FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 5
JOSEPHINE GREEN .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* 25th peal together. The tenorman has now 'completed the circle.'

### OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 22, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 73, 74).

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. Treble	ROY HEAD .. 4
MICHAEL ORME .. 2	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

### ASH, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings).

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MRS. C. BOYCE .. Treble	ALBERT W. DYER .. 4
WALTER H. POOLE .. 2	†WILLIAM TURK .. 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	*RICHARD BOYCE .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung for St. George's Day. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

### BEENHAM, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*IAN TAYLOR .. Treble	MICHAEL H. MAISEY .. 4
PATRICIA A. GAUNT .. 2	C. JOHN CASTELL .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

\* First peal of Minor.

### BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*KENNETH DUROW .. Treble	WILFRED RILEY .. 4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 2	J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY .. 3	ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

\* First peal.

Rung for wedding of Miss Enid Key and Mr. Albert Tideswell, married that day.

### BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

*ROGER FRY (14) .. Treble	MICHAEL GILBERT .. 4
GEOFFREY NORMAN .. 2	ALFRED LYNALL .. 5
†LESLIE BARRY .. 3	PETER CLARKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. † 300th peal and has now called a peal from each bell. Rung for the Patronal Festival and a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. L. Stewart-Bruce.

### CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBT. C. HALL (17) .. Treble	*PATRICK L. HATCHER (16) 4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE (17) 2	†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5
*HARRY J. WHEATLEY (16) 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung for St. George's Day.

## DANBURY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | TERRY EARLE .. .. 4  
JOHN WARNER .. .. 2 | PETER J. CAME .. .. 5  
DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of London Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. and first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George J. Saunders, father of the treble ringer.

## EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, two standard callings. Tenor 10 cwt.  
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Treble | \*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4  
\*ALEC WILSON .. .. 2 | GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 5  
\*HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 3 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for St. George's Day.

## GREAT ELLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. Treble | CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 3  
\*WILLIAM M. MANN .. .. 2 | FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 4

\*JOHN S. BARNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

## KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.  
ALLEN COLCOMBE .. .. Treble | THOMAS J. GUNDY .. .. 4  
TRACEY H. YOUNG .. .. 2 | REGINALD G. POWELL .. .. 5  
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3 | RICHARD A. COLCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Iris Colcombe, daughter of the treble ringer. and sister of the ringers of the third and tenor, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. D. Young, sister-in-law of the conductor.

## NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.  
ROY OWEN .. .. Treble | JOHN COUZENS .. .. 4  
\*DAVID EMMERSON .. .. 2 | \*ALAN LEETE .. .. 5  
TONY OWEN .. .. 3 | ROBERT ALLCOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the method by all the band.  
Rung for St. George's Day.

## SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
ALEC T. DENSON .. .. Treble | DONALD PEACOCK .. .. 4  
FRANK ELSOM .. .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5  
KEITH F. BONAS .. .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

Rung half muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.



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THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield & District Society.)

On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
\*JOHN CHETTLEBURGH .. Treble | H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 4  
BARRY HOLLAND .. 2 | GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5  
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 3 | IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.  
Rung on St. George's Day.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.  
STANLEY SHIPP .. Treble | LESLIE LIGHTFOOT .. 4  
\*MARCUS C. DARBY .. 2 | CLAUD GIMBERT .. 5  
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3 | ARTHUR YARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

\* First peal.  
Rung fully muffled in memory of Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, formerly General Secretary of the Ely District, who died on April 17th.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 15 extents of Stedman (ten callings); 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings); and 15 of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. approx  
FRANK MATRAVERS .. Treble | HARRY CHURCHILL .. 3  
WILLIAM H. TARR .. 2 | ARTHUR H. REED .. 4

WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal on the bells.  
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tarr.  
Also the 28th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.  
(R.A.F. Station.)

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.  
\*JOHN ROBERTS .. Treble | HARRY STACEY .. 4  
A. HUBERT EPLETT .. 2 | CHARLES SANGWIN .. 5  
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 3 | REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

\* First peal

Fastest peal rung for the Truro Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.  
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.  
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble | MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4  
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5  
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 3 | FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ivor H. Trueman and Heather J. Tesson, former officers of the Society.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.  
JOHN WILSON .. Treble | LESLIE HOUGHTON .. 4  
TOM GREENACRE .. 2 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5  
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3 | WILLIAM ROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Frank Warrington.

DUNKERTON, BATH.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 18 lb. in C.  
\*ERIC NAYLOR .. Treble | \*COLIN A. C. CONWAY .. 4  
\*S. ARTHUR READ .. 2 | GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5  
ROGER O. FRY .. 3 | ALFRED F. BUTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.  
Arranged and rung to mark the 28th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Archibald Jones, B.A., as Rector of Dunkerton.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
MICHAEL FINCH .. Treble | ROLAND MORLEY .. 4  
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 2 | JAMES MORLEY .. 5  
ROGER PALMER .. 3 | \*FREDERICK TALBOT .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

\* First peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.  
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*MICHAEL GILBERT .. Treble | †DAVID A. KAYE .. 4  
†ROBERT H. C. JOHNSON .. 2 | ROBERT J. STOKES .. 5  
HAROLD J. YARDLEY .. 3 | R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. The first peal for the Society.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.  
\*DOREEN M. MURFIN .. Treble | HAROLD TAYLOR .. 4  
PETER J. SKINNER .. 2 | ALFRED MOULD .. 5  
†JOHN F. MURFIN .. 3 | REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'  
Rung as a welcome to Canon N. S. Kidson, prior to the induction service.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Bartholomew, Northrepps, Southrepps, All Saints', April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and six of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.  
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Treble | \*ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3  
CHARLES E. COOPER .. 2 | J. HARRY COOK .. 4

\*GEOFFREY BOWCUTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

\* First peal in ten methods. First in ten methods on the bells.  
H. T. Bonshor, A. E. Hinman and J. H. Cook have now 'completed the circle' together.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Hinckley District.)  
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.  
JOHN A. SMITH .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6  
\*JOHN VERNON .. 3-4 | MICHAEL VERNON .. 7-8  
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.  
\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal of Major as conductor.

## 100 YEARS WITHOUT BELL FOUNDERS' ATTENTION

The peal at Dunham Massey, Cheshire, in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Chester, was the second peal on the bells, which were hung in the tower by John Taylor and Co. in 1854. Since that date no work has been done on them by the bell founders, but the bells were only chimed for a period of about 50 years.

It is a tribute to the workmanship of the original hangers and the unknown person who carefully greased and protected the bearings when the bells were stopped ringing, that with the exception of two new wheels fitted by and various repairs carried out by local ringers and those of Bowdon, the bells are as they were first hung, and go sufficiently well for a good peal to be rung.

The first peal on the bells was 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung by a band from Ashton-under-Lyne on February 20th, 1875, and conducted by John Thorp.

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## 24 TOWERS IN A DAY

A party of 24 ringers and friends from Hampshire, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Sussex and Staffordshire established a record by ringing at 24 towers in a day on Easter Monday!

The start was with Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal on the bells of All Hallows', Twickenham. The following towers were afterwards visited: St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), Hampton (8), Thames Ditton (6), Esher (8), Hersham (8), Walton (8), Sunbury (8), Shepperton (5), Oatlands Park (8), Weybridge (8), Chertsey (8), Staines (both towers), Egham (8), Old Windsor (8), Clewer (6), Horton (6), Stanwell (6), Bedford (6), Feltham (8), Heston (8), Isleworth (10), Brentford (8). It was planned to ring at Wraybury, but the belfry door was locked and neither the Vicar nor the local captain could help. A collection to cover expenses enabled a surplus of 7s. 6d. to be sent to 'The Ringing World.'

## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY RINGING SOCIETY

After an abortive attempt two years ago, a ringing society has now been formed at Birmingham University. The Society held its first general meeting on March 8th, when the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, R. Roger Savory; hon. secretary and treasurer, Michael Gilbert. The Society has a membership of 23.

Past members of the University who are interested in being associated with the Society are asked to contact the hon. secretary during university session at Guild of Undergraduates Union, Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, or at any other time at Candys, St. George's Road, Brockworth, Glos.

The Society practises at Edgbaston Parish Church with the local band and has already rung its first peal.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District and the Lindoff Cup competition was held at Arklow on Easter Monday, the function being attended by 50 members.

Officers elected at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. McManus, were:—Chairman, Mr. McManus; Ringing Master, Mr. R. McKenzie; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Haber; vice-president on Executive Council, Mr. S. J. Evans; Executive Council, Mrs. Dukes, Mr. McManus and Mr. R. W. Smyth.

An appeal for co-operation in raising ringers for the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford (10, tenor 31 cwt.), met with offers of help and promises to spend part of holidays there. The meeting unanimously supported the proposed invitation to the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958 the final decision resting with the Executive Council.

Five teams competed for the Lindoff Cup, the winners being Drogheda (conducted by Mr. F. E. Dukes). The cup was received by Miss Jean Taylor, who had been off ringing for a year and filled a place in the team at a week's notice. Other competitors were Arklow 'A' and 'B,' Bray and St. John's, Dublin.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rossendale Surprise was rung at the Northern District meeting at Barley on April 23rd, a tower almost in Cambridgeshire and Essex. Ringing was supervised by Mr. R. Howard (Ringing Master).

The Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gurney) conducted evensong. At the business meeting Masters Daniel and Michael Hulton, of Baldock, were elected ringing members, and Mr. H. Barratt and Mr. H. Howard, of Barley, re-elected members.

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Honourable mention should  
be made of Mr. Donald H.  
Niblett's extremely capable

and creditable performance when he joined the  
select band of conductors who have called  
Holt's Original. The younger generation in  
Oxford felt it intolerable to let Mr. G. E.  
Symonds' week-old challenge lie longer unan-  
swered.

Congratulations to Mr. R. W. Rex, who has  
recovered from the recent amputation of his  
arm and was able to ring a peal at Beenhams,  
Berks.

An inscribed beer mat from Holland has  
been received by Mr. W. A. Theobald. He  
assures the sender that it has been suitably  
framed in a room of his lodgings.

Mr. J. C. Macbeth, the newly-appointed  
tower captain of Nayland Parish Church, Suf-  
folk, asks for information regarding the last  
peal rung on these bells, as no local records  
are kept.

Somerton, Somerset, bells rang merrily on  
April 28th for the wedding of Miss Jill Wil-  
liams. The bride's mother was largely instru-  
mental in getting a band together in 1951, after  
ringing had lapsed for some time. To en-  
courage others she learned to ring herself.

With reference to Mr. G. Symonds calling  
his first peal of Holt's Original at St. Mar-  
garet's, Barking, on February 5th, 1898. Mr.  
Caleb Fenn states the footnote reads that it was  
rung by all bachelors. He adds: 'I don't  
think any of them are bachelors now.'

Mr. Frank C. Price, youngest son of Mr.  
Tony Price, rang two bells and conducted a  
quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Hillingdon  
on May 1st. Is this the first time in a quarter  
peal of Royal on tower bells that double-handed  
has been introduced?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Burgh le Marsh, near Skeg-  
ness, Lincs, has had a ring of  
eight for 60 years, but the first  
peal was not rung on the bells until April 16th.  
This was the only eight-bell tower in Lincoln-  
shire that the late Mr. Rupert Richardson had  
not rung a peal at.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, who has rung no peals for  
a year owing to a long indisposition, is wel-  
comed back into our peal columns.

Errata.—The quarter peal at Huish Episcopi  
on April 14th was the first of Minor for Miss  
B. J. Stevens and Miss P. M. Stevens, and not  
the first of Minor for C. J. Stevens.

Publow, Somerset, band have lost a member  
of long standing by the sudden death of Mr.  
Harry Baber, aged 70. He was on his way to  
work when he dropped dead in the road.

At Duxford, Cambs, there is an interesting  
list of belfry rules, one of which limits the  
number of Nonconformist ringers to one-third  
of the band, and insists that they attend their  
own church for service!

Six of the ringers in the peal of Yorkshire  
at Caldicot, Mon, are resident members of the  
Association. The only peals of Yorkshire pre-  
viously rung for the Association have been on  
ringing tours.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at  
Portsea on April 23rd was Marion J. Parker's  
first Surprise peal (on the treble) and first of  
Surprise Major 'inside' for her father, Mr.  
R. H. R. Parker.

The band which rang the peal at Thornbury,  
Glos, on Easter Monday, would like to ex-  
press their thanks to Mrs. W. J. Cook for en-  
tertaining them to a wonderful meal after the  
performance.

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# THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## 29 Members Rang Their First Peal

THE 72nd annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and a good congregation assembled for the special service at All Saints' Church at 11 a.m., at which the Assistant Bishop of Worcester (the Rt. Rev. C. E. Stuart) and the chaplain (the Rev. L. J. Birch) officiated.

The president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester, presided at the general business meeting held in College Hall, and it was a great satisfaction to the members to have him present, as he had only a few days previously left hospital after a serious illness.

Letters of thanks were read from the incumbents of Mickleton and Bidford-on-Avon for a grant of £10 to their restoration schemes, and from the County Playing Fields Association for the arrangements made for demonstrations of a model bell and handbell ringing at a county fair at Madresfield Court last summer.

### MEMBERSHIP DROP

The annual report stated that all branches showed a falling off in paid up performing members, the net result being a drop of 55 to a total of 480. This could look serious, but Branch secretaries seemed to have a happy faculty of collecting back subscriptions and they trusted this would be the case in 1955. The Belfry Repair Fund had increased to a total of £210 2s. 11d.

Fifty-six peals were rung during the year, of which five were rung on handbells, and probably the outstanding feature of these was that no less than 29 members rang their first peal. A combination of Brierley Hill and Kingswinford bands under the conductorship of the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, continued their advance in Spliced Triples by ringing the first ever in 11 methods.

"Tune ringing may not perhaps, strictly speaking, be within the scope and aims of the Association, but there seems to be an increasing public demand for this, and all branches are constantly being asked for their services at charity concerts, and they are always well received. Compared with more in-

dustrial areas we do not meet with any undue amount of opposition or complaints to the ringing of our church bells, and anything we can do to reach the general public must ultimately enhance the prestige of our Association."

The secretary reported that the Guildhall had been booked and the annual dinner would be held on Saturday, October 22nd, while the report of the librarian stated that Morris' 'Towers and Bells of Britain' had been added to the library.

Worcester was selected for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the committee.

### FACULTIES

It was decided to make a grant of £15 to the restoration of the bells at Great Comberton. Arising from a discussion on restoration schemes and faculties, it was resolved to approach the Bishop's Advisory Committee and ask if all matters relating to bells could be referred to the Association.

The secretary pointed out that a panel within the Association had already been appointed to give advice, and that one of their honorary members, the Rev. F. C. Champion, was a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee. In any case of a contentious nature he invariably referred the specifications to the Association before a faculty was granted.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president, while as a gesture of thanks to Bishop C. E. Stuart for welcoming the members for the annual service at All Saints', of which church he is Rector, he was added to the list of clerical vice-presidents. Mr. C. Skidmore was re-elected Master, the Rev. L. J. Birch chaplain, and Mr. J. D. Johnson general secretary and treasurer.

In proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks the Rev. L. J. Birch said how grateful they were to the Dean for presiding, and included in his thanks Bishop Stuart, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School and incumbents whose bells were used that day—Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

### 'A Great Swing Back to Ringing' — Bishop

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Chilvers Coton on April 16th. The ten bells were rung to various methods with rounds and call changes for the learners during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was held and an address on 'Churchmanship' given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby.

After tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and apologies read from the Bishop of Coventry, the Assistant Bishop, the Rev. W. C. Maggs, the Rev. J. H. Dingley and also honorary member Mrs. Sibley. The Bishop, in his letter, assured the ringers that whenever the bells are rung they proclaim the Gospel and assist in the evangelism of the work of Christ. The Bishop continued: 'I would also say to the bell-ringers, take courage because all over the country there is going on a great swing back to the ringing of church bells.'

The balance sheet showed a balance of £32 3s. 7d., and the Bell Repair Fund £22 13s. 3d.

The hon. general secretary's report stated that the total resident membership for 1954 was 210, 19 life, 7 honorary and 184 ringing. Sixteen new resident and 20 non-resident members were elected. Twenty-four peals were rung. Mr. Adolphus Roberts had taken a rope in a peal of Yorkshire Major at Allesley on the occasion of his 84th birthday on July 8th, ringing it faultlessly. Allesley, again, was the tower where a half-muffled peal was rung on February 13th in memory of Joseph H. W. White, who had been a most active member of the Guild and of the Allesley band for many years, and also a Central Council representative. Towards the end of the year Mr. Sam Carter had passed on, much missed by his fellow ringers at Bulkington.

The two district secretaries, Messrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward and H. Windsor, reported good attendances at meetings and interest created in isolated towers.

The officers were elected en bloc, namely:—President, the Rev. W. C. Maggs; vice-presidents, the Right Rev. N. W. Newnham Davis, Canon N. Prentice, Canon F. S. Herbert, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, Councillor H. Weston and the five former Masters of the Guild (Messrs. E. H. Adams, A. Roberts, F. E. Pervin, F. W. Perrins and A. H. Beamish); Master, Mr. R. J. Edden; hon. general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Northern District secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward; Southern District secretary, Mr. H. Windsor; hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin.

Rugby was proposed as the meeting place for July, as by that time the octave in the N.E. tower at St. Andrew's would be rehung in its new position.

New members elected were:—Messrs. R. A. Oram and F. S. Farmer (Leamington); R. Stott (Dunchurch); M. Tuffin (Keresley) and Miss E. Hardwick (Bilton). The election of Mr. C. E. Jefferies (Bedford), prior to a peal, was ratified.

The successful dinner held in Coventry in October was commented upon and a proposal, which was carried unanimously, was made to make it an annual event on the third Saturday in October.

The rule made when the Bell Repair Fund was inaugurated that application for a donation be made after the order was placed in the hands of a bellfounder, was rescinded, and it was resolved that the District secretaries make recommendations to the committee, who would report at the next general meeting. A collection made resulted in £1 7s. 9d. for the Fund.

A few minutes' silence was observed in memory of Mr. J. B. Fenton, of Rugby, who had recently passed on after a life of devoted service to ringing. D. E. B.

Congratulations to the young band at Badsey who rang their first peal at Cleeve Prior (reported in our last issue). The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar of Cleeve Prior (the Rev. A. Webb); who is a ringer. His kindness was much appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Hoare inquires whether Aldridge and Umberslade Surprise were rung with 2nds or 8ths place at lead end.

The peal at Bishampton, Worcs, on May 8th, 1954, was a non-Association peal, and not rung for the Worcestershire Association.

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wimborne Minster had an average age of 22 years seven months. They are anxious to learn of a younger band who have rung a peal of Surprise Royal.

Mr. John A. Hilton, Tunbridge Wells, requires information regarding the small bell placed just above the main entrance to Queen Elizabeth Castle, Jersey. The bell bears an inscription 'G. R. (crown) 1797.'

The Northern District of the London County Society had special ringing on St. George's Day at St. George's, Barking-side, which was attended by Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master) and Mr. J. H. Crampton (Ringing Master, S.W. Essex District). The ringing was for a Scout service attended by the Mayor of Ilford. The ringers would also like to couple with it 87th birthday greetings to Mr. W. Nelder, of Ilford.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Sible Hedingham on April 28th was the first rung in the Northern District of the Essex Association for nearly 21 years. The peal included five 'first,' and particular congratulations to Hilda on a 'first.'

The band that rang the peal at Bassingbourn regard it as the toughest peal they have yet undertaken. This was the first peal on the bells, and unless the bells receive attention it will probably be the last.

Within four days of work starting on the restoration of Dallington, Northampton, bells, two quarter peals have been rung in which seven members scored their first 'inside' in more than one method, and one a first of Minor on the treble.

His many friends and acquaintances in the S.W. District of the Essex Association will join with the local band in wishing bon voyage and Godspeed to Dr. C. E. Wright, of Hornchurch, who is embarking shortly for a two-year spell of military duty in Hong Kong. It was specially pleasant for the local band to have the Doctor conduct his own swan song, with his wife also taking part, when 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung for Matins on April 24th by: Mrs. D. M. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, T. East 6, Dr. C. E. Wright (conductor) 7, D. M. Salisbury 8.



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S EASTER TOUR, 1955

**T**HE Society was again favoured by fine weather when it visited Chesterfield for its annual tour. About twelve resident and seven former members arrived at the Clifton Hotel during the evening of Easter Saturday and on Sunday afternoon.

We were welcomed to the Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday by Mr. Sam Scattergood and the local ringers and later during the day for other services, when our failings at raising and lowering ten were apparent. During the afternoon a handbell peal of Bob Minor was rung, conducted by Peter Border.

On Monday morning we set out by motor coach in the direction of Derby, our first stop being Clay Cross, where the bells were so good that we immediately asked the Vicar, who met us, for permission for a peal attempt on the Friday. On our return to the coach we learned Duffield Royal in readiness for Sir Arthur Heywood's fine tower. Some of us had our first opportunity to ring Yorkshire Royal here and again at Derby Cathedral in the afternoon.

Tuesday's ringing began at Bakewell, where we were met by the Rev. G. Gordon Graham, who joined us for a well-struck course of London. Youghave, our next tower, was deeply impressed on the minds of several of our members because of the low staircase. Due to a long delay over lunch we had insufficient time to ring Ashbourne College Bob Major at Ashbourne, where the long draught proved troublesome. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Winksworth in the evening, conducted by Peter Border. The remainder 'snatched' this tower before proceeding to Matlock and Darley Dale, where Spliced Surprise was rung.

Spliced was again rung at Dronfield on Wednesday morning, but without any outside aid. We began our tour of Sheffield at Ranmoor, where we were met by Mr. Ditcher. We failed to do justice to this fine ten. After lunch we visited Sheffield Cathedral, which proved to be a little heavy for a band that was attempting a peal later in the day. Having described our activities to the local Press, we moved on to St. Marie's. After a short ring here the peal band left to return to Chesterfield by train. The Society's first peal of Yorkshire Royal, conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton, was rung on this excellent ten, and it was the first peal of Yorkshire Royal for six of the band. The remainder visited Eckington and Staveley.

The last day was spent amongst the picturesque Derbyshire Dales and the Peak District. Wormhill, whose church has the lightest ring of bells in the world, was our first stop and provided the highlight of the day. The treble was the most difficult bell to ring as it was the only bell with a stay! Moving on to the fine eight at Tideswell we demonstrated the art of change ringing to an American clergyman with a course of Lincolnshire. The start of the ringing at Fairfield was delayed by a funeral. Many extents of Stedman Doubles were rung on the Rudhall six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, whilst the majority of our party were sightseeing from the top of the tower. Later we were assisted in a course of Primrose by Mr. Peter Laffin. We spent a long time over tea at Castleton and had only a short ring on the eight, where the long ropes and ragged sallies tested our bell control.

Those who remained on the Friday rang a peal in the four Oxford Minor methods at Clay Cross, our fourth peal success in four attempts.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Phyllis Holborn for her excellent organisation. G. F. J., D. H. N.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION Southern District

The feature of the quarterly meeting at Redhill on April 23rd was the talk by the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, on 'How to learn methods.' This was intended primarily for those who had learned to handle a bell but were finding difficulty in progressing beyond that stage; it was of value, however, to all who heard it.

Mr. Cannon prefaced the main part of his talk by stressing the primary importance of handling the bell correctly, of counting one's place and of cultivating a sense of rhythm; without these essential preliminary qualifications no real progress could be made. He went on to explain the principles of hunting and, from that, how to learn the easiest of methods, Plain Bob. He emphasised the importance of study outside the belfry, of writing out courses of methods being learned and tracing from them the 'blue line' of an individual bell's work, and of using the treble as a 'signpost.' After Mr. Cannon had answered numerous questions, a hearty round of applause expressed the appreciation of all present for his most lucid exposition.

At the business meeting which preceded the talk, three new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Cracknell (unattached) and Miss R. Naylor (Coulston). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. G. C. Dyer).

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Relations With Call Change Ringers

When the Mid-Devon Branch held their meeting at Tounstal, Dartmouth, presided over by Mr. J. E. Lilley, a letter was received from the South Devon Ringers' Association asking the Branch to collect a team to ring for their service at Dean Prior on June 25th in connection with their ringing festival. The meeting decided to accept the invitation. A considerable discussion followed on the question of closer relationship between the Guild and call change ringers. The chairman (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott), Mr. E. J. Taylor and Mr. Middleton all advocated a closer link.

Three certificates of full membership were presented, whilst six ringers from Babbacombe, six from Tounstal and two from East Teignmouth were elected members. The election of three non-resident members prior to starting a peal was also confirmed. Subject to permission, a joint meeting with the South West Branch will be held at Wolborough on June 18th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. D. Watkins), and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave an eloquent address. A sumptuous tea was provided for a company of 40.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

At a quarterly meeting of the Central District at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on April 30th, thirty ringers and friends attended, 17 being members. The bells were soon found to be a 'real ladies' ring,' and altogether eight different methods were rung.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Chinnery and her helpers, and the gentlemen in particular seemed reluctant to leave the table.

At the business meeting, members were told of the death of Mrs. Kitty Matthews, a well-known and much-loved member of the Guild. The customary short silence was observed, and Mrs. Lock, president, gave a brief appreciation of Mrs. Matthews' loyalty to the Guild.

The Central District would like to thank the Rector of St. Margaret's for conducting the service, and also the organist for his help.

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD A New President

**S**EVENTEEN towers were represented at the 128th annual meeting of the Guild held at East Grinstead on April 16th, and the new Vicar (the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey) conducted the service and afterwards joined the company at tea. He was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

Three new members were elected—Miss French (Shipbourne), Mr. Colin Tester (Brenchley) and Mr. E. Brunger (Tunbridge Wells).

The annual report told members that the past year had been most successful, both in attendances and finances, the only pessimistic note being the falling off of vice-presidents' subscriptions, and members were asked to do what they could in their own towers to arouse interest and support.

The main interest in the election of officers was the election of a new president to succeed Dr. Golding-Bird, who had retired and left East Grinstead. Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey, as he thought that the Vicar of East Grinstead should hold this office, and in seconding this proposal, Mr. Wellington said that he was sure Mr. Copsey would make a worthy successor to Dr. Golding-Bird. He said that everyone would miss the retiring president, especially at the annual meetings, where for 17 years he had entertained the Guild to tea and had conducted the business in his own humorous way.

In reply, Mr. Copsey said that he would accept the office, and while he was no comedian, he would do his best for the Guild. From the chair, he proposed that a letter be sent to Dr. Golding-Bird saying how much he was missed and wishing him a happy retirement.

Mr. E. J. Ladd tried once more to swap jobs with Mr. A. Relfe, the vice-chairman, who declined to do so. In seconding the proposal of Mr. B. Collison that Mr. Ladd be re-elected, Mr. Wellington said that Mr. Ladd's personality made him a worthy chairman, and his patience with learners, and others who were getting old and unreliable, was outstanding.

All the other officers were re-elected except Mr. A. Lewry, who is now living in London. His place on the committee was filled by Mr. K. Hohl.

The date of the outing was fixed for September 10th, and for the dinner December 12th.

Mr. E. J. Ladd said that the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund was now in a position to make a grant, and proposed that £5 be given to East Grinstead tower towards new ropes. This was carried.

In reply to the votes of thanks, the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey said that he would like to carry on the tradition of his predecessor and entertain the company to tea. C. A. B.

## ARMY EXERCISE II.

The exigencies of the Service and the fact that Pibrigh bells were not available caused frantic rearrangements by Army ringers for their attempt for a peal in eight Doubles methods on April 26th.

Farnborough bells were secured and after 25 minutes the peal attempt was abandoned by the conductor. A quarter peal of 480 Winchester Place, 480 St. Simon's and 300 Grandshire was then rung by Pte. John E. Clark, R.A.S.C. 1, Cpl. Peter Beresford, R.A.P.C. 2, Pte. George N. Orman, R.A.S.C. 3, Dvr. Alan E. Hartley, R.A.S.C. 4, L.-Cpl. J. Alan Ainsworth, R.A.S.C. (conductor) 5, Pte. Roy H. Jones, R.A.M.C. 6.

Undaunted, the Army hope to attempt a peal again in the next few weeks before certain members of the band are posted or 'demobbed.'



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Symonds' letter and share his regret that Holt's Original is not often rung nowadays. I do not, however, agree with him that it is because our present-day conductors are incapable. To memorise the calling is a simple matter, but the difficulty lies in having to spread it out over approximately three hours, and with Parker's 12-part at their disposal, it is not surprising that they think the concentration required in calling the Original is not worth the effort.

Mr. Symonds is older in years than myself, but our ringing lives are about equal. I think he will agree that in our young days compositions of Grandsire Triples were almost restricted to Holt's Original, Holt's six- and ten-parts, Penning's one-part, and the Bob and Single peals. (It is true that the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and E. Bankes-James had begun to produce some new compositions, but with the exception of Charles Jackson, of Hull, these were seldom rung.)

The six- and ten-parts were frequently rung and accepted, but there was always an uncomfortable feeling about the Singles. The Bob and Single peals were never very popular, partly because of their monotony to ring, but chiefly because of the ease with which an unscrupulous conductor (and they were not unknown) could 'cook' a peal (hence the term 'Bob and Swindle'). This, therefore, only left the Original of Penning's one-part if a conductor wanted to ring a peal which really satisfied him and his band.

It was, if I remember rightly, about the end of the last, or the beginning of the present century, that Parker's 12-part first made its appearance, but it was not until after the 1914-18 war, when conducting ceased to be the prerogative of the few, that it received the popularity and appreciation it deserves.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

## LAMBERT'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major in 'The Ringing World' (Lambert's Variation) was given to me at the annual meeting of the Essex Association, Whit Monday, 1897, by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, as his peal; he told me he had called it twice.

I called the same peal at Harwich, Essex, on September 8th, 1900, in 2 hours 58 minutes, and the Harwich ringers have, I believe, placed a board in their belfry recording the peal, with H. J. Tucker as composer. It was my first peal as conductor.

The quarter peal by R. Overy was rung at Barking over 50 years ago, conducted by A. J. Perkins, of Romford.—Yours, etc.,

CALEB FENN.

Barking, Essex.

Dear Sir,—The figures given on page 268 as 'Lambert's Variation' are well known as the composition of J. R. Pritchard, a peal which gives the conductor a choice of starting at three different points. Mr. Pritchard himself was the first to call the peal, which was at Ormskirk on December 10th, 1887.

In the Central Council collection, page 196, the original composition is given, and a footnote indicates two other starting points of the peal, which clearly shows Mr. Pritchard as the author of the peal, including the optional starting point.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## A POINT FOR COMPOSERS

Dear Sir,—On page 238 of 'The Ringing World' for April 15th is published a 5,056 for the 8ths place variation of Evington Surprise Major. I would like to point out that this is a transposition of a peal of Superlative published by Gabriel Lindoff before the turn of the century.

It may not be generally realised that the calling for any composition for a 2nds place method with 4ths place bobs can always be transposed so as to be suitable for an 8ths place method with 6ths place bobs and the appropriate sequence of lead ends, the operation is simple; substitute O for R, I for W, F for M and H for B, then start the calling from the end and work backwards. For example, here is a little-known peal by Sir A. P. Heywood which is suitable for Superlative or Yorkshire:—

23456	B	M	W	R
45236				
62534				
53624				
65324				
42356				
35426				
35264	X			
23564				

Repeat twice.

When transposed for an 8ths place method this gives:—

23456	O	H	I	F
34256	—			
34625	—	X		
62345			—	
54326				—
43526				
52436				
64235				—
23645			—	

Repeat twice.

This composition is true for any 8ths place method with lead end 6482735 and f.c.e.'s 24365, 43265, 32465.

In a similar fashion peals in 8ths place methods using a 4ths place bob can be transposed to give peals in 2nds place methods using a 6ths place bob. For example, peals of Kent or Bristol will, if suitably treated and doubled with singles, give peals of Plain Bob with 6ths place bobs; it would be interesting to see if the peal of Plain Bob rung on this plan a year or two ago is actually a well-known peal of Bristol. Unfortunately I have not the figures available.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

## BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The appearance in recent issues of several peals of Bristol with various extent qualities prompts me to send the following composition which I put together about twenty years ago. The length is rather a drawback, but I have never been able to retain the same features in a reduced number of changes; however, the peal remains, so far as I know, the only one with double Wrongs and Homes throughout.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

5,280	BRISTOL	SURPRISE	MAJOR
23456	M	4ths	In W H
34625	2	—	2 2
26435			2 2
32654	2		2 2
23645	1	—	2 2

Twice repeated.

## PEALS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of your correspondent, David M. Lees, on page 267, the temporary shortage of peal reports for the issue of April 15th obviously gave you an opportunity of getting quarter peal reports up to date, while the inclusion of more compositions than usual, also more letters and other items, made up an issue of very general interest, a fact which was remarked upon by more than one ringer with whom I was in contact during that week-end.

The aim of our paper is to make the greatest appeal to the greatest number. The question of paying for publication of peals was an expression of individual opinion (to which the individuals were perfectly entitled), but never the view of the Central Council, and it is difficult to detect any good purpose which may have been served by your correspondent's letter.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

Dear Sir,—It seems that from time to time someone must, through your correspondence columns, give us a reason why ringers should not pay for the publication of their peals, the last letter on this subject being that from Mr. D. M. Lees.

Is it not time we all faced up to the fact that a high percentage of peal ringers do so for their own pleasure and self-gratification only? They should bear in mind that the bells are not there for their amusement, and that in most cases the ringers have not subscribed a penny towards the maintenance and care of the bells.

Though they cheerfully pay to go to football or cinemas, when it comes to paying for the two or three hours' enjoyment they have had from the bells, that is quite another story.

I enjoy ringing in a peal as well as any ringer, and I have my own opinion of those who show a reluctance to pay for the privilege. Indeed, if I were an incumbent, I should make a charge of at least 6d. a rope towards maintenance, and the conductor or organiser should collect at least another 6d. a rope towards publication. If, as Mr. Lees suggests, this decreases the number of peals, it will just go to show how much our hearts are really in our craft.—Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE G. SOPER.

Monken Hadley.

## 'RINGING WORLD' SPACE

Dear Sir,—I cannot let David M. Lees' statement that 'the publication of peals is the backbone of "The Ringing World"' pass without comment. He is implying that without three or four pages of peals you would not normally be able to get enough suitable material to fill 'The Ringing World.' I cannot believe this, and would be glad if you would tell us what the true position is.

As for his other statement that payment for peal publication would discourage peal ringing, the sooner this type of peal ringer goes out of existence the better. Just fancy a man ringing a bell for three hours in order to get his name in print. Some peals, no doubt, would not be published, which would be a pity. I think they should all go in 'The Ringing World,' but not take up quite so much space as they now do, then we should have room for a few more of those interesting articles which I am sure you have tucked away in your bottom drawer.—Yours sincerely,

E. F. FOSBERRY.

Horsham.

[Note.—For the ten weeks following Easter there is material for another eight pages of 'The Ringing World.' Except for about eight weeks in the year, another four pages could be provided: at holiday weeks it is at times difficult to fill 16 pages. To create a larger 'Ringing World' would require a full-time Editor. Peals are news, and by some of our readers are read with the same avidity as cricket or football results.—Ed.]



## LETTERS—Continued

'ALDRIDGE,' 'UMBERSLADE,'  
'KIRKINGTON' AND 'IMBERHORNE'

Dear Sir,—In the issue of April 22nd you published two new methods under the names of Aldridge and Umberslade. It was not, however, stated what place was made at the whole pull of the treble. I should be glad if this information could be given. It would also help those who, like myself, keep a record of new methods, if the type of bob used was stated. The position is the same for the method published as Kirkington, although as Middleton's was rung to this, it seems almost certain that 2nds place was used. Could someone confirm this?

It is of great importance to the Exercise that new methods which are rung are published in these columns and, furthermore, that they are stated fully. Unless we take care to see that this is done, the situation will be quite chaotic in years to come.

I think it is also desirable that these methods should be published as soon as possible after they are rung. I hope the recent publication of a number of methods, in place notation, in the same issue as the peal itself, will be continued. If the publication of a method is long delayed there is a chance, admittedly small, that it will be rung again under a different name; alternatively, it is possible that it has been rung previously, and when it is finally published the correspondence pointing out either of these errors will appear many issues later than the original peal, which unfortunately still bears the incorrect name. In such circumstances future mistakes are made much more likely. The method I have in mind which prompts these remarks is Imberhorne. It is now over a year since this method was rung, and the figures were asked for about two months ago. Could we have them without delay?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

## SILENT TOWERS IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—With reference to peal ringing in Middlesex, under long silences, Christ Church, Poplar (8), from what I can gather, is being pulled down or has already been pulled down.

St. Andrew Undershaft (6) has just recently had a ring of six installed, but these bells are rung dead, the reason stated being that the tower is unsafe for a ringing peal.

St. Katherine Cree (6) is at the moment out of action owing to war damage and death-watch beetle in the roof. It is hoped to restore this church in the future.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. BULLOCK.

Romford, Essex.

## CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Glenn, asks for information concerning the word 'Northern' in the jingle quoted by the Rev. G. S. Tyack in 'A Book About Bells.' It should, of course, be Northenden, but village names often were and sometimes still are, shortened in the speech of the neighbourhood. In this case, too, the rhythm is improved by the shorter form.

Mr. Tyack was misled by this contraction and wrote, 'Some genius of Northern in Cheshire . . . whereas no such place exists. There are a number of similar jingles about Cheshire bells, although most of them concern this part of the county.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. CLARKE.

Mollington, Chester.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On May 1st, 1,296 Minor (720 Cheviot Treble Bob and 576 Cambridge Surprise): M. Fuller 1, A. S. Richards 2, I. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, J. E. Cannell 5, R. Bird 4 (cond.) 6. First extent of Cheviot for all.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## A Financial Recovery

**W**ELL over 100 members attended the annual meeting held at Watford on April 16th and the towers opened for ringing during the day were filled 'to capacity' by cycling, car and coach parties.

The service at Watford Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. St. John Thorpe, who gave the address. A special feature of the service was the touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) and F. W. Brinklow. Tea at the Parish Hall was presided over by the Vicar who was warmly thanked on behalf of the members by Mr. E. H. Lewis.

The President of the Association (Mr. J. Hobbs) welcomed the members and visitors and opened the business meeting. He referred to the passing of Messrs. C. P. Chalk (Much Hadham), G. H. Griggs (Northaw), J. E. Jones (Rickmansworth), H. Tharby (Hatfield), John Foster (Hitchin), E. J. Gale (St. Albans), R. P. Crump (Hornsey), F. White (ex-Oxhey), F/O A. Hunt (Sandridge), B. Patmore (Gt. Munden), and Mr. Radley (Broxbourne), and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New members elected included 12 probationers from St. Albans Cathedral, A. Boyd (Northaw), A. M. Warris and R. G. Ouston (Edgware).

## SUPPORT FOR 'RINGING WORLD'

The annual report, read by the hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost), stated that the year had been one of steady progress, and there was evidence of new recruits to the art of church bell ringing all over the county.

Messrs. B. Barker, E. G. Buck, G. Dodds and K. Dunstan had been appointed 'Ringing World' representatives for their districts and the Association had headed the list, so far, in getting the highest number of members to become postal subscribers to that paper.

There had been more bell restorations again this year at some of the six-bell towers. Essendon bells had been rehung, Great Amwell's new ring of five was augmented to six, while Elstree bells were to be recast and Kimpton bells were to be rehung.

A total of 54 peals had been rung during the year, but for the first time since 1928 none were recorded on handbells. The calling of the peals was divided between sixteen conductors, of whom Mr. Derek P. Jones took the lead with a total of eleven peals; 13 members had rung their first peal and one his first as conductor.

'Painswick Surprise, Loughborough Bob and Beretun Bob Major have been new methods for our records, while Double Oxford Bob Major has not been rung in this county except on handbells. Several Minor methods were rung to peals for the first time through the enthusiasm of Mr. D. P. Jones and his young band.

'On the financial side, all but £25 of the very generous loan of £150 made three years ago has been repaid. We are now in a position to completely repay this loan, but we shall have to concentrate on raising our Reserve Fund to at least £100 in order to cope with future emergencies. We must never again allow this association to get into such a low financial position.'

The report was adopted.

The financial statements were presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham). The Benevolent Fund had a balance of

£22 1s. 1d. with £63 8s. 7d. on deposit. The Voluntary Bell Fund after a grant of five guineas to Great Amwell showed a balance of £41 19s. 2d. The General Accounts showed an excess over expenditure of £18 7s. 4d. on the year.

On the recommendation of the committee, the President proposed that the balance of £25 on the loan of £150 be repaid. This was agreed upon and the thanks of the Association were expressed by Mr. E. G. Buck to the generous person who had made it possible for the association to carry on over a most difficult period.

A grant of five guineas to the Elstree Bell Fund was agreed upon.

Mr. B. Barker's propositions, relating to various aspects of Association work, were put to the meeting and after much discussion Mr. Barker withdrew certain propositions entailing demands on the funds; the remaining items were put to the vote and defeated.

## MR. C. W. WOOLLEY NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. C. W. Woolley was elected President with acclamation and thanked the members for his election. He also congratulated Mr. J. Hobbs on his successful year of office.

The remaining officers were re-elected: Hon. General Secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Debenham; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; Hon. Librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer; Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. H. Hole, C.A.

The next item on the agenda concerned peals of Bob Triples and as the Association had rung such peals since 1887, including several in recent years, the hon. secretary explained that this item was included in order to give members the opportunity of expressing their views on the matter for the guidance of the Central Council representatives.

After considerable discussion it was resolved 'that this meeting is in favour of peals of Bob Triples being included in the Central Council's "Peals Analysis." The hon. general secretary was further instructed to forward the resolution to the hon. secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. J. M. Page gave notice that arrangements had been made with the Diocesan Authorities for ringing to be included on the Church stand at the Hertfordshire Show at Willian on May 25th and invited further support.

The proposed Festival at Benington on May 28th would have to be postponed as the bells were likely to be undergoing restoration.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre to all who had shared in the work of the meeting arrangements. The meeting then closed, several members taking the opportunity of inspecting the work of Mrs. G. Dodds in the new peal book.

H. V. F.

## THREE COUNTIES AT BAMPTON MEETING

About 70 ringers from the Devon Guild, Bath and Wells Association and Salisbury Diocesan Guild attended the N.E. Branch meeting at Bampton on April 23rd. The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) said how pleased he was to see so many ringers from three counties present. Canon C. C. Cox, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave an account of the Clerical Ringers' tour of North Devon.

The Rector of Bampton conducted the service and in his address gave an account of the history of the 500 years old stained glass window which was restored when the Guild President was Rector of Bampton.

Ringing to suit all was controlled by Mr. A. G. Selley.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ANSTEE, LEICS.**—On April 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, P. R. Johnson 3, R. Elkington 4, D. S. Harris 5, A. Disney 6, G. H. Arguile 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 3. A wedding compliment to Michael D. Stanforth (ringer at this church) and Margaret Pulling, whose marriage took place at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Acomb, York, on April 9th.

**ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke (first in 3 methods) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen on her birthday.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On April 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**BETHNAL GREEN, E.**—On April 24th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Grainger 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. Hales 5, Dr. D. G. Hollis 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, P. P. Brown 2, Miss J. Cox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, Miss D. M. Ward 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins on Easter Sunday.

**BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, E. Geeves 2, R. Line (first as cond.) 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Smart 5. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung by local band for early morning service. Also on April 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen 2, M. S. Dyer 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for St. George's Day. Also on April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, E. Whiting 2, Lucy Allen 3, M. S. Dyer 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Frank Warrington, late ringing master of the Huntingdon district.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On April 24th, 360 Double Court, 360 Cambridge, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**—On April 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 3, T. J. Clark 4, R. Rowley 5, A. Cutler 6, G. W. Seaman 7, T. W. Sheppard 8. Also on April 28th, 1,280 Faling Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. Wenban 3, T. J. Clark 4, R. Rowley 5, A. Cutler 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, C. W. Woolley 8.

**CRAFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On May 1st, 1,320 Doubles (240 Kennington Pleasure, 1,080 Plain Bob): Miss M. Crosier 1, C. H. Newell 2, H. Willis (first 'inside') 3, D. W. James (cond., Plain Bob) 4, F. E. Crosier (cond., Kennington) 5. First quarter in two methods by all the band. Rung for Sunday service by the local band.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. George 1, J. Chittenden 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, G. Gray 5, C. J. Walker 6, P. Westwood 7, D. J. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Golding, J.P., churchwarden of St. Mary's.

**EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, E. Geeves 2, R. Line 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Penn, daughter of churchwarden.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): D. Small (first of Triples) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. Coope 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Easter carol service.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. Martin 2, W. Cox 3, W. Jones 4, J. Whiting 5, T. Borcham 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, F. Blown 8.

**HEDDINGTON, WILTS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Hubbard (first quarter) 1, Miss Maundrell 2, Mrs. Winkless 3, J. Parsons 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, H. White 6. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to the Rev. R. Wood, curate of Calne, who is shortly leaving for South Africa.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, L. Fisher 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drake (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, J. V. Temple 4, P. G. Butler 5, J. Delahoy 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. W. Ball, an old ringer and chorister, who was interred this day.

**MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 6.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): J. Uden 1, A. Tapley (first in three methods) 2, H. Allert 3, W. E. Eveleigh 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. Rung to celebrate the birth, in Uganda, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. T. Allen, and a grand-daughter of the ringer of the third.

**NEMPNETT THURBELL, SOMERSET.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Norfolk, 240 Old, 240 April Day and 540 Plain Bob): Miss R. Strong (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright 4, M. Horseman (first as cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**OFFWELL, DEVON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, B. Tozer (first 'inside') 2, W. Sparks 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

**OLD WOKING, SURREY.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): A. Twiddle 1, Miss M. Ridcutt 2, D. Pollard 3, Miss P. Drury 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5, D. Wright 6, J. Martin (cond.) 7, G. Cole 8.

**PUBLOW, SOMERSET.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitmore 1, K. Cobb 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. W. Ball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry Baber (70), an old Publow ringer, whose funeral took place that day.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On April 11th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, Miss P. Holmes 2, E. Treagus 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5, R. P. Wood 6, H. C. Weaver 7, W. T. Beeson 8.

**SOMERTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cooper (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Stella Allen 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, G. Jeans 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jill Williams, elder daughter of the Vicar's warden, to Mr. David Carswell.

**SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Miss E. Warren 1, Miss R. Chesley 2, H. Pope 3, M. Looker 4, J. Stone (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss O. Chesley, member of this tower.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, J. M. Jelley 2, Miss G. R. Bodycote 3, B. S. Chapman 4, G. H. Bray 5, N. Mayes (first of Stedman) 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. Norman 8. Also for Evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. R. Bodycote 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, B. S. Chapman 4, N. Mayes (first of Surprise Major) 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, J. M. Jelley 8. Both by the local band.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dunn 1, A. L. Dunn 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is home on leave from the R.A.F., serving in Gibraltar.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Steed 1, R. Chapman 2, A. Print 3, V. Hunt 4, J. Findon 5, J. Lyne 6, G. Ingram (cond.) 7, W. Cocking 8, F. Lyne 9, E. Smith 10.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Cherriman (first of Minor) 1, Marian Skinner 2, Helen Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. J. Luff (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6. Rung by the Sunday evening service band as a farewell to Marian Skinner, who is taking up an appointment in Leeds on May 2nd.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On April 14th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: D. M. Knox 1, J. G. Newman 2, J. W. V. Sinfield 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, R. J. Sharp 5, P. Mehew 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

**WESTONING, BEDS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Culpin 1, T. P. Harris 2, P. J. Lawton 3, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 4, J. F. Olney 5, D. R. Brazier 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Watts, a ringer at Houghton Conquest for 52 years.

## DEDICATION

### A NEW IRISH TEN

A new ring of ten bells was dedicated at St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast, on April 23rd, by the Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore. The new ring is a light ten with a 12½ cwt. tenor, the contract having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This is the first parish church in Ireland to have a ring of ten.

At the conclusion of the service the following picked band rang a touch of Grandsire Caters: Messrs. P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), F. E. Dukes (Drogheda), W. Pratt, R. Stringer, T. E. Smeltzer, J. T. Dunwoody, H. Brown, J. Savage (Hollywood), W. Hall and Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's).

About 150 visitors were entertained to tea by the local band, after which Mr. J. M. Benn (chairman of the local society) thanked Messrs. Taylor and Co., Mr. Dukes, the St. Donard Society and the Hollywood ringers, particularly Messrs. Dunwoody and Brown for their valuable advice and assistance in the training of the ringers. He presented the Hollywood Society with a framed illuminated bell-ringers' prayer as a token of his Society's thanks for the use of Hollywood bells and the training of their ringers.

Afterwards visiting ringers put this very nice ring to good use and various methods were rung.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Bicester Deanery Branch

In his report to the annual meeting of the Bicester Branch at Ambrosden on April 30th, the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) reported that membership was down but Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and ringing had started again at Brill, Ambrosden and Stratton Audley.

The Branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) was in the chair, and he was re-elected. Other officers elected were:—Vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. J. H. Elkerton; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to Central Committee, Mr. E. G. Jones (Piddington) and Mr. W. Baggett (Bicester). Elected new members of the Guild were:—Mr. A. Sharp (Fritwell), Miss Angela L. M. Greenway (Piddington), the Misses Joan Roberts, Margaret J. Stockill, Eileen Chapman, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. J. Turner, Mrs. Wallis (Ambrosden), Mr. D. Penn (Launton) and the Rev. J. Pickering. The Branch meeting was arranged for July 9th.

Thanks were accorded to the president for conducting the service, the Rev. J. Pickering for preaching the sermon, Mrs. Harper, organist, and the Ambrosden choir. A sum of £2,000 is required for repairs to Ambrosden Church, and the collection, which amounted to £1 11s. 10d., was for this object.

## LATE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea.—D. W. Kirkpatrick, 3, Crouchley Lane. 6351

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Two Districts combined meeting, May 21st. Bells available, Broughton (6) 2.30-4. Service at Broughton Church, 4 p.m. Tea 5 at the Butcher's Arms, Nether Wallop. Nether Wallop (5) after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6352

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Guildford District), **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6354

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 2 p.m. Please send names for tea by 23rd.—B. Chilvers, Cotton. 6353



## OBITUARY

## MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS

With the death of Mrs. Kitty Matthews at the Middlesex Hospital on April 29th following a short illness, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields have lost one of their most loyal and respected members.

The funeral service was at Putney Vale Crematorium on May 3rd, when ringers of the London area were well represented by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County, Middlesex and Surrey Associations.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were those from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the Ladies' Guild, the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Isleworth and other ringing friends.

Learning to ring at St. Anne's, Highgate, during the first world war under the tuition of her father, Frank Smith, and other well-known Cumberlands, Kitty Matthews rang her first peal, one of Bob Major, in October, 1920. Prior to her marriage, in 1923, she rang only five peals, and it was not until 1936 that she again began to take an active interest in peal ringing. In that year she rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, and it was at about that time that she became a member of the band at St. Martin's.

Of recent years she had been looking forward to, and had almost realised, a modest ambition to ring her 100th peal. Her closest friends will remember how she approached that landmark with an eagerness typical of her youthful enthusiasm.

The peal of Erin Cinques at St. Martin's, in February of this year, was her 97th, and her 56th for the Cumberlands. In her total she numbered the married couples' peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester in 1948, and the mothers' and sons' peal of Bob Major at Feltham in 1951.

She was for two years secretary of the Cumberlands; that Society will be the poorer for the passing of a devoted servant.

Kitty Matthews was greatly loved at St. Martin's. Her cheery smile and infectious enthusiasm will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.

## MR. GEORGE HUGHES

Mr. George Hughes, of Stanmore, passed away at the age of 80 in Harrow Hospital on April 29th. He had been a chorister and ringer at Stanmore Church for more than 50 years and was tower master from 1922 until his health began to fail in 1946.

Not a great peal ringer, he was one of those who form the backbone of our Exercise, a most faithful Sunday service ringer. At one time a register of attendance was kept at the tower; from this it was found that out of 1,764 possible occasions he had only been absent 29 times, always owing to illness or absence from Stanmore on holiday. Truly a remarkable record.

He was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association in 1899, having just missed being a founder member, and was made an honorary life member after 50 years' membership, a fact of which he was very proud.

He was cremated at Golders Green on Wednesday, May 4th, after a short service at Stanmore Church, at which the local band was represented by the wife of the tower master.

A peal of Stedman Triples in his memory was rung at Stanmore last Saturday, the bells being left unmuffled, as was his wish. E. J. L.

## NOTICES

## Scale of Charges

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## BIRTH

SOAR.—To Winnie (née Hodgkinson) and Walter G., on May 2nd, 1955, at the Queen Mary Maternity Home, Derby, the precious gift of twin daughters. 6346

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews and family wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all ringing friends for floral tributes and letters of sympathy in their sad loss. 6308

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. J. D. Rock is now: The Avenue House, The Green, Richmond, Surrey.

## HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—An octave of (8) handbells in E flat, in good, clean condition. £18 or nearest offer.—Apply Mr. P. Barnes, 14, Dunthorne Road, Colchester, Essex. 6318

## HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 8 (preferred) in good condition.—D. Prickett, 38, Lanser Road, Stanwell, near Staines, Middlesex. 6342

## PUBLICATION

CHESHIRE BELLS, PART IV. Contains details of a further twenty-one rings in the county. Fully illustrated. PART III also available. Copies, 2s., from J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester. 6261

## MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, ABERGAVENNY.—Please note, when making inquiries: Mr. M. O. Roberts, 76, St. Helens Road, is now secretary for the above band, following Mr. George Ward, who has been elected captain. 6320

RINGERS on holiday in the Broads district will be welcome at Acle Church. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Acle Church is on the main Norwich road, one mile from Acle Bridge. Practice night Thursday, 7.30, or by arrangement.—H. W. Lidbetter, Captain. 6341

## MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association, Market Drayton, May 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6336

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on May 14th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6313

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Parker, The Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. 6300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Caxton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Bricklayers' Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 14th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6288

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—May 14th, Little Hadham, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service, Much Hadham, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 7 p.m. Badges and reports available.—T. J. Southam. 6286

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington (8), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 6335

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 14th, St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Even song and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORDSWORTH 5109). 6235

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper (8) Saturday, May 14th. Please bring own tea.—E. Rapley, Hon. Div. Sec. 6281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, May 14th. 6290

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Ubley, May 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6322

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6330

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea at 5. Rounds to Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 6312

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6326

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, free, for those notifying by 17th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6345

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Arley, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise for tea as early as possible to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6328

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Brassington (6), near Wirksworth, May 21st. 3 p.m. Bus dep. Matlock 1.55 p.m., Wirksworth 2.15 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6336

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, May 21st. 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 19th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. 6317

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, South Wingfield, Saturday, May 21st. Own food.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 21st, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6323

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Dyrham, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 17th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6329

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), May 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 18th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6321

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD**—Meeting, Hastings, May 21st. All Saints' 2.30-4.30; St. Clement's 5.45-7.30. Names for tea, by May 18th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6315

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Ledbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6310

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Bromfield, Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 6314

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, Knebworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Knebworth House open 2-5.—E. Buck, S. Huckle, Dis. Secs. 6311

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, May 18th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, Kent. 6333

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, May 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus from Piccadilly or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 6344

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6307

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northern Branch Annual. Sleaford, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Sec. 6275

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Hinckley District.—Desford, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names, please, by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. J. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford, Leicester. 6338

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Countesthorpe and Willoughby Waterless May 21st. Names for tea, by the 18th, to Miss Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, Leics. 6338

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**—Joint meeting, Packington, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those who notify, by 19th. G. Brown, The Banks, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. 6318

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Medbourne, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Outing fare (£1) to be paid this day.—L. W. Allen. 6339

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Hoby, May 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (at 4.30), by the 18th, to Mr. Burnham, Elm Cottage. 6331

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**—S. and W. District.—On Saturday, May 21st. Ringing at Ruislip (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tea available in the district. Ringing at Pinner (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6341

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**—Meeting at Leek, May 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, before May 19th, to E. Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6309

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6298

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Important—notify by 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen St. Abingdon, Berks. 6267

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6292

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing Goring and Streteley 3 p.m. Service Goring 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing Goring and South Stoke after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 18th, to L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvendon Road, Goring.—Burton. 6332

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Pottersbury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brafield (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meet after business meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 17th, to Mr. P. Jones, 2, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants.—G. F. Roome. 6304

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—The Guild Festival, Marlborough, Saturday, May 21st. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets 4s. (before Wednesday, May 18th, from Hon. Sec.). Bells available from 12-2 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Aldbourne (8), Marlborough St. Mary (6). Pre-shute, Overton, Pewsey, Everleigh, Ramsbury, Burbage, Ogbourne St. Mary, St. George, Chilton Foliat, Melksham (8), Devizes (8), and Bishop's Cannings (8) will be open if necessary.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham (Phone 2297). 6282

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**—Spring meeting at Rugeley, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 18th to Mr. J. H. Joyner, Wedgnock, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffs. 6274

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8) Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 6287

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—75th anniversary dinner will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Immanuel, Streatham (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, South Croydon (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Beddington (10) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Croydon (12), 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s., now available from W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, Croydon. 6289

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Ringmer, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by 18th, to: C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6241

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. J. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, by 19th. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD**—Meeting on May 28th at Wadhurst, Sussex, when it is hoped to dedicate the new trebles to the recently rehung and retuned six. Service 2.45. Tea 5. in the Institute. Names to me by May 26th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. Everyone welcome. 6327

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea. Names for tea to S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 6343

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—Annual general meeting at Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost; address by Canon M. N. Lake, M.A., Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6); from 6 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Light refreshments available at popular prices in the Cathedral Hall from 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost to members 4s., non-members 5s.). Tea, served as a running buffet, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (cost 1s. 6d.). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by May 25th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 6316

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**—Annual Festival at Exmouth, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service Holy Trinity Church 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Forte's Channel View Cafe (next the Pavilion on the sea front) 1.15 p.m.; prepaid tickets 5s. each. Bells: Littleham (8) and Withycombe Raleigh (8) 10-11.45 a.m. and after the meeting. Remittances for lunch tickets, not later than May 24th, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 6305

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground, 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Annual Festival at Frodsham, Saturday, June 4th. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and annual meeting. Towers available: Frodsham from 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Daresbury and Runcorn 2-3 p.m. and after meeting.—J. Kingdom, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD**—Western District.—The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Minehead on June 11th. The usual coach will run from the Bath-Bristol district. Other towers available. Lunch at Dulverton. Names for coach and applications for further details as soon as possible, please, to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol.

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