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OLD BOB

OLD Bob prided himself on being the 'triple tenor ringer,' which really meant he was a specialist in ringing the tenor to triple methods on the light octave in his village tower. By trade he was well known as a chimney sweep and he also served as a chorister and steeplekeeper with unfailing regularity. He was short and stocky with a nice long beard, and he loved his trade as a sweep; in fact, he would emerge from his home early in the morning with all the signs of having swept many chimneys before starting the day's work. Whether he did this to show people he was a practical sweep or to remind householders of their chimneys, nobody seemed to know, for Bob was very reticent in business matters.

His career as a singer in the choir is too long for these columns, and to ringers he was known for his cheery smile, his punctuality and his quaint sayings. As a steeplekeeper he had his own ideas of dusting, and if he happened to see dust on the long seat he would slide himself along if no duster was handy. Once when Bob was needed above and he mounted the wall ladder soot came down on the heads of ringers with every step he took, and it was resolved that Bob be given a lecture when he descended. After talking nicely to him he agreed to try and abate the trouble which he said must have come from his beard, and it was a different Bob when he next came to ring, for his features had received due attention from the proper quarter.

Our real problem was to get Bob into other towers when we visited neighbouring bands, but for years he preferred his own tower, and would not be induced to pay a friendly visit to ring with nearby ringers. After pressing Bob for a long time we told him of a visit we were making to ring on a lovely ring of bells, saying they were the best for many miles around, and we had a surprise when he announced: 'I'd like a ring on them air bells.' We cheerfully walked the five miles in order that Bob should show his skill on the tenor in an away tower, but on entering the ringing chamber he surveyed the scene, asked which was the tenor and then said: 'I can't ring that air tenor like that.' It was pointed out that the tenor rope, being near the clock case boarding, needed to be rung with one's back tight against the boarding, and no difficulty would occur providing he kept erect.

After watching a touch of Major, Bob took hold of the rope with confidence, for he regarded himself as a good tenor man to Triples. The hand stroke went well, but on

the down stroke Bob did his usual bend, bobbed against the clock case, was shot forward and failed to get the sally. Soon Bob was struggling with much loose rope and we had to stop, for he seemed scared out of his wits, quite unlike the cheery character we knew at home. When the struggle was over Bob sat down to rest after the ordeal and silence reigned, that awful silence which sometimes comes in many a belfry, then someone asked Bob to try again, but sadly he shook his head, probably because he was at a loss for words.

On the road home in the dark Bob and myself walked side by side and for a short while neither of us spoke, but suddenly old Bob started to try and explain his failure to put up a good show in his first away tower. Had the clock case not been there he would have found room to do his little bend, was his theme, and he was of the opinion that the tenor ringer should have more room, yet when we realised how long the local tenor man had managed the bell without trouble and had rung several peals, it certainly proved to Bob that small difficulties can be overcome by adaptation.

The failure to put up a good exhibition had certainly upset Bob, for he began to talk about sending in his resignation as a ringer, but the writer promptly dispelled all thoughts of such drastic measures because of a simple mishap in a strange tower, and pointed out how valuable his services were in his own tower. Lots of ringers can only ring the tenor behind, but in most cases they do the job well and are an asset to a band; besides, we should miss old Bob in many ways and ringing would not be quite the same without him. And so we said 'Good night' after Bob had agreed to continue and confine his ringing to his home tower, solemnly remarking, 'There's no place like home.'

Good old Bob, one of the cheerful sort who took plenty of leg-pulling in good part, and he would make us smile when he used words such transport for transept and flims for films, but deep down in our hearts we regarded him as a loyal, keen churchworker and one to be relied on at the appointed times for ringing. Bob was greatly missed when he left the district to reside in eastern England, but he left behind many happy memories of duty well done, even though his ringing ability was limited. Many such characters exist and have existed in towers throughout the land, and it is the thoroughness in them that brings out values that are not fully appreciated until retirement comes along.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ..Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3	ALBERT M. TYLER 8
JOHN THOMAS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5	THOMAS W. LEWISTenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The conductor's 1,000th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 KNEBORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY ..Treble	*DENNIS KNOX 5
*ALICK CUTLER 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
†JOHN R. MAYNE 3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
†L. NORMAN PARK 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 200th peal for the Association. † First peal in the method. ‡ 100th peal on these bells.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..Treble	WALTER M. GODDARD .. 5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 3	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rusby;
also a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goddard.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

WILFRID G. WILSON ..Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	*FREDERICK P. MEADE .. 7
SQUIRE CROFT 4	HAROLD W. ROGERSTenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung to mark the completion of 50 years of ringing by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RUTH M. JACKSON ..Treble	ALAN J. BROWN 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ROBIN G. TURNER 6
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

Rung as a memorial to Ian, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dun-kerley.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*RUTH MORGANTreble	GEORGE L. BUSH 5
†JAMES W. HAW 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
CHARLES C. RAWDING .. 3	†HORACE BENNETT 7
†W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

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

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
*ERIC N. HARRISON 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
*ROGER BALDWIN 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT ..Treble	KENNETH A. ROE 5
ANNIE E. HAINES 2	RICHARD J. CARTER 6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD 3	SAMUEL J. HAINES 7
ANDREW R. CARTER 4	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD ..Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by THOMAS EDWARD HARROLD.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrold;
a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lovell; a 21st birthday compliment
to Mr. R. J. Carter; and on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. E.
Lloyd. All are members of the above Society.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,728 Superlative, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Bristol and 864 London, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ..Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	TONY PRICETenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS ..Treble	ORRELL DAVIES 5
RONALD BAGNALL 2	RAYMOND JOHNSON 6
BRIAN TOMLINSON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY 4	JOHN F. WOODTenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung in appreciation of the services of the late Vicar of this parish,
Rev. I. G. McClintock, who was killed on Tuesday, June 8th, outside
this church.**CHURCH & TURRET CLOCKS**

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	WALTER HOUGHTON 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY 2	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	EILEEN BRACEY 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by EILEEN BRACEY.

A birthday compliment to Raymond G. Lofty.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*THOMAS R. ROAST Treble	HARRY HARPER 5
MARY DOWSETT 2	PETER J. CAME 6
*MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN .. 3	EDWARD W. ROAST 7
ALAN CARVETH 4	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWLETT.

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
VIVIAN HORTON Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE 5
ROLAND BENISTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS 4	WILLIAM THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

First in the method by all and for the Guild.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JACK H. BRETT Treble	TERRY EARLE 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 7
*MICHAEL H. R. GLOVER .. 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mayle, of Clare, Suffolk, on the birth of a son.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 53 methods, containing 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire. 158 changes of method.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER Treble	HOWARD SCOTT 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
GORDON BENFIELD 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The most Major methods ever rung to a peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 5
*TREVOR A. CROSS 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* 100th peal, and has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for St. John the Baptist Day, also to commemorate 40 years as ringer at the above church by the conductor.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING Treble	*LAWRENCE HITCHENS 5
STANLEY R. COCKEL 2	HARRY HEATH 6
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
COLIN A. TESTER 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* 50th peal together.

In memoriam William R. Baxter, June 18th, 1955.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,496 of London, 1,344 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and 576

Superlative, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 5
*GWEN I. RUSBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	WALTER HUNT 5
*FRANK W. LEWIS 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 6
ALFRED K. STREET 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 7
HAROLD SMITH 4	JESSE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the commencement of regatta week.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

W. NORMAN GENNA .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. FULTON 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. Treble	*ROY K. MOWFORTH 5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	*ALBERT E. GARBETT 6
*CHARLES HONE 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
FRANK H. ELEY 4	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Charles Hone.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JACK ASHCROFT 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	RONALD KENRICK 6
G. ALEX DIMMOCK 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY SAGE Treble	MOLLIE MAY 4
*MICHAEL SAGE 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
BRIAN WOODRUFFE 3	NEIL LOMAS Tenor

Conducted by NEIL LOMAS.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newbury Branch).

On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARK ROSIER Treble	*GILBERT TOWNSEND .. 4
S. FRANK TUFFLEY 2	HAROLD P. REED 5
*MICHAEL M. MAISEY .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

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

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day and the birth of a son to Mrs. T. Hutchison, daughter of S. F. Tuffley. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD PEACOCK Treble	STANLEY SHIPP 4
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
*GEORGE A. WALKER 3	*ARTHUR YARROW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*JOHN W. COLGATE Treble	HORACE D. TAYLOR 4
JAMES SMART 2	*ARTHUR B. CANNINGS .. 5
*JOHN COLGATE 3	*EDWARD KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by HORACE D. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Also a 17th birthday compliment to John Colgate and a compliment to F. W. Cannings, tower master for 51 years and verger for 40 years.

GOTHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 by Morris and 40 extents, 10 different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM DAKIN Treble	FRED PRIESTLEY 3
*MARGARET E. HILL 2	SYDNEY ADAMS 4
CHARLES W. TOWERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and thirty six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*JOHN W. DUCKETT Treble	DEREK E. GRIFFIN 3
CHARLES W. BROWN 2	RICHARD J. SEATON 4

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MILLWARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob. Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESLIE KEY Treble	DONALD COOMBS 4
BARRY COOK 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
PHILIP SADLER 3	BRIAN J. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Southrepps, All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob, two 240's of Pitman's Grandsire, and ten extents of Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*ROLAND H. COOK Treble	ALFRED E. HINMAN 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR 2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT 5
J. HARRY COOK 3	WILFRED L. GOODACRE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer for his 13th birthday.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., June 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London, Wells, Netherseale, Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN Treble	TOM BIRD 4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 100th peal. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the 3rd.

SENNEN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENNEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

THOMAS ROAST Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	PETER CAME 5
EDWARD W. ROAST 3	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Minor on the bells and of Surprise Minor in West Cornwall.

COWLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

PETER R. SANDERS Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 4
DAVID HODGSON 2	DAVID A. EDWARDS 5
GLYN F. JENKINS 3	KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH .. Tenor

Rung silent and unconduted. The first unconduted peal on tower-bells by the Society.

HALTON HOLGATE, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD CHAFER Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
C. AUBREY HARRISON 2	JACK BRAY 5
HARRY HALL 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be first peal on the bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz., York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
LOUIS WILLIERS 2	JOHN E. COOK 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and a birthday compliment for the son of the 2nd ringer. Also for the 15th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GILLIAN WRIGHT Treble	*STEPHEN J. CHAMBERLAIN.. 4
DOROTHY J. CHAMBERLAIN.. 2	JOHN H. PHILLIPS 5
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast in 1951. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Holy Trinity Church.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*JEAN EGERTON Treble	HAROLD J. PESKETT 4
†SYLVIA STREATER 2	ERNEST TREAGUS 5
HENRY C. WEAVER 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ure.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 21, 1955, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
*ALAN SHEPPARD 5—6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 each of Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS V. LAMBERT 1—2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3—4
MRS. GRAINGER 5—6	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

First in two methods 'in hand' by all.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Tells of No Flagging During 1954

ON Whit Monday the annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), assisted by the Succentor (the Rev. B. A. Hughs). The lesson was read by the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) and the address was given by Canon M. N. Lake, Vicar of Stanstead Mount Fitchet, honorary member of the Association.

During the service the names of the members who had passed on to higher service during 1954 were read, namely:—H. Allen, C. T. Chalk, E. A. Dench, G. L. Joyce, A. J. Mansfield, S. V. Pearce, A. A. Saunders, W. J. G. Brown, Lady Constance Courtauld, F. G. Gleaves, G. M. Kilby, F. Pavvit, G. F. Pudney, A. L. Simmonds. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and they are remembered with affection.

The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master, in the name of the Association, welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss H. Snowden, Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. B. G. Burton and Mr. P. Eaves.

The annual report prepared by Mr. F. P. Gant, hon. secretary, in co-operation with the District secretaries, showed that interest in the Association had not flagged during 1954. Ringing membership had increased from 895 to 924, and honorary members to 202.

The more outstanding meetings of the year had been held at Harlow Town, Bocking, Great Waltham and Hornchurch. The report shows that the Association was taking rather more interest than of late in the District meetings. The attendances showed a marked increase, but there was still a considerable amount of room for improvement.

The effect of National Service was still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex were keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers returned. Ringing for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but it was regretted that some towers still stood silent Sunday by Sunday.

PEALS—A GOOD YEAR

During the year 122 peals were rung. If peals in Surprise methods were any indication of an Association's strength, then this year had been most successful. Peals of special interest were Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Waltham Abbey; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden; Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lindsey Surprise Royal, and Ealing, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Falmouth, Portsmouth, Colchester and Kendal Surprise Major. Among the peals mentioned above, 13 were rung for the Association to welcome Her Majesty The Queen on her return; the first peal to be recorded in the whole country was that at Prittlewell, which commenced at 8.17 a.m. Mr. J. E. G. Roast, with 20 peals, headed the list of conductors, with Mr. T. Earle next with 14, and Mr. J. H. Crampion with nine.

For the recorders, 243 members rang their 'first in the method,' 26 members scored their first peal, there were five 'first as conductors.' Quarter peals numbered 147.

After various members had spoken on the report, it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The hon. treasurer, presenting the accounts, stated that the gross income from the Districts totalled £116 11s. 2½d., and the sum of £46

6s. 4d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peal fees added a further £20 4s. The balance on the General Account at the end of the year stood at £267 4s. 8d., whilst that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £156 14s. 6d. Grants during the current year amounted to £52 10s.

Mr. M. Baker, one of the auditors of the Association, presented the accounts, which were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ven. E. N. Gowing, some time Archdeacon of Southend, Vicar of Prittlewell, was elected a life vice-president of the Association.

The election of officers followed:—Master, Mr. R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, Mr. H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. P. Gant; auditors, Messrs. M. Baker and D. G. Mayell; trustees, Messrs. Eves, Saltmarsh and Smith.

The Master proposed Alderman Sir Frank Foster, J.P., chairman of the Essex County Council, as an honorary member. This motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously. The following members nominated by the various Districts were recommended by the committee for election as life members:—Messrs. H. Bradley (Broomfield), A. Chaplin (Dagenham), E. Clark (Broomfield) and T. B. Fairhead (Writtle).

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the Succentor for his assistance at the service. Thanks were also expressed to the Cathedral organist, Mr. Derrick Cantrell.

Members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where an excellent lunch was provided and well served by members of the Association. This is the first occasion on which the catering has been undertaken by the Association.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing:—Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch at Blackrod

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Blackrod, a six-bell tower, on June 18th. The panorama from here is very fine. Across the very wide valley can be seen Rivington, Pike Hill (with its old Beacon Tower), also a number of Lancashire towns and the sea, some 35 miles away. The meeting was arranged to coincide with the village gala day, which caused much merriment. A tea on this occasion was provided for the ringers.

An old custom in this village is to use the bells rung in a certain order, to give an alarm for fire. Some years ago, whilst the gala was in full swing, the visiting ringers were ringing call changes and, unaware of this custom, the bells were rung in this order, and kept in this order for a longer period than usual. The result was that the local firemen were seen running from the gala ground seeking the 'fire.' It was only when they approached the church and found the bells ringing differently that they found that all was well.

At this last meeting there was some very good instructional work and although the number attending was not great, there were many methods rung including Surprise, and several members rang their first touch in some new method.

OUTINGS

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

For once the 'sun' in Whitsuntide was conspicuous by its presence when on Whit Monday the ringers and friends of SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, held their annual busman's excursion into North Northumberland. A full coach left Newcastle at 9.30 a.m. and proceeded via the Great North Road to Morpeth, where some of the party enjoyed an hour's ringing at the ancient Watch Tower and others got blisters by the alternative method of boating on the River Wansbeck.

Continuing northward, the village of Rothbury, nestling in the Simonside hills, was reached in time for lunch. Following an excellent meal, the village and river banks were explored until 2.30 p.m., when the bells of All Saints' Church were rung for a spell to a variety of methods. We were welcomed here by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, the new Rector, lately Vicar of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and always a good friend to ringers. Our visit also coincided with the 100th birthday celebrations of the village's oldest inhabitant and it was not until we learned of this that we realised all the flags and bunting were not flying for us!

A long run north-eastwards over moorland and later meadow country took us through Alnwick, to our final tower of the day. Bamburgh, besides being a delightful village in a picturesque coastal setting commanded by the magnificent castle, is hallowed by its close association with St. Aidan and the early Christian history of this country. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Aidan, contains the most northerly ring of church bells in England (the secular tower of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Hall, which is slightly further north, has an unringable ring of eight bells). Ringing was enjoyed here by many, but the clemency of the weather and the beauty of the surroundings proved strong distractions and a goodly number of us partook of other pursuits, including watching cricket on the castle green, viewing the scene of Holy Island and the Farnes from the tower summit, and 'plodding' (the good old Tyneside occupation of paddling in the sea).

The return journey came all too soon for everybody but a very pleasant run down the coast through Embleton, Alnmouth and Warkworth helped to alleviate regrets and it was a happy but tired party which arrived in Newcastle at 10 p.m. K. A.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

St. Margaret's, Leicester, had a grand outing on May 14th, when a party of 41 enjoyed ringing at Doncaster Parish Church (tenor 30 cwt.), Howden (tenor 22 cwt.), regarded by Mr. Ernest Morris as the finest tower and bells in the country, and Holy Trinity, Hull, where a former curate of St. Margaret's (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) is Vicar. Some of the party also rang at St. Mary's, Lowgate, where the tower overlaps the causeway and the road goes through its base. Later came the grand ring of ten at St. Mary's, Beverley. Owing to the music festival that afternoon and evening the Minster bells were not available, but the party visited this most wonderful building, said to be the finest Gothic church in Europe. The long journey home was accomplished without mishap.

WOODFORD, ESSEX

Ringers of St. Mary's, Woodford, were joined by friends from Walthamstow and Romford for their outing on June 18th. Ringing took place at Hoddesdon, Knebworth, Watton-on-Stone (a difficult six), Braughing and Bishop's Stortford. At the last named tower two young ladies of the Woodford tower, Pat and Gill, rang creditably their first touch from the treble of Bob Royal.

ST. LAURENCE, READING

Favoured by beautiful weather, this year's outing on Whit Monday was an outstanding success in spite of having to dovetail with the Central Council at some towers. However, we were at Trowbridge at 9 a.m. and ringing good Stedman Cinques, with then a glorious run to Evercreech, where Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters went quite well on this good ten.

Lunch at Wells was followed by a visit to the Cathedral, where we were met by Mr. R. O. Fry, to whom, with Mr. Albert Tyler, of Bristol, we are indebted for our arrangements fitting in so beautifully. Here Stedman Caters went quite well, and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, like the day's programme, rather hurriedly.

Then on to Congresbury and Wrington, at the latter tower meeting Mr. M. H. Knight, who had everything in readiness. Good Stedman Caters here, and our only Grandsire Caters of the day, which sounded well on this glorious ten.

St. Mary Redcliffe was our last call and Stedman Cinques was well rung considering our own tenor is only 23 cwt., and in the last two courses before our ringing finally ended, we were pleased to have ringing with us Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. J. Thomas, who were at Bristol for the Central Council meeting.

The ringing all day was above average for an outing, and even our youngsters rang rounds very creditably in spite of the weight of the majority of tenors.

May 1, through this column, thank all the incumbents for permission to ring and the individuals who gave us such a warm welcome at each tower, with apologies to Congresbury, where we arrived very late owing to a bad traffic hold-up at Cheddar. W. H.

OUTINGS**TAUNTON, SOMERSET**

For their annual outing on June 11th ringers of St. James' and Wilton, Taunton, made a long journey into Hampshire and Dorset.

Towers visited were Wimborne Minster, Christchurch Priory, St. John's and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and Poole Parish Church. Mr. Preston welcomed the party at Christchurch and climbed with them to the ringing chamber. A pleasant hour was spent on the bells.

Before the party broke up after refreshments at Crewkerne, Mr. A. H. Reed thanked Mr. W. G. Gigg for the excellent arrangements he had made. Incumbents and tower captains are thanked and also Mr. D. T. Matkin for his help.

ST. PETER'S, DERBY

On June 11th the ringers of St. Peter's, Derby, with friends from Duffield, Etwell and Ashbourne, spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in the Peak District. This was the first outing organised by St. Peter's ringers for some years, and will be remembered by the fact that the timetable was faithfully adhered to throughout the day.

The towers visited were Darley Dale, where the ancient yew tree in the churchyard, reputed to be 2,000 years old and with a circumference of 33 feet, aroused much interest; Bake-well, where the best striking of the day was heard; and Tideswell, which well deserves its title of 'Cathedral of the Peak.' The lighting apparatus used when broadcasts are made from Tideswell tower greatly intrigued the visitors.

We should like to express our thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited for their co-operation and help. A. M. H.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS

The Welland Valley, where Rutland, Lincolnshire and Northants join, was the objective of the Weston Favell outing on June 18th, the journey being made by a fleet of private cars.

The five bells at Caldecote, rehung in 1952 by Messrs. Taylor, 'go' excellently, and here the party were met by the Misses Billson. The bells were all cast by Toby Norris II. in 1696. Another five at Great Easton followed. The sound of the bells being raised attracted Mr. Geary, a Groby ringer, who joined the party for the rest of the day. At Seaton Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Oundle, joined in the ringing.

A great disappointment was that the six at Harringworth, rehung in 1913, were found to be almost unringable due to neglected bearings.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

Stanwick ringers and friends had an interesting tour for their annual outing on June 18th. Ringing on the light six in the new steel tower of Corby was followed by a visit to Uppingham, Rutlandshire, where the church and school were visited. A pleasant trip into Leicestershire followed. At Great Glenn the Vicar welcomed the party. After tea at South Wigston the good eight bells at St. Thomas' Church were enjoyed. Mr. E. Tipler and other ringers met the party at Lutterworth, where Bob Major and Triples were rung. Finally came the light six at Misterton.

The party are grateful to Mr. B. Warwick, towerkeepers and incumbents for their assistance.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed informs us that the peal of Watford published under the name of Mr. George Freebrey is almost identical with that published from Mr. Harold Cashmore some years ago.

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An increase of 25 per cent. in membership was reported at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Guildford last Saturday. The next annual meeting will be at Worcester. A report of the Guildford gathering will appear in our next issue.

The peal at Henley-on-Thames on June 25th was the first on the bells for 26 years.

In submitting quarter peals, will correspondents write each quarter rung in a different tower on a separate sheet of paper?

Mr. Fred Attewell, of Billing, who is blind, was one of the party who enjoyed the ringing provided by Weston Favell's outing on June 18th.

The bells of Holy Trinity, Abbott's Leigh, Somerset, will be on the air for the morning service on Sunday, July 24th, from the West Home Service at 9.30 a.m.

The monthly practice meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Kingston Seymour on June 18th, when the six bells were put to good use in methods up to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Norton provided an excellent tea, which was very much appreciated.

Ashtead, Surrey, ringers felt inspired enough after their outing on June 4th to attempt on their return home a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringing was excellent, but unfortunately a trip occurred and the first quarter of Triples by an all-local band was not to be recorded.

A memorial tablet to Mr. Thomas Werrett, late captain of St. Nicholas', Norton, Herts, has been placed in the ringing chamber. As a memorial a bell fund for a new church in the centre of the parish has been opened. Contributions to this are still required and these may be sent to Mr. E. G. Sanderson, churchwarden, 3, Eastholm, Letchworth.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal ever rung by doctors only (on July 9th, 1947) has been commemorated by a peal board at Abbots Langley, Herts. This bears the inscription: 'Dedicated in grateful memory of the doctors, nurses and personnel of all the medical services who gave their lives in the war, 1939-1945.' In a quarter peal before the service of dedication, two of the doctors rang the same bells as they had rung in the peal.

The peal at Hazel Grove, reported on page 372, was rung on Thursday, June 2nd.

The length of the peal of Lincolnshire, rung at Harrow Weald on June 11th was 5,120 changes and not 5,152, as published on page 387.

Mr. Michael Horseman, of Nailsea, thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' those ringers in the Nottingham and Derby area who made him so welcome during his recent stay in the district.

The composition of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung to a peal at St. John's, Erith, on June 24th, was chosen because it was the composer (Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen.) who first taught the conductor (Mr. F. J. Cullum) to ring 40 years ago.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, a ringer at York Minster for 60 years and now residing with his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Perry, in Birmingham, paid a welcome visit to St. Martin's on Sunday morning, June 12th, his 87th birthday, and took part in ringing Stedman Cinques for service. Mr. Earnshaw was looking remarkably fit and well and received hearty congratulations and good wishes. He still takes a great interest in reading his 'Ringing World' each week.

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53 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

A new record in the field of Spliced Surprise Major ringing was established by a peal in 53 methods rung at St. Peter's, Conisbrough, Yorks, on June 24th. This peal also surpasses the handbell peal of 50 methods in Plain Major, which was the previous highest number of any kind of Major methods and was rung by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Burton-on-Stather in 1951.

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating the conductor and composer of the peal, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, and his band. The peal is appended:—

2345678 Framley	Continued:
4263857 Tring	3246857 Pudsey
2357486—Wembley	6527384 Eastcote
4523678—Benington	3265478—London
2465837 Hitchin	4632857—Apsley
5347286 Barnsbury	6257483—Lessness
2453678—Hanbury	5642378 Ickleton
5264837 Trowbridge	4536827 Yorkshire
4327586 Radlett	5627483—Northolt
5243678 Watford	4256378—Lindum
4562837 Lincolnshire	3542867—Cherwell
5237486—Falmouth	2657384 Rutland
4352678—Thorne	3526478—Derwent
5463827 Aldenham	4235867—Bristol
3427586 Wordsworth	3425867—Pyrford
5243678—Uxbridge	5647382 Oiley
3564827 Painswick	3456278—Stockport
4257386 Campsall	5324867 Jersey
3542678—Shoreditch	3467582—Cray
4365827 Langley	5623847 Cambridge
3527486—Scawthorpe	6347582—Dublin
4235678—Elford	4637582—Richmond
6342857—Superlative	5346278—N. Gloucester
2537684 Vauxhall	4536278—Deben
2635478—Chester	2345867—Minsmere
2643857 Warwickshire	5637284 Maulden
3567284 Claybrooke	2356478—
2635478—Ramsey	

Twice repeated. Contains 96 of each method, with 158 changes of method.

NEW METHODS

Thorne Surprise Major

—56—14—58—38—34—38—12—3.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 53624, 65432.

Northolt Surprise Major.

—58—16—12,58,36—12—58—36—7.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 53624, 65432, 32654, 45236.

Richmond Surprise Major

38—38,14—12—38,14—14,38—36—1.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 32546, 46253, 36524, 52643, 65243, 46532.

Group Photograph at Bristol

The group taken at Bristol at Whitsuntide is very good indeed, and everybody who had an uninterrupted view of the camera has come out very clearly. Copies of this group can be obtained, 8in. x 6in., at 4s. post paid, and anyone wishing to have one should contact Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5, enclosing remittance.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

A New Master

THE City of Peterborough is this year celebrating the 13th centenary of the foundation of the Abbey. On the same site stands the Cathedral, that noble building which itself dates from Norman times. On Whit Monday afternoon its walls echoed to the voices of some 200 ringers who gathered from far and wide for the Guild's annual service.

So that the Cathedral statute should be continued, the Guild form of service was blended with evensong, which was sung by the Precentor, the Rev. R. W. Dawe, in the presence of the Dean, the Very Rev. N. C. Christopherson. The lesson was read by a canon in residence, Canon J. L. Cartwright, and the Guild president, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton, led the prayers. In his address, the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson, spoke on 'The ministry of church bell-ringing.' The Peterborough Branch organist, Mr. W. Stevens, F.R.C.O., kindly deputised for the Cathedral organist.

The president was in the chair at the business meeting which followed tea in St. Mary's Church Hall. Business was mainly of a routine nature, but a change of officers was recorded. The president and secretary were re-elected. The Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, did not seek re-election, and to succeed him Mr. B. P. Morris was appointed. In turn Mr. P. I. Chapman was elected auditor to succeed Mr. Morris.

The chairman spoke in gratitude of Mr. Whitmore's work for the Guild during his years of Mastership, and the meeting elected him an honorary life member.

The general secretary's report recorded a slight reduction in membership, perhaps accounted for by a stricter application of the rule dealing with outstanding subscriptions. Under the heading of lapsed or left were 112 names, but elections during the year gave 9 honorary, 98 ringing members and 20 non-resident life members.

The Guild had suffered the loss of 12 members by death. Among them was the oldest ringer in the diocese, Mr. A. Moore, of Daventry, Mrs. K. Billson, of Caldecote, who

was probably more widely known under her maiden name of Miss Kitty Moore, and Mr. Harry Chambers, of Stanwick, formerly of Irthingborough, who raised the standard of Surprise Major ringing.

Peals rung during the year totalled 43. Quarter peals had been in evidence and proved to be a great help in maintaining interest.

A FINAL MESSAGE

Mr. E. E. Whitmore, in his final report as Master, recalled that he became third Master of the Guild in 1947, when they were only beginning to recover from the effects of six years of war. With the return of peace young learners in large numbers were a familiar sight in many belfries and branch meetings, and some of these post-war learners were now among their leading ringers and shared in the councils of the Guild.

During this time membership increased until it reached four figures, while two dormant branches were restored and a new one inaugurated; 'but with all this enthusiasm I wonder sometimes how many towers in unity with the Guild ring the full complement Sunday by Sunday. We all know of towers where there are few or no ringers, and whilst even one such tower exists in our midst the challenge remains.'

As to the future, Mr. Whitmore wrote: 'A solemn responsibility rests upon each one of us to impart to others what has been taught us, and so do our bit towards ensuring the continuity of our art.'

The local arrangements for the day were in the hands of the Peterborough Branch secretary, Mr. G. S. Bush, and the branch committee, who were heartily thanked for all that they had done. The vote of thanks also included the incumbents of the many parishes where ringing had been going on during the day.

Owing to its geographical situation, the Peterborough Branch finds difficulty in providing bells in sufficient numbers for so large a gathering, and the good neighbourliness of the adjoining associations is demonstrated to the full by their welcome to the nearby towers. This privilege is appreciated most perhaps by those members of the Guild who live in the far south of the diocese nearly 80 miles away. With the beautiful weather of the Whitsun holiday a most enjoyable day was spent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. F. Gibbard, who has completed 25 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was presented with a handsome eight-day clock in walnut case and with Westminster chimes, at the Branch annual meeting at Wingrave. This appreciation of his services came as a big surprise.

A civic reception was given by the Mayor to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow after his institution to the living of Great Yarmouth on June 21st. Speaking of the work ahead, the new Vicar said: 'Are you going to allow Christianity's most important expression in Yarmouth to be a roofless ruin very much longer?'

Although he celebrated his 90th birthday on March 27th, Mr. F. W. Cannings is still carrying on as tower master at Bathford, Somerset, a post he has held for 51 years. He took part in the first peal on the bells 50 years ago, and this week we record the anniversary peal. The first peal was conducted by Mr. John Taylor, and his son, Mr. Horace D. Taylor, conducted for the anniversary. Mr. Arthur B. Cannings, youngest son of the tower master, also took part in the peal.

One day, perhaps, someone will write the story of the contribution of the family of Morris to the history of ringing. Mr. E. Morris (no relation to Leicester's Ernest) is the new Master of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and Mr. B. P. Morris the new Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Shoreditch on June 26th was remarkable in that the third struck only once on coming into rounds, as the rope broke and the bell set. Geoff Bryant was left examining the frayed rope end at the conclusion of his first and almost certainly his most exact quarter peal.

The Bolton Branch can provide a band of church officers for a peal of Caters.

A ringer at Saxmundham called at a house that had been renamed Peal Cottage, hoping that the new occupants were change ringers, only to find that the name came from their initials, P. E. and A. L.

The peal at Hingham, Norfolk, on June 8th (page 387), was a diamond wedding compliment to the parents of Mr. Alan C. Haines, and not a golden wedding compliment as stated in our columns. Every happiness to the recipients of the honour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

(Continued from page 410)

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS

The Standing Committee's recommendation that as this report is available as a separate booklet, it be not included in the Handbook was agreed.

LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be brought up to date as necessary and included in the Handbook was agreed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee.

To consist of (i) the president, honorary secretary and treasurer, honorary librarian and conveners of committees ex-officio; (ii) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed. The committee to have power in the event of any other member of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members.

(b) Other Committees.

The Council should appoint the convener in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be added to Rule (ii) (committees) and the following be reinstated in that Rule:—

'At the annual meeting next after a triennial election, members of any committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that report.'

Notice of motion was given accordingly.

METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXTENSION

The Standing Committee's recommendation that as this report is available as a separate booklet, it be not included in the Handbook was agreed.

Mr. E. A. Barnett formally moved the adoption of the Handbook Sub-Committee's report.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report was amended was adopted.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead expressed thanks to the members of the sub-committee for their wonderful work during the year. It was a tremendous job.

Mr. Barnett: I am very grateful to Mr. Lewis. He came down and spent four days with me.

THE NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harold J. Poole: On behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild it is a great pleasure to me to extend to the Council an invitation to come to Leicester for their next meeting. If you come there next Whitsuntide I can promise you a memorable time. We shall leave no stone unturned to see that you have a good time.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Barker seconded that the invitation be accepted, and this was agreed to.

The secretary said that he had received a letter from the Executive Council of the Irish Association inviting the Central Council to hold their 1958 meeting in Dublin.

Mr. Poole: I should be only too glad to go, but it had been said that before we go to Ireland there should be a reasonable number making the journey to make the meeting a success. The year 1958 is the first meeting of a new session.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said they were prepared to adjourn to 1959 if the Council thought so.

THE PRESIDENCY

Mr. R. S. Anderson: The first portion of the motion is one I move with the utmost regret, although I understand it is necessary. Our president has graced the chair of our meetings for many years with dignity, and the confidence of all members who have attended the Council. We, as a Council, cannot but regret most sincerely his decision not to continue in that high office. I understand his decision is irrevocable; he says he is getting old, but if that is so his appearance belies his age. We hope he will continue to give us his wise counsel even if he is not in the chair.

'It was brought home to me this morning that the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has a very fine badge and chain of office, yet the president of our Council has no distinguishing mark. At the Standing Committee last night the question was raised of the advisability of appointing a vice-president who could step into the presidential chair. I beg to move:—

(a) That a committee be appointed to consider nominations for the position of president, and to make a recommendation.

(b) To consider and submit to the Council suitable designs for a badge of office for the president.

(c) To consider the appointment of a vice-president of the Council.

(d) To alter any rules that are necessary.

'It is suggested that the committee should be three members from the Standing Committee and three from the floor of the Council, and any suggestion for the position be sent to the Standing Committee.'

Mr. John Wallis: Was any financial limit set to a chain and badge of office? There is precious little you will get for £25.

Mr. Harold J. Poole: Having regard to the state of the balance sheet I suggest you leave it to the committee with a free hand to act.

The resolutions were carried, and Messrs. P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman and T. J. Lock were appointed from the floor of the house to serve on the committee.

Mr. Anderson then moved a vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair at the meeting, which was carried with acclamation.

In thanking the Council, the president said they should not forget the great assistance they got from the hon. secretary. He did the bulk of the work to make the meeting a success.

The president then proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol for the use of the Chapter House; to the Dean for officiating at Holy Communion that morning and his welcome later in the morning; to the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for his welcome; to Mr. Skidmore and the Reception Committee for making all the local arrangements and for their hospitality; to all the incumbents of the different towers in which they were privileged to ring and to all steeplekeepers who got the bells ready for them. This was carried with acclamation.

CORRECTION

On page 378, column 2, in the discussion on Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, Mr. C. K. Lewis is reported as saying 'if they commended these irregular methods.' The phrase should read 'if they condemned these irregular methods.'

The error is regretted.—Ed.

GREAT YARMOUTH'S NEW VICAR

Institution of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow

THE Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was instituted by the Bishop of Norwich as Vicar of Great Yarmouth on Tuesday, June 21st. The vast congregation in St. Peter's, the acing parish church, represented all sides of the civic and religious life of the borough and county.

But, alas! There was no grand ringing of tower bells such as would mark such an occasion in almost every other place of equal or indeed lesser importance throughout the land. On June 24th, 1942, the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, the largest parish church in England, was completely gutted by incendiary bombs, and its great tower has since stood as empty as its walls. Ever since Great Yarmouth became one of England's premier seaside resorts, and long before this, its parish church was a Mecca for ringers, but such is not the case to-day.

The Institution was nevertheless marked by the presence and activity of several notable ringers. A circle of chairs in a side chapel was the meeting place, not of a bridge party (as one innocent visiting clergyman said he thought it was) but of noted ringers from near and far. These included George and Edith Fletcher. Peter Newstead, Billy Barrett (the Association Ringing Master), Edwin Goate, Percy Johnson and the new Vicar, whilst Bert Hughes and Billy Harwood, for long the East Norfolk Branch secretary, were also present.

The congregation were soon listening to Grandsire Caters on handbells, mostly plain courses rung by various of the above—the new Vicar in the first course.

This may not have been particularly spectacular, but it was historic, in that both a Vicar's institution in a 'daughter church' and change ringing in that particular church are probably without precedent. Also we all hope that the event marks a new chapter in the life of this great town, a chapter which will see St. Nicholas' rise from death to life, and which will hear its grand ring of twelve—this time perhaps thirteen, and larger and grander ones at that, than ever before, who knows?—sounding once again over town and market. land and sea.

War damage will not pay for the bells. They must be the result, now as in the past, of people's generosity. Such a ring as we deserve may cost £7,000. Towards this we have about £2,000, given by many generous people. The Norwich Diocesan Association recently diverted £20 from St. George Colegate and St. Andrew's, Norwich, at neither of which was it wanted now, to Yarmouth, with £2 in addition. Now what about YOU? Do YOU want to find East Anglia's premier health resort, which longs to entertain you with sea, sand, sun and fun, providing you with grand ringing as well? If you do, send me something towards the remaining £5,000.

We are steadily raising funds for the refurnishing of the church. At the service on St. John-the-Baptist Day, June 24th, when we gave the large collection to the same purpose, we rang handbells in the porch before and afterwards. And the new Vicar is, of course, at home to any ringers visiting Yarmouth who can catch him at his residence. G. S.

Joint Meeting at Nottingham

Many methods from Doubles to Royal were rung at a joint meeting of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Melton District of the Leicester Guild at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on June 4th. After tea and the business meeting at St. Mary's Institute the ten at St. Peter's were raised and kept going for the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE WITH ONE LEAD OF PRIMROSE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the composition of 'Cambridge with one lead of Primrose,' which is published in your issue of June 24th, I hope Mr. Sedgley will not mind my saying (purely in a personal capacity) that if, as I suspect, the object of the lead of Primrose is to eliminate three leads of Cambridge which would otherwise give rise to falseness, this is a very dubious type of 'wangle' which should be condemned wholeheartedly, as indeed I am sure it will be by most people who have dabbled in composition, before it becomes an established practice.

If I am wrong about the motive I apologise to Mr. Sedgley, but if so the lead of Primrose is completely pointless.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

AUSTRALIAN AND HOSE

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate and thank your correspondent from Melton Mowbray upon his delightful report of the gathering of ringers at the village church of Hose, as recorded in your issue of March 11th, page 156.

He opens with the sentence, 'Not many readers of "The Ringing World" will have heard of Hose.' Well, sir, I, for one, have happy memories of ringing at this tower. As one of a new band of young ringers from Long Clawson I was accepted as a member of the old 'Framland Society' at the annual meeting which was held at Hose in those far-off days of 1908. The report of this gathering was duly recorded in 'The Bell News and Ringer's Record.'

The enthusiastic ringers who impressed this great day upon my memory included Harry Bartram, Dick Mount, Dick Smith, William Sharpe, Pearson, Ward, Squires, Kelham, Wildman, the Caunt brothers, Sam Furnidge, etc.

May this fine old church in the beautiful 'Vale of Belvoir' long continue its witness, and may the bells never lack competent and enthusiastic ringers.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

Pymble, Sydney, N.S.W.

UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—So far I have listed over 250 unringable towers of five or more bells. To all those who have written, may I express my sincere thanks.

I require, however, information regarding the following counties: Berks, Beds, Bucks, Cheshire, Derbys, Durham, Herefords, Herts, Hants, Lancs, North Lincs, Norfolk, Northumberland, Notts, Oxon, Suffolk and Yorks. As I intend to turn this information over to the Central Council, I would be grateful if help could be given with regard to the above.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Might I be allowed to ask for the co-operation of ringers who also have interests in photography? I am trying to collect photographs of all churches and towers containing four or more bells hung for ringing, whether at present ringable or not. I only require black and white 'contact' prints, size 2½ by 3½ inches only. Any spare or old photos fulfilling the above conditions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the undersigned.—Yours, etc.,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetly,
Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

A THATCHED TOWER

Dear Sir,—Years ago I lived opposite the Church of St. Mary, Thornham Parva, near Eye, Suffolk. The church is thatched and the tower is also thatched. This, to my mind, is somewhat unique, and I should like to know of any other thatched tower or steeple.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

'MY GREATEST PLEASURE AND GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT'

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, regards his attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Lincoln Cathedral on June 25th as his greatest pleasure and greatest disappointment. The attempt was made by a band who had waited five years for the attempt.

Mr. Stenson writes:—After a rather indifferent start of 20 minutes the bells were set; a fresh and better start was made, but after 2 hours and 15 minutes of good ringing—with the peal 'in the bag,' as they say—Mr. Henry O. Baker, of Chester, became unwell, and the conductor, Mr. Howard Howell, Walsall, had no alternative but to set the bells. This was a great disappointment to all the band.

Also taking part in addition to those mentioned were Barnabas Key and Mrs. Dorothy Gardiner (Burton-on-Trent), Ralph Edwards and Rodney Meadows (Birmingham), Ernest Stitch and William Davies (Walsall), John Bibby (Frodsham), Richard D. Langford, George A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (Crewe).

We ringers had not only the pleasure of hearing but of ringing the bells bearing the inscription: 'America-England — one voice one mind,' which were referred to by Mr. Myrom Ackerman when replying to the toast of 'Anglo-American Relations' at Crewe Corporation Mayoral Dinner.

These front four bells were added in 1928 as a memorial to the ringers of the Lincoln Diocese who fell in the Great War, and the subscription list was completed by an unknown American.

Lincoln Cathedral is the only one in England which has a Ringers' Chapel.

Our grateful thanks to the Dean and Mr. John A. Freeman, Ringing Master, for a great privilege and pleasure, if a disappointed one.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Howden

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on June 25th and was attended by 35 members representing 15 towers. An excellent tea was served in the Shire Hall and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers), who asked the members to stand in memory of Mr. R. B. Smith, a local ringer for over 50 years and who was for many years a member of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. S. H. Steel was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. L. M. Woodhead was elected on the General Committee, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, J. J. Taylor and H. Walker on the District Committee. Goole was selected as the place for the next meeting in September. Mr. F. W. Dale expressed a wish to resign from the committee, but was persuaded to carry on for another year, in order that he could complete 30 years on the General Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, and the members sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Taylor wishing her a speedy recovery from her illness. The usual votes of thanks concluded a very successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Meeting at Abbotsbury

The Dorchester branch held their summer meeting at Abbotsbury on Saturday, June 25th.

The six bells of St. Nicholas' Church were rung for an hour before the Guild service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, who, after welcoming the ringers, gave an interesting address on the evolution of bells from very early times up to the present, mentioning especially the tuning, which, he said, symbolised the Christian faith, being accomplished from the inside, namely, 'Give me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'

Tea was served in the garden of No. 4, West Street, and the business meeting followed, conducted, in the absence of the chairman, by the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft.

The membership of Mr. J. Kape, elected prior to ringing a peal recently, was ratified. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Preston in August, and the following rota of practices was agreed to:—Milton Abbey, July 2nd; Sydling, July 16th; Maiden Newton, July 30th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, August 13th; and Bere Regis, August 27th (all subject to permission).

Ringling continued until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. F. Precey, Ringing Master of the Branch, and his deputies, Mr. F. Stedman and Mr. H. J. Ford, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster with a visitor from Bishopstone, near Southampton.

J. H. H.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Half-yearly and quarterly postal subscribers are reminded that subscriptions are overdue. Please send without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: quarterly 7/—, six months 13/6.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North Herts District

In brilliant sunshine a meeting was held at King's Walden on June 25th. After some group photographs had been taken, the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Cheetham.

At the business meeting, after a good tea, it was decided that the next District meeting should be in August, with the special method Thelwall Delight and the Ringing Master Mr. M. Orme. The July meeting would be a joint one with the Eastern District at Aspenden on July 9th.

Ringling continued with methods ranging from rounds to the special method, Wearmouth Surprise.

J. S.

Eastern District

A bell-shaped cake was a feature of the tea provided for 27 ringers representing 14 towers at the meeting of the Eastern District at Great Horstead on June 14th. Ringling on the six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court Bob Minor.

Mr. A. S. Carter presided at the business meeting, when Messrs. B. Smith, B. Jones, P. Glazebrook and D. Smith, of the Braughing band, were elected ringing members. The next meeting is on July 9th at Aspenden.

RINGING WEEK-END AT THAXTED

A most successful ringing week-end was held at Clarence House, Thaxted, Essex, under the auspices of the Further Education department of the Essex County Council, arranged by the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

The members of the course gathered from Essex and the surrounding counties on Friday evening, all arriving in time for supper at 8.30 p.m. There being no set work for Friday evening, various items of entertainment and sport were enjoyed. The two pianos in the lounge were put into service and the talent of the members was soon unleashed. The handbells were brought into use and the members ringing in a rather unorthodox manner caused more fun than they produced good ringing. As the hour of midnight approached and the prospects of a full day to come, the party broke up and retired to bed.

Breakfast at 8.45 appeared to be rather early for some, but needless to say all were ready for the Ringing Experts when they arrived at 10 a.m. There, complete with blackboard and chalk, the general secretary of the Essex Association (Mr. Frank Gant) proceeded to expound the theory of Method Construction—how they could be set out and memorised. Writing pads were provided so that everyone could try their luck, needless to say there were no marks awarded to those who were good and no cane for those who made many mistakes. After an hour of this rather hectic brainwork, coffee and biscuits were served to revive and sustain both the lecturer and student. Following this short break Mr. David Beard gave a very interesting lecture with blackboard illustration on conducting and proof of touches. This proved to be a subject which brought forth many questions and much discussion. Here again notes were taken for future reference, a suggestion being made that the lecturer's notes should be printed and circulated to all concerned.

The students were joined by other ringers, who came for the day, and lunch proved to be a very jolly meal. Needless to say, the merits or otherwise of bells and peals came forward for discussion—members expressing their views in no uncertain manner.

MR. PAUL TAYLOR LECTURES

After lunch the scene was set for the next lecture. Three different types of projector were tried before the illustrated lecture could commence. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., started by showing illustrations and explaining the merits of the very early bells, and, with the aid of an excellent range of slides, conducted the members through all the stages of a bell foundry up to the present day. He then spoke about the methods of hanging, the principles which must be complied with, the forces to which towers and frames are subjected, and all the many things which assist to make ringing a pleasure to those who ring, and a joy to those who from choice or necessity listen. The lecturer had to answer a great many questions and proved his skill both in the way that he dealt with the questioners and the questions. He had a wealth of experience and a mine of knowledge stretching back many generations to draw his replies from.

Following tea, the bells of Thaxted Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, the Rev. Jack Putterill, and methods up to London Surprise Major were rung. The bells with their lovely friezes were inspected, and photos of the Dancing and Fellowship bells were taken.

Sunday started with the ringing of the bells prior to the Communion service, and in spite of the very heavy rain a good number of

parishioners turned out to join the ringers at the early morning service. Later in the day many people expressed their pleasure at hearing the bells so early.

RINGING AT SAFFRON WALDEN

After breakfast a number of the party visited Saffron Walden to have a pull on the fine ring of twelve, whilst others rang for the service, and some more bold than the rest took up positions in the choir to sing the service to a real Thaxted Setting of the Mass. After the service more touches in various methods were rung and then our two organist members were invited to try their skill on the organs of the Parish Church, one a great organ with many years of service and no doubt a great deal of tradition behind its many stops, the other a splendid choir organ which has the pipes of a fairly old organ with the electric action and heart of a modern instrument. Needless to say they both acquitted themselves well, proving that ringers have abilities in other ways.

After lunch the course again resumed, when Mr. Leonard E. Last gave a lecture on the growth of the Parish Church, commencing with very early geological history to explain the reasons for the positions of first the village and then the church. Starting with the Early Saxon churches, he spoke about their structure and limitation owing to the nature of the materials available. The lecturer pursued his subject through the various stages of architecture and design, he gave the reasons for the enlargement of the churches, coming right up to the great pro-cathedrals of the present day. Towers and the fittings they contain were very much to the fore in the minds of the lecturer and his hearers.

At tea the organiser thanked the lecturers for their help and support, and on behalf of all present their host, Mrs. M. Jones, for the way they had been received and treated during what had proved to be a very happy, pleasant and instructive week-end. All agreed that the course had been a great success and requested the organiser to make certain that representations were made to the authorities for their permission to hold another week-end course next year.

MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE

On the evening of the patronal festival, St. John-the-Baptist's Day, June 24th, the long talked of memorial to Canon G. F. Coleridge was dedicated in Crowthorne Church, where the Canon was Vicar for 52 years.

The form of the memorial was the beautifying of the sanctuary by the provision of a new altar, frontal and linen, light colouring of the east wall to give better lighting effect, and a tablet set in the south wall telling future generations that the work was to the glory of God, the enrichment of His house and to the memory of a great vicar.

Bishop A. G. Parham, former Bishop of Reading, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of parishioners and friends. The Bishop, after explaining the object of the memorial, said it was to the memory of a truly remarkable man. He spoke of Canon Coleridge as he knew him in his own lifetime; his commanding stature, his devoted work as a parish priest, his other activities in life, particularly as a ringer, one time Master and always a stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Bishop Parham also referred to the Canon's personal qualities, such as his outspoken criticism when needed, his insistence on only the best for God's service, and his simple, human kindness.

Among ringers present were Miss Marie Cross, Mr. W. J. Paice and his son, Mr. L. W. Paice, and Mr. W. H. J. Parker, of Sandhurst, W. J. P.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Annual Meeting at Lichfield

IN spite of the cold wind, the presence of the sun was sufficient to attract the usual attendance at the annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society at Lichfield on June 15th, approximately 100 members and friends sitting down to tea.

The Society's president, Canon W. A. Parker, was officiating at a Missionary Festival at Burton-on-Trent, and the chair was taken by the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, this being his 40th year in that office. Apologies were also received from Mr. B. G. Key, in charge of the ringing at the Burton festival, and Mr. H. Knight. It was also unfortunate that the lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, was unable to be present owing to an engagement at Hereford Cathedral, and he sent his apologies, too.

The business meeting might well go down as the shortest on record, not one controversial item being raised. General satisfaction was expressed that, in spite of higher printing costs, the balance in hand at the end of the financial year had increased by just over £2.

The Society's officers were re-elected with the exception of the Ringing Master, the only

nomination for this position being that of Mr. G. W. Hughes, of Walsall. The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Holden, in a short comment on the comparatively low peal total of 34, stressed the relatively greater importance of Sunday service ringing, and also pointed out that this was being maintained with the help of the many young people who were joining the Society.

No report by the Central Council representatives was available owing firstly to the inability of Mr. C. Wallater to go to Bristol because of the railway strike, and secondly to the absence from the meeting of Mr. B. G. Key. The next meeting is to be held jointly with the Shropshire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild at Walsall on July 9th, and the annual dinner was fixed for November 12th.

Twenty-two new members (among them nine ladies) were elected, and the meeting closed with the thanks offered by the chairman to Prebendary Creswell for taking the service at St. Mary's, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

All three of the city towers were open for ringing and members were particularly gratified in that the Cathedral bells were available for a longer period than was formerly the case.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Seabrook 1, Madeleine Chapple 2, Dr. F. S. Poole 3, D. K. Adkins 4, J. E. F. Earley 5, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 6. Rung for the dedication of a peal board commemorating the first peal ever rung (in 1947) by doctors only.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. C. Boyce 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, D. M. Belben (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the 6th.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Evans 1, Jean Powell 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, B. Thomas (first 'inside') 4, G. Williams 5, A. R. Price (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Heather Evans and Mr. R. Fisher on the occasion of their engagement.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, J. B. Ibbotson 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (cond.) 6, H. Holland (first quarter) 7. A compliment to Churchwarden and Mrs. Nightingale on their golden wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Werburgh, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Price 1, T. K. Price (first as cond.) 2, A. J. True 3, W. H. Payne 4, L. H. Clash 5, S. G. Riches 6. Rung for morning service.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Perkins 1, Miss K. Ballard (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Mansfield 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On June 25th, for the diocesan lay readers' service at St. Kentigern's Church, two quarter peals (1,260 Stedman and 1,344 Grandsire Triples), the band receiving the acknowledgments of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle. The conducting and positions were shared between J. W. Brownrigg, F. Barnes, G. Tembey and S. Richardson of the Cumberland Association, and A. Capstick, R. Shuttleworth, J. Bagnall and J. E. Burles of the Lancashires (first of Stedman for J. Bagnall).

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Johnson 1, H. Smart 2, Miss B. Payne 3, G. Simons 4, A. Hill (cond.) 5, J. Eastland 6. For evening service.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Brightman 1, S. E. Bennett 2, E. Brittain 3, J. E. Ames 4, M. Bennett 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of John W. Clubley and Bettina A. Duffy.

DERBY.—On June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Kathleen Walsh (first quarter) 2, Mary Hobbs 3, A. Mould 4, B. Barker 5, W. Lancaster 6, W. Steen 7. Rung for Evensong after meeting short for Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, C. F. W. Phillippo 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, F. C. Roper 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. First of Kent and Oxford by all except the 5th. Rung for morning service.

EASTRY, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Lawrence 2, J. Penfold 3, J. M. Stephens 4, P. J. Rye (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to W. Terry, a ringer at this church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Daynes 1, D. Holland (first in method) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. Prockson 4, B. Aldridge 5, F. Hurrell (first in method) 6, E. B. Crowder (first as cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Confirmation service; also a 77th birthday compliment to J. Hurrell.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 18th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Peters 1, J. W. Euston 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, N. Hobden 4, A. E. Hartley (first in method) 5, S. Kimber 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCs.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 2, C. H. Ford 3, R. Suart 4, J. Dickinson 5, A. Edgar 6. Rung for the opening of the ancient charter fair, which has been revived as a church effort.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Egglestone 1, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 2, C. Wilson 3, F. Abrey 4, P. Wilsner 5, H. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Andrews 1, A. G. Button 2, G. W. Moss 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, G. N. Orman 5, R. Duesbury 6, F. H. Erith 7, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 7.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Bracey 1, J. Sansom 2, P. Bettridge 3, Eileen Ricketts 4, J. Moore 5, W. Lewis 6, B. Rose (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. Rung for morning service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Newnes 1, J. Sansom 2, P. Bettridge 3, Eileen Ricketts 4, C. Wratten 5, W. Webb 6, B. Rose (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8. For evening service.

HIGH HAM, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Union, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob, 240 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 of Grandsire): M. Stone 1, D. Sweet (first in 8 methods) 2, R. D. Short 3, C. Clarke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first on the bells, which are one of the heaviest 'fives' in the county.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rankin (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrou 4, D. Beard (cond.) 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HULME, LANCs.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Adams 1, E. Margaret Mitchell 2, Derck Taylor 3, Trevor Taylor 4, G. Fearneough 5, P. E. Parry (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 5.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Lowe 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, R. Chapman 3, T. Jervis 4, D. Edwards 5, L. Witten (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 5.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): T. Smith 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. Davies 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, G. H. Laae (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. N. P. Frost, Vicar for 14 years.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. S. Pring (first quarter) 1, A. Lucas (first quarter) 2, F. T. Locke 3, W. Masters 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, P. H. Hallett 6. For Evensong on the 10th anniversary of United Nations.

LEIGHTON, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Davies 2, A. Davies 3, C. Williams 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Poole 1, F. Farrant 2, F. A. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (first of Triples as cond.) 4, D. M. Belden (first of Triples) 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. G. Turk (first of Triples 'inside') 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Garrett and Mr. Male.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: E. Bawden 1, M. Stone 2, D. Miller 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in the method by 1 and 4. First in the method on the bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Prebendary J. H. Powell, late Vicar of Christ Church, Nailsea, interred this day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, T. J. Lock 2, Miss M. Lawrence 3, J. E. Loftly 4, J. R. Loftly 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. A. Spencer (first in method as cond.) 7, A. R. Sherlock 8. First in the method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

OXFORD.—On June 19th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Spliced Minor (540 Plain Bob, 360 each Double Bob and St. Clement's, with 14 changes of method): Miss P. J. Holborn (first on tower bells) 1, G. F. Jenkins 2, D. A. Edwards 3, D. Hodgson 4, P. R. Sanders 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Margaret Hall 2, I. Jenkins 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, S. Sage 5, N. Lomas (cond.) 6.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitmore 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Pocock 3, R. W. Treasure 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. Rung before the evening service as a farewell to the tenor ringer on leaving to take up his National Service in Sussex.

SHOREDITCH, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, J. Bryant 2, G. Bryant 3, R. F. Deal 4, W. F. Ring 5, G. Mackay 6, T. H. Francis 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, A. J. House 9, A. E. Thirst 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2 and 3.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On June 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sturgeon (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Barber (first 'inside') 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, H. Sharp 4, D. Knights 5, A. Yarrow 6. Also on June 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sturgeon 1, Miss R. Garner (first quarter) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, H. Sharp 4, D. Knights 5, A. Yarrow 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: D. Hough 1, M. Gartside 2, Betty Castle 3, Katharine Burchall 4, Grace Burchall 5, A. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Forder 1, J. B. Morley 2, S. W. Copling 3, K. G. Brown 4, L. S. Sharpe 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On June 13th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bath 1, H. Cashmore 2, J. Garlick 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, S. Burt 5, V. Burt 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Hesketh, of Easton Neston, aged 39.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. K. Whetherly 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. Rung for Evensong prior to the bells being rung.

WALMER, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Dixon 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 3, W. Terry 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, J. M. Stephens 6, F. A. Rye 7, B. J. Howard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 4. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, Miss A. Vine 2, D. Gray (first of Stedman) 3, P. J. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, P. Westwood 6, J. M. Stephens 7, J. Walker 8.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): J. Phillip Eastland 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, K. Manton 3, F. Bradley 4, G. Hancock (first as cond. on six bells) 5, T. Wilfred Riley 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, Pamela J. E. Lumbers 2, Doris M. Barker (first 'inside') 3, L. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WEST HAM, E.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. McPhail 1, Miss C. M. Ford 2, Miss M. Hawksley 3, S. T. Ford 4, L. Battley 5, J. Barrance (first in method of Major) 6, J. Hales 7, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung after Evensong.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. N. Wood 1, F. C. Case 2, T. E. Roberts 3, H. Ridgway 4, W. A. Yates 5, R. Keeley 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung for evening service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ballard (first of Triples) 1, G. E. Green 2, H. Ridgway 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On June 19th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: I. McUan 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, A. Pendlebury 3, R. Allred 4, F. Grundy 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, C. Gudgeon (cond.) 7, I. Bentley 8. Rung for Evensong.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On June 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hart 1, G. Abbott 3, F. Crudge 4, W. Chapman 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Rose 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heap, sister of the conductor, and associate member of the Salisbury Guild.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. HAMMOND

A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. H. E. Hammond, died on June 22nd at the home of his daughter in Birmingham, aged 89 years.

He had a wonderful record of service to St. Michael's Church, Braintree. Not only was he a ringer for over 60 years, but he had a similar period of long service to the choir, and was a very keen musician. His pleasing personality and abilities as a ringer and good striker won for him the admiration of many friends. He rang several peals, including Surprise Major, and it was not until he had passed 80 that he ceased Sunday ringing.

The funeral service was at Braintree on June 28th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Miss H. Snowden, Messrs. A. Catterwell, L. W. Wiffen and E. Jennings. To his memory 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the bells half-muffled was rung on Braintree bells in the evening by the following local band: S. Warne 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, R. Lindsell 3, C. Barker 4, H. G. Felton 5, H. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

SURPRISE AT LAND'S END

It was a case from East to extreme West when five of the local Danbury, Essex, band visited Cornwall for a holiday, and by enlisting the help of the rural Dean of Penwith Sennen, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sennen, the church at Land's End. Surprise has now been rung as far west as possible in England. First to congratulate the band with the words 'Jolly good' was the Rector, the Rev. C. R. Coate, who appeared in the tower immediately the ringing stopped, looking far more overcome by the heat of this delightful June evening than the peal band. He had spent most of the time the peal was being rung cutting grass in the churchyard, and on guard with a pair of shears.

The visitors mingled more ringing with their holiday at Landewednack, Zennor, St. Mary's, Penzance, Crantock and Towandack. At the last-named it was a peal of Bob Major with help from Kenwyn, and at other towers help was also given by changeringers in the district.

St. Andrew's, Rugby

The octave in the new tower of St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, were rung on June 19th for the first time since their restoration. The bell frame has been lowered approximately 16 feet in the tower, and all the bells are now mounted on ball bearings.

A special service was held on June 19th, when the Archdeacon of Oakham (the Ven. E. N. Millard) blessed the work that had been carried out.

The majority of the money for these alterations was provided by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hudson as a memorial to their parents.

Kent County Association

Good use was made of the light ring of eight at Gillingham Parish Church for a by-meeting of the Rochester District on June 18th. The Rev. J. R. John gave a most enjoyable sermon at the service.

Local ringers kindly provided tea and they and the Vicar were thanked by Mr. S. Rayfield. Ringing was continued in the evening in various methods.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Bishop's Palace

The Annual Festival of the Guild took place at the Bishop's Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthen, on June 25th. Before proceeding to the Palace members congregated at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, where the bells of St. Peter's were at their disposal from 2 to 3 p.m.

On arriving at the Palace, the secretary, Mr. Chris Hawkins, was graciously received by the Bishop and, after a preliminary talk, the Bishop walked around the grounds of the Palace, greeting the members as he met them and telling them of the history and the places of interest in and around the Palace grounds.

At 3.30 p.m. a service was held in the Palace Chapel, at which the Bishop officiated. The lesson was read by Mr. Graham A. Edwards, of Llanelly, and the organ was played by Mr. Williams, of Llanstephan, both of whom are members of the Guild. After the service the members were entertained to tea in the Palace grounds.

The business meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Palace, at which the Bishop presided. Before starting the meeting a tribute of respect was paid to Mr. George Morris, of Llanstephan, and Mr. E. Hurren, of Llanelly, both members of the Guild, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Slaney, Mr. Scudamore, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. W. J. Harris.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, and a statement of accounts was given by Mr. W. P. E. Sage, the treasurer, both of which were adopted.

A report of the Central Council meeting was read by Mr. Chris Hawkins, who apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. Hoare, who was attending the meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, the honour of being Master of the Guild was bestowed upon Mr. E. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen. The office of Ringing Master fell to Mr. Gwyn Francis, of Llanelly. The secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the 1956 competition at Llanbadarn Fawr.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 3s. The secretary, Mr. Chris Hawkins, then spoke about the bells of the diocese. He stated that unless something was done in the near future he feared that many of the rings of bells would be silent. He appealed to the ringers to approach their Vicars and Parochial Councils to get their bells rehung and overhauled before they became unringable.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Bishop for having the Guild at the Palace for their annual meeting. Also to Mrs. Havard and her helpers who provided tea. The Bishop responded suitably and the ringers then returned to St. Peter's Church to finish off a very enjoyable and memorable day.

OUTING

GUILDFORD, SURREY

Accompanied by friends who have at various times assisted at the tower, Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, enjoyed their outing on June 11th in the Thames Valley.

Ringling took place at Wargrave, Dorchester Abbey (where the neglected state of the belfry was regretted), Abingdon (for a wedding), Appleton (where a new bell frame for Warborough was an object of interest) and Wantage, where Mr. Frederick Sharpe joined the party for tea. The arrangements were made by Mr. T. M. White and Mr. F. A. Munday (tower captain).

NOTICES

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BIRTH

COLERIDGE. — On June 29th, 1955, to Denise (née Pryer), wife of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, of Ridgeway Cottage, 27, Ridge Hill, Dartmouth, Devon, a son. 6617

HANDBELLS WANTED

A GOOD SECONDHAND set of handbells wanted, suitable for tunes and change-ringing. Send full details to J. M. Tesh, Tunstall House, Tunstall Cross, Wombwell, near Barnsley, Yorkshire. 6612

MISCELLANEOUS

ALDRESHOT, HANTS.—There will be no ringing practice at St. Michael's Church on Fridays the 15th and 22nd July, 1955. 6625

BLACK LIST.—Burnham, Bucks. creates a new record. No outing parties, no peal ringing, no outside help (this to include Sunday services) until after the inquest, when the corpse hopes to come to life again with the same welcome as in the past twenty-five years. God bless you all. Not quite 'In memoriam.'—George Gilbert—sole address, Burnham, Bucks. 6615

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The bells of St. Mary's, Warwick, will be available for practice on the second Wednesday of each month commencing Wednesday, July 13th, at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. All Guild members welcome. 6633

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire, July 31st to August 6th inclusive. There are four vacant seats.—Applications to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 6620

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hinton Blewitt, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Litton bells available in the evening. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6609

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Maresfield (8), July 9th. Names to R. Bennett. The Limes, Maresfield, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 6588

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6602

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6590

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, July 9th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam and E. G. Buck, Dis. Secs. 6540

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 9th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6575

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 9th, at Boxley. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6546

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday July 9th at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. with tea and business to follow. Bus 114 passes by; Underground Station and bus 142 nearby.—T. J. Lock. 6586

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Martin's Cafe, Romsey Road. 6557

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield (6) on Monday, July 11th, from 7-9 p.m. All welcome. 6572

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—Next combined practice, Tuesday, July 12th, 7.30 p.m. 6613

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, July 13th, 6.30-8 p.m. 100 per cent. attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6622

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Kirkby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than July 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6599

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Tickenham, July 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at Oakroom Cafe, Clevedon.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6624

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 12th.—W. Marsh, Doves, Street. 6627

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Rugby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6582

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell (8), Saturday, July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop. (Please note change of date.) 6628

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6618

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Crouchman, Frieze Hall Cottages, South Weald, near Brentwood. Brentwood bells (8) will be available in the evening. 6565

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Long Newton (6), July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Tetbury, 5.15. Tetbury bells (8) 6 p.m. Bus: Tetbury to Long Newton 3.5, returns 4.55.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 6635

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Benenden (8), Saturday, July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by July 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6605

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Essendon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6634

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, and names must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than Monday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6563

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 6611

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Rochdale, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 6632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, July 16th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. No. 41 or 42 bus to Brighton Grove. All welcome.—R. Benson. 6331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Fieldhead, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford on July 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by Monday, July 11th, please, to Mr. W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 6574

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Five Bells Inn 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 12th, to J. W. Haw, 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 6603

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea. Ringing at All Hallows' (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Watkins, 15, Bell Lane, Twickenham.—J. D. Rock, Hon. Sec. 6616

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names or numbers, by Wednesday, July 13th, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6596

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 16th (D.V.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.;

preacher, The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. 6d. from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Choristers please contact Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Towers and times of ringing to be given out at luncheon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6478

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weldon (6), Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday. Special methods: Surfleet and Beverley Surprise. Ordinary methods equally, so do not stay away.—H. Baxter, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nassington (5), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. It is requested that those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, at latest, Tuesday previous. 6607

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Chilmark available after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 13th, latest, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6587

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, July 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath Saturday, July 16th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 6597

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Grundisburgh, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Special half-hour for ladies only. Tea only if notified three days previous.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6619

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Buckland and Betchworth, July 16th. Bells available: Buckland (6) 3-4.30; Betchworth (8) 6.30-9. Service at Buckland 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5.30. Names for tea, by July 12th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 6571

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 13th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6610

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Farningham, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6621

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.—Meeting at Yalding, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 19th, please, to Pamela Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mere-worth. 6626

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 23rd. At Hemingham (5), ringing 3-5 p.m. At Huntingfield (5), tea 5; service 6; followed by ringing. Names for tea, by July 20th, to Mr. R. C. Payne, 2, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6576

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, October 15th, 1955, at Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford. Further details later. Room unavailable October 8th.—F. V. G. 6608

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