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## 'THE RINGING WORLD'

THE Committee makes no apology for taking up this valuable space for the purpose of clarifying the position concerning this journal. It is felt that interested readers will desire to have full information as to how we stand. Last year, mainly owing to the increase in the price of the paper to 6d., we were able to show a credit balance of about £800. This sum was supplemented by about £250 in donations from peal and quarter peal ringers. Naturally the Committee felt that the corner had been turned, and plans were under consideration for the improvement of the paper. It is realised that the better we can make it, the greater the number of readers who may be induced to take it. Our hopes have been dimmed, however, by the sudden rise in printing costs and, so far as we are able to estimate, the whole of the profits made in 1955 will be swallowed up to meet them. So much for our good intentions! We are now back again to where we started, and we have to look for new sources of revenue. That is the bald position.

We stated at the Central Council meeting that a simple way out was to get a larger circulation, which would enable the costs to be spread over more copies, so making the production cost per copy less. It is realised that the paper is read by a much greater number of people than the number of copies sold. This is probably because so many towers only take one copy (generally paid for by church authorities), which is shared by all the ringers associated with such towers. Then there are cases where ringers who have bought the journal pass it on to others after they have read it. That, of course, is better than throwing it away, but it might lessen our chances of selling copies to those who are sufficiently interested as to want to read it. We have had various 'drives,' and district representatives have

been appointed (the Committee sincerely appreciates their good work), but still the desired increase in circulation does not come — indeed, such advances that have been made have been cancelled out by death and other causes. If the paper is to survive, we *must* have a bigger circulation. We propose to increase the charges for advertisements, but the yield from this source will not be sufficient by itself.

We feel that there has not yet been a sufficient realisation by the Exercise of its responsibilities concerning its own paper. The Committee will work hard and continuously, but it is not equipped with magical powers, and cannot perform the duties which fall to every individual who wants to see the paper survive. It is up to every reader to take up *at once* the task of securing new readers, and with a big push all round we should soon be out of trouble, and get back to the work of *improving* the paper, not just merely keeping it alive.

Those who read the Committee's report will have noted that although there recently was a dispute in the printing trade, the paper appeared regularly and on time. Had it been usually produced in London, it would have ceased to appear. We are not too sure whether, if this had happened, that it would have been an entirely bad thing—it would certainly have brought about a realisation that the paper is essential to the life of the Exercise. Isn't it a fact that we take it too much for granted that 'The Ringing World' will always be available when we want it?

We appeal to all ringers and all district representatives to make a strong effort to enrol new readers, to stimulate interest in the paper by bringing it up continuously for discussion at meetings, and we hope that those generous-minded souls (bless them!) will continue to send their donations along, to be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.' This appeal is addressed to every responsible member of the Exercise, and we now ask you to back up your Committee by *personal* effort.

J. F. S.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

SOUTHWARK.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT.. ..	Treble	HARRY POYNER .. ..	7
*JILL R. PARSONS ..	2	T. MARK WHITE .. ..	8
*JOYCE A. PARSONS ..	3	JOHN HILL .. ..	9
DAVID E. PARSONS ..	4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. ..	10
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	5	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK ..	11
JOHN N. DISERENS ..	6	ROGER O. FRY .. ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

TONY PRICE.. ..	Treble	JOHN S. BARNES.. ..	6
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	WILLIAM H. COLES .. ..	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT..	3	BERT GOGLE .. ..	8
JAMES W. HAW .. ..	4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. ..	9
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. ..	5	FRANK C. PRICE .. ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	2	GWEN I. RUSBY .. ..	7
NORAH M. BIBBY .. ..	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES..	8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ..	4	H. LESLIE PASK .. ..	9
JOHN FREEMAN .. ..	5	JOHN WALDEN .. ..	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*ALAN J. FROST .. ..	Treble	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ..	6
*BARRIE HENDRY .. ..	2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. ..	7
*DAVID W. JAMES .. ..	3	GEORGE CARE .. ..	8
JOHN KING .. ..	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ..	9
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	5	†BRYAN S. COPE .. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Kent Royal.

Rung for the third anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS BEAUMONT..	Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER..	2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. ..	7
†JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY ..	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	8
*PETER F. BORER .. ..	4	†RONALD E. NORRIS .. ..	9
HARRY SPRINGATE .. ..	5	GEORGE KENWARD .. ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

Rung for the restoration of Rochester Cathedral, and the eve of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 40½ cwt.

*CYRIL RUSBY .. ..	Treble	DENNIS CHAPMAN .. ..	6
FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	2	DENNIS HOLLAND .. ..	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. ..	3	†JOHN S. SEAGER .. ..	8
JOHN J. L. GILBERT..	4	BARRY HOLLAND .. ..	9
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. ..	5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

Rung in connection with the Rev. Brian Green's combined churches Mission, held in Sheffield from June 2nd to 14th.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK VICKERS ..	Treble	REGINALD H. HOWSON ..	5
A. NUNNELEY WOOD ..	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS..	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	3	GEORGE E. GREEN .. ..	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ..	4	JOHN A. GREEN .. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5152 JOHN O' GAUNT SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	Treble	JOHN E. COOK .. ..	5
ERNEST MORRIS .. ..	2	JOHN A. ACRES .. ..	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. ..	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. ..	7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. ..	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. ..	Tenor

Arranged from Middleton's by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal in the method, which is Kirklington with 8th place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. ..	Treble	DAVID W. JAMES .. ..	5
*ALAN J. FROST .. ..	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ..	6
ERIC NOBLES .. ..	3	BERNARD E. FROST .. ..	7
BARRIE HENDRY .. ..	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN..	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1½ Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE ..	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. ..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. ..	2	JOHN WORTH .. ..	6
BASIL JONES .. ..	3	PETER LAFIN .. ..	7
EDWARD JENKINS .. ..	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*BRIAN T. HALE.. .. Treble	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. 5
*EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. 2	*CLIFFORD J. BEADLE .. 6
*DAVID G. WRIGHT .. .. 3	†DUGALD M. MACPHERSON 7
EILEEN M. TURNER .. .. 4	†E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. A. Wheeler, on leaving the parish. Also on the third anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

## FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY MILLS .. .. 2	HAROLD HAMER .. .. 6
PHILLIP HUDSON .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7
ORRELL DAVIES .. .. 4	BRIAN N. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. John Hodgkinson and Miss Joan Worsley at this church this day, and also as a welcome to the Rev. David Moseley, the new curate.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARION J. SKINNER .. .. Treble	GLADYS MANCHIP .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ELSIE K. HART .. .. 6
MARY LAWRENCE .. .. 3	KATHLEEN M. LOCK .. .. 7
ANNE B. SPEED .. .. 4	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

\* 200th peal.

## HERTFORD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER .. 5
*FRANCES M. WELCH .. 2	JOHN WELCH .. .. 6
OLIVE M. JOHNSON .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
†PATRICIA DOORN .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

## LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DEREK RILEY .. .. Treble	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. .. 2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6
C. RONALD SMITH .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. 7
LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal in the method.

## REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

RHODA HEMMINGS .. .. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

MARION J. PARKER .. .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 5
A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal of Grandsire Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

Rung on the third anniversary of the coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

## STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTOCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*DR. GUY ROWORTH .. .. Treble	RICHARD LUTON .. .. 5
MRS. PAULINE WILTON .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 6
HARRY AUSTIN .. .. 3	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 7
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 4	*THOMAS R. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE TRIPLES

Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*JOHN T. TILSTON .. .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
*HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
*PHILIP J. EVANS .. .. 4	H. STEWART BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to the memory of James Swindley.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 5
RICHARD WILSON .. .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
ERIC T. LEE .. .. 3	W. LESLIE WELER .. .. 7
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung for the ordination at St. Paul's Cathedral of Mr. J. D. Wilken-

son, son of the Rector of Heene.



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**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.*

*Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.*

*JOAN K. BROWN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. .. 6
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

*Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.*

*\* First peal of Stedman away from tenor.*

*In memoriam Frederick H. Dexter.*

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

*On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.*

**A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

*With 120 course ends.*

*Tenor 10 cwt.*

*GEORGE W. RIDGWAY .. Treble	*DEREK P. JONES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*JOHN W. RAWSON .. .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

*Composed by M. J. THURMOTT.*

*Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.*

*\* First peal in the method.*

*Rung to mark the first anniversary of the Rev. A. J. Day's induction to the benefice of Measham.*

**WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 FINCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.*

ERNEST H. KILBY .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
MARY LAWRENCE .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

*Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.*

*The first peal in the method.*

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., June 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

*Washbrook's Variation.*

*Tenor 15 cwt.*

*JUDITH R. COX .. .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	ALBERT E. BEANEY .. .. 6
JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
FRANK E. WALKER .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

*Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.*

*\* First peal in the method.*

*A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.*

**BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 MANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 15½ cwt.*

*JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH .. 2	PETER COXALL .. .. 6
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 3	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. 7
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

*Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS.*

*Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.*

*\* 250th peal for the Lancashire Association. First peal in the method by the band, for the Association and on the bells.*

*Rung in memoriam Edwin Timbrell.*

**BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

*Tenor 16 cwt.*

THOMAS W. PETTY .. .. Treble	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 5
JOSEPH LOVETT .. .. 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

*Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.*

*Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.*

**FINCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR.**

*34-16-56-38-14-38-36-58*

*8ths place lead-end, 4th place bob.*

*f.c.e.s: 32546, 46253, 46325, 54263, 34562 and 62345.*

**DERBY.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.*

*Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.*

BENJAMIN BARKER .. .. Treble	WALTER STEEN .. .. 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 2	ALFRED MOULD .. .. 6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3	WM. LANCASTER .. .. 7
*ERNEST H. JOHNSON .. 4	WALTER SHAW .. .. Tenor

*Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.*

*\* First peal on eight bells.*

*Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. E. Barker, daughter of the ringer of the treble.*

**DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 30½ cwt.*

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

*Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.*

**EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

*Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.*

FREDERICK A. JAINE .. Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 5
*DENNIS F. JAINE .. .. 2	†CHARLES G. JONES .. 6
*BRYAN A. ELLSMORE .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 7
JOSEPHINE GREEN .. .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

*Composed by J. CARTER.*

*Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.*

*\* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.*

**HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.*

*MAURICE J. DODD .. .. Treble	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	*HAROLD P. REED .. .. 6
*FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	*REGINALD A. REED .. 7
*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

*Composed by A. G. DRIVER.*

*Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.*

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

**PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.*

FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 5
*MARION J. PARKER .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH .. Tenor

*Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.*

*Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.*

*\* First peal of London 'inside.'*

**TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 9, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

*Tenor 12 cwt.*

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	
*ROSEMARY HALFACRE .. Treble	FRANK HENBEST .. .. 5
WALTER HUNT .. .. 2	ALFRED K. STREET .. 6
A. ALAN BROWN .. .. 3	HAROLD SMITH .. .. 7
MRS. HAROLD SMITH .. 4	EDWARD G. BURROWS .. Tenor

*Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.*

*\* First attempt for a peal, aged 14½ years.*

*Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet D. Cudby, of the local band, and Mr. John M. Sharpe.*

## SIX BELL PEALS

CLIVE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

FREDERICK A. JAINE .. .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 2	REGINALD T. JONES .. 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Treble	MARK W. LEWIS .. .. 4
SIMON L. BARLEY .. .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 3	RONALD C. MILNES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIMON L. BARLEY.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. A. Dunn, B.A. (formerly of Bicknoller, Somerset), who was inducted Vicar of North Muskham on May 22nd, 1956.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield District.)

On Sat., May 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JUNE HIND .. .. Treble	†KENNETH FAULKNER .. 4
*KENNETH DUROW .. .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	WILFRED RILEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

Rung for Empire Day.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	EDWARD LOWMAN .. .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 5
E. CHARLES TURNER .. .. 3	JOHN VERNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

100th peal on the bells.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of William Latemore, jun., who had been organ blower at this church for over 25 years.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 8 cwt.

*MRS. G. WAREHAM .. .. Treble	GEORGE WAREHAM .. .. 4
*MISS A. LEWIS .. .. 2	DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON .. 5
*ROGER ABBOT .. .. 3	*ALLEN BRATTEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON (16).

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 4
PERCY BALDOCK .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 200th peal.

Rung on the 41st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the third, and for the wedding of Miss June Woodcock, a chorister at this church, which took place prior to the ringing of the peal.



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EGERTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(The St. James's Society, Egerton.)

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*PAMELA A. J. CARTER .. Treble	*PETER F. T. SMITH .. 4
*E. PATRICIA LEWIS .. 2	†KATHERINE J. STISED .. 5
*PATRICIA A. TURK .. 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

\* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First seven-method peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell and a mark of esteem to the ringer of the fifth, who is leaving the district. All are members of the local company.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST E. BRAY .. Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 4
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 3	WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of College, one extent of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPHINE GREEN .. Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 4
*MOLLIE TILBURY .. 2	CHARLES G. JONES .. 5
JAMES WARD .. 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* 25th peal.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, Surfleet, York, Bourne, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS .. Treble	†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN.. 2	EDWIN J. UPTON .. 5
*WALTER AYRE .. 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 375th peal for this Association. † 200th peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*H. DONALD BRYANT.. Treble	†D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 4
JOHN HALE .. 2	THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 3	HAROLD PREECE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Benjamin Davies, father of the ringer of the fourth.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS RUCKLIDGE .. Treble	*JOHN POTTS .. 4
*ALAN THORNTON .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. BRADLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (five callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYNTHIA B. HALL .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
JOHN COLLEY .. 2	*RICHARD F. DAVIES.. 5
ROBERT NICHOLLS .. 3	THOMAS H. ONIONS.. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

\* 25th peal.

Rung for the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. 4
MONICA HOWARD .. 2	C. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 5
*AUDREY BUTLER .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\* 25th peal. Rung on Coronation Day, after meeting short for Major.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
On Wed., June 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	LESLIE C. SMITH.. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a second daughter (Mary Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hillis.

## HANDBELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Thurs., May 31, 1956, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT ST. THOMAS' CLUB, STATION ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

PETER J. MORTON .. 1—2	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 3—4
PAUL J. RIGBY .. 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL G. MORTON.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., June 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 1—2	WALTER AYRE .. 3—4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5—6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., June 7, 1956, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Barham, Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe and Peveril Delight, and Mendip, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob; (2) Hull and Bourne Surprise, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, and Nelson Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 13 in E.

HOWARD SCOTT .. 1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3—4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5—6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Believed to be the most Treble Bob methods rung to a peal 'in hand.'

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. A. Manning 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, E. Walklate (first quarter, aged 12) 3, B. R. Manning 4, A. Whitting (first quarter) 5, B. Bradley 6. For morning service. Also the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, E. Walklate 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. All members of the local team (average age 16 years).

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, H. M. White 2, H. Bird 3, F. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clarke (cond.) 7, D. Collins 8. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, for 56 years a member of the band, and secretary for many years.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Cambridge): M. J. Edwards 1, K. Everett 2, G. M. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Also the same day, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 1, H. Stebbings 2, M. J. Edwards 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, G. M. Rouse 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on June 10th, 1,440 London Surprise: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

**BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marchant (first on eight) 1, D. Miller 2, J. Hobbs 3, W. Stevens 4, J. Walton 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Short (first of Triples as cond.) 7, M. Stone 8.

**BURNLEY, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, G. Atkinson 2, D. Gilbert 3, M. Bideau 4, N. Smith 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6, P. Schofield 7. With 5 and 7 covering. Rung during the annual church walk.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COWLEY, OXON.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bennett (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bennett 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, P. Smith 4, J. Sutton 5, D. Norris 6. A 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to J. Sutton.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Leale (first of Major 'in hand') 1-2, K. Arthur 3-4, B. Buswell 5-6, J. A. Ainsworth (first of Major 'in hand', cond.) 7-8.

**GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd-Bob): J. A. Ainsworth 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, G. S. Deas 3, C. McGuinness 4, F. G. Bloomfield 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, R. Telford 8. For the induction of the Rev. T. H. Corden, M.A., as Rector.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Price (first quarter) 1, E. J. Manley 2, J. Salway 3, A. Turner 4, C. J. Turner 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, T. Gush 8.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Strong 1, Miss M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, H. Knight 4, C. Kortright 5, M. Horseman (first on cond.) 6, J. Gilbert 7, D. Yeo 8. First of Major by 1 and 2.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At all Saints' Church, on May 31st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ann Chantler 1, C. M. Dring 2, J. T. Mannering 3, J. C. Wallis 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, M. A. Reynolds 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

**POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.**—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (extents of Single Court and Single Oxford): A. Cansdale 1, Eva Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, K. Prime 5, B. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Keith Prime, who is leaving the district after doing his National Service.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (4 six-scores Plain Bob and 64 of Grandsire): R. Yelling 1, Miss B. Carter (first 'inside') 2, A. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Hoare 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Redwood 1, J. Turner 2, Miss J. Gray 3, R. Marlow 4, Miss S. Percy 5, L. Cobb 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8. First in method for 1 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Preston, of Christchurch.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Wilmore 1, K. Thompson 2, E. Morris 3, B. S. Payne 4, G. Lowe 5, G. M. Brewin (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Stone (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, M. Bishop 3, G. M. Brewin 4, R. A. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6. For Matins.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, H. Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. G. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Dunkley, a former ringer.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. J. Hattera 2, B. A. Cornell 3, H. V. Frost 4, L. Hansell 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, J. Ewer 8, W. Little 9, R. F. Ewer 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicoll 12. First of Stedman Cinques for 8 and 9. Rung to commemorate the completion of 50 years' service by H. E. C. Goodenough as a ringer at the Cathedral.

**WENDOVER, BUCKS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, R. Eggleton 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Confirmation service.

**WINSLOW, BUCKS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Townsend 2, H. Jones 3, H. Franco (first of Triples) 4, G. W. Holland 5, C. Gough 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Gibbard (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples on the bells.

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The Society of Roving Ringers thank the Ancient Society of College Youths for relinquishing their attempt on Southwark Cathedral bells on June 9th to enable the R.R. to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. This was Mrs. Joyce Parsons' first peal since her wedding and it made her eligible to join the elite band who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The peal rung at Repton for the Patronal Festival of St. Wystan was also a 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, of Overseal.

With the ringing of 5,040 College Triples at Chester on June 3rd, Mr. H. O. Baker has completed peals in the 11 pure Triples methods with two hunts. He has also rung peals of Stedman and Erin Triples.

In the 'Mills' peal, the band was made up as follows: Father, daughter, son on the front three; mother, father, son on the back three; Marian and Donald being 16 and Michael 14. This is presumably the first 'Mills' peal to be rung.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that there has been a previous peal at Ewhurst, Sussex, on December 10th, 1916. 'I confirm the recent peal at Cadoxton as the 50th on the bells, but I made the last peal at Burton Latimer the 51st since augmentation, not the 50th.'

Several peals have been arranged in which each ringer has hailed from a different county, but it is unusual for this to occur purely by coincidence. Such a case was the peal at Norton, Glos, in which the counties represented were Bedfordshire, Devon, Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Essex, Cornwall, Derbyshire and Middlesex. To complete the story, the composer was from Suffolk!

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Youth met age when Yeovil ringers visited Minehead for their annual outing. Michael Turner, aged 11, of Hardington, rang with Mr. J. Pugsley, the Minehead veteran, who is 73 years his senior.

Ringing has been resumed at Woneresh, Surrey, at usual times. The cracked gudgeon has been repaired.

The peal at Cromer was the first on the bells for over 20 years. The conductor, Mr. Walter C. Medler, was also the conductor of the first peal on the bells rung 32 years ago.

The headstocks of the 14 bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, are now at Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough, having new ball-bearing fittings fitted to them. Consequently ringing will be off for some months. Intending visitors to Eire please note.

In the Cambridge University Guild peal at Longstanton on May 19th ('R.W.' p. 339) Mr. T. R. Dennis acted as umpire. The intention was to ring a silent peal, and it would have been so but for words which escaped one member of the band towards the end of the second part.

We have had most encouraging news concerning Mr. W. T. Elson, following the mid-thigh amputation of his left leg. He now gets about the ward at London University Hospital in a wheeled chair and is planning what he will do when he comes out of Roehampton Hospital, after learning to get about on one leg.

After a lapse of several years the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Ditchingham, Norfolk, ring out again. A band of ringers, including learners, has been formed and keen interest is shown by certain members from Ellingham and Earsham, who come regularly to every practice (Wednesdays) to help with Plain Bob.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

(Continued from page 378)

## TWO MOTIONS DEFEATED — BELLS IN ROUNDS IN A PEAL — TWIN BOBS MARKED X — NEXT COUNCIL MEETING — APPRECIATION OF PRESIDENT — HAPPY SOCIAL CONCLUSION

### BELLS IN ROUNDS

The next motion debated was

1. That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

- (i) at the beginning and end of the peal;
- (ii) at the beginning of each extent;
- (iii) when round-blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round-blocks.

2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which for any reason the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.

Proposing the motion, Mr. E. A. Barnett said there were two reasons why he put it on the agenda. One was that they had not a lot to discuss that day, and secondly that 15 or 16 months ago somebody in the Ely district rang a peal in which, one gathered, rounds came up in the middle, and the conductor quite rightly said that the Central Council had never made provision when such an event occurred. This was not a matter of life or death, or a matter in which he would lose any sleep.

He was a little surprised to find three letters in 'The Ringing World' deploring the fact that they proposed to reject peals in which rounds came up in the middle. He could recall three times in which rounds occurred when he had been ringing and on each occasion they stopped immediately. He really believed that most of the Exercise would stop if rounds came up.

He noticed that two of the letters were concerned with peals in which rounds came up in the middle, and he could not help feeling that the writers had a vested interest in the matter. A further point was that two of the people came from East Anglia. He wondered if there was a different standard of peal ringing morality in East Anglia.

Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconding, said when he started to ring it was stressed on him that rounds had a special significance, and if rounds came up that was the end. He persisted in this belief for five or six years and then he read the book of Decisions. He read there that a peal should begin and end with rounds, and later that one could have a trip and if it was corrected immediately it was all right.

Mr. Peter Border said as most members knew he knew a good deal about ringing in East Anglia, and he could assure the Council that ringing in East Anglia was no worse than in any other part of the country, and it was better than in some.

The matter referred to was a peal at Iggleton and the information submitted to 'The Ringing World' was third-hand at the very least. He wanted to make it clear that rounds did not occur at any place. When the trip occurred there was a mix-up, but it was not rounds. The bells 3 4 5 came down in a heap. He told the ringer what to do. The next change he was nearly right and the following one he was right. 'I had no doubt about the validity of the peal at the time.'

As to rounds in the middle of a peal, he thought they should know what was meant by rounds—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. If they came into rounds as the result of a trip they would come down in a haphazard fashion and not in perfect rounds.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith moved the rejection of the motion and the closure of the

debate. It was childish in the extreme. If they got 1 2 3 4 at back stroke and 5, 6 7 8 at hand stroke, would that be rounds?

Mr. P. Johnson, supporting the rejection, said if the Council were to tie themselves down to the motion they would bring themselves into the derision of the whole of the Exercise.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: I deplore that such a thing should be brought up before the Council.

Mr. John Freeman said as ringers they should be practical. He had rung in a peal in which rounds occurred. There was a mistake and it was recorded as a peal. It happened to have been rung in the south of England. It had been suggested that if the bells were fired and the conductor shouted 'Keep them going,' and the position was righted, it should be called a peal. He did not think they should pass that out of hand. He suggested that they move on to the next item on the agenda.

The Council decided to pass on to the next item, the chairman remarking that he felt that the discussion had been of some value.

### TWIN BOBS MARKED 'X'

A motion was submitted by Mr. J. Segar: 'That this Council disapproves of the twin bob mark "X" being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in "The Ringing World".'

Mr. Segar said when he was young nobody thought of twin bobs except in Stedman. The more recent use of twin bobs was in the Major methods, especially London. Calls could be made in London at Middle, In, Fifths, Wrong and Home, and it was under In and Fifths that they found the twin bob. The legitimate use was under 5th and 4ths.

'I would like to introduce a few young students of more advanced methods who will be the peal secretaries of the future, and I am pleased to say that some of them write to me. If I am asked what is a twin bob, I ought to give a straightforward answer. If the student friend approaches with "The Ringing World" in his pocket, I would say: "Let me look at the figures, then I will tell you what the cross indicates."

'The amount of notice Mr. Barnett told me would be required for this motion took me back to a composition of the Double Norwich type. It is a transposition of the Double Norwich type. In this there is 1, 4, 5 and 6, and no one is taught to distinguish the difference. A "X" at 5 shortens the course. We have got two bobs at 5, as distinguished by the even bob mark. The double bob mark appears to be used for one bob only.

'It would be unfortunate for any young student if he turns to another page—a peal in a second place method—where the X occurs in the before. In this composition the figure 3 is sufficient for three before and 2 for two before. The student was definitely confused when he saw a twin bob meaning one bob.'

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded the motion.

Mr. Peter Border: Does Mr. Segar deplore the use of twin bobs in various treble bob methods?

Mr. P. Johnson said the X which Mr. Segar referred to was much older than the speaker. In 'Clavis' the X was in all the bobs before, and the idea of the X indicating two bobs was in the minds of people who were specialising in Stedman Triples. 'I can see little or no use for it. A straight dash means one bob, and if you get people who don't know that and put an X in

blind ignorance, their ignorance is not our fault. There is no doubt the X comes from Stedman Triples.'

Mr. C. H. Woolley: If this X causes any contention then I would be all for abolishing it. I don't know. In my profession X can mean anything you like.

The motion was lost.

### THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary said an invitation had been received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild to visit Oxford in 1957, and an invitation had also been received to visit Essex.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked if it was intended to revert to the pre-war arrangement, to visit London every third year.

The president replied that each three years the standing committee considered very carefully whether it would be possible to go back to London. In their opinion the time had not arrived when they could find suitable accommodation.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he would have no difficulty about getting a hall—the difficulty was in getting accommodation for headquarters like they had in Leicester and other provincial towns.

After discussion the Council decided to go to Essex for their 1957 meeting.

### 'THE RINGING WORLD'

At the close of the meeting Mr. H. W. Rogers said he felt that the discussion on 'The Ringing World' was left in a very untidy state. They must make it very clear to ringers throughout the country that the circulation must be increased. He begged to move:

Following the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee, to the effect that under present circumstances and circulation a deficit is likely to be encountered in 1957, the Council urges:

(1) That all ringers, and particularly Association officers and peal ringers, endeavour to increase circulation by encouraging many more ringers to purchase regularly copies of 'The Ringing World.'

(2) That all peal ringers should be asked to send voluntary subscriptions with peal reports.

Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded and the resolution was carried.

### THE ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported: 33 Associations fully represented—76 members; 17 Associations partly represented—40 members, 25 absent; 5 Associations not represented—8 absent; life members—5 present, 2 absent; hon. members—14 present, 4 absent. Total: 135 present, 39 absent.

This was the second largest attendance in the history of the Council.

### THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. R. S. Anderson said for two or three Council meetings he had had the very pleasant duty of proposing a vote of thanks to the president. During the day the thought frequently occurred to him that this was the last Council meeting at which Mr. Lewis would preside. For many years he had graced the Council by the dignity, authority and wisdom with which he had presided.

'I ask you to rise and show by acclamation our appreciation of his services from the chair.' The meeting received the proposition with great cordiality.

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## Central Council—Continued

The president, in thanking Mr. Anderson and the members for their tribute, said it was next year before he finally vacated the chair, and he would then take the opportunity of saying a little more.

### FOUR-BELL TOWERS

The president said that his son-in law, the late Wilfred Hooton, was very anxious that something should be said about four-bell towers. In all associations there were four-bell towers, but they were never put in the list of towers. He thought it would be worth while because one of his best pupils came from a three-bell tower—Mr. Ted Gobey, of Ilkeston. If they had any four-bell towers in their areas he asked them not to neglect them.

### VOTES OF THANKS

The president asked the Council to pass a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Leicester for the use of the Council Chamber. They would also like to thank the Lord Bishop of Leicester for his welcome, and the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for his welcome on behalf of the Leicester Guild, which was very much appreciated. They also wished to thank the Provost of Leicester, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, for officiating at the service that morning, at which some 70 members were present. They also thanked the Leicester Entertainment Committee for the splendid local arrangements, and Mr. Shirley Burton for arranging the peal attempts, and all local incumbents and steeplekeepers for allowing them to ring on the bells, and in having the bells ready. [Applause.]

Mr. T. Dunwoody proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. E. A. Barnett for the way he had carried out his work as secretary, which was carried with acclamation.

### CIVIC RECEPTION

The meeting was followed by a civic reception, held in the town, by the Lord Mayor (Ald. Samuel Cooper). The Lord Mayor in his welcome said that before he came to Leicester he used to pull a bell in a four-bell tower, but he never aspired. He hoped they would take away with them happy memories of their visit.

The president thanked the Lord Mayor and the officials of the Corporation for permitting the Council meeting to be held in the Council Chamber. It was much nicer than the Old Moot Hall where they met when they last visited Leicester in 1911.

In the evening a social and dance was given by the president and members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild in the Bell Hotel. It was a very happy gathering and made a pleasing conclusion to an excellent weekend.

### ADDENDUM

The report of the Methods Committee (see page 377) was adopted after further discussion, during which Mr. Eric Nobles asked where Plain Bob with a Grandsire Single was rung were they to call it April Day or Plain Bob?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead replied that the Council had accepted for a long time that the Bob did not alter the method and the answer was that it was Plain Bob and not April Day.

The hon. secretary said he did not think there would be much harm done if Plain Bob with a Grandsire Single was called April Day.

## A LEICESTER MEMORY

*I'll tell you a bell ringing story  
Of a lad that won honour and fame,  
Wi' Shirley at bell ringing practice;  
Pat Cannon, that were 'is name.*

*He was one of this 'ere Central Council,  
And Pat's work when ringing begun  
Was to take 'old of end of bell rope  
And pull it like fury and fun.*

*One day 'im and Hilda were ringing  
The bells at Cathedral with band.  
When Pat tried to set it at finish  
He found that 'is bell wouldn't stand.*

*By gum there weren't half a commotion.  
Ringers was filled wi' alarm  
As rope flopped round about belfry  
And Pat got a coil round each arm.*

*Of course, towerkeeper 'ad to be sent for.  
He came, and said: 'What's to do?'  
Ringers said: 'Pat's bust a bell stay,  
And in his Sunday clothes too!'*

*Pat said: 'Right's right, young fellow,  
I think it's a shame on you all,  
For someone to go and blame me  
When I'm not the one's done it at all.*

*'I'd only just got 'old of bell rope  
And pulled it so gently and mild,  
And to blame me for all the commotion,  
It doesn't seem right to this child.*

*'You see, someone's been 'ere before me,  
Ana clouted it 'and stroke and back.  
It only needs touching to break it,  
The thing's 'ad a terrible crack.'*

*But nobody believed what old Pat said,  
They knew he'd given it a bang.  
And so for the rest of the meeting  
His ringing suffered a clang.*

*But when the meeting was over  
And ringers 'ad gone, 'cept a few,  
Old Pat went away very thankful  
That 'e still 'ad 'is raisins to chew.*

K. W. H. F.

## MISS STELLA WICKENS MARRIED

Handbell ringers from Aldrington greeted the bride at the church porch, which was decorated with bell ropes and handbells, when the marriage took place on April 28th at St. Peter's, Twineham, of Miss Stella Wickens to Mr. Kenneth Charles Knight. Both bride and bridegroom are members of St. Peter's band, of which the bride's father is captain.

The Rector (the Rev. B. W. Hazledine) officiated at the choral service, assisted by the Rev. N. Miller (Vicar of Titchfield, Hants). The tower bells were rung as the happy couple left the church, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles.

The reception in Twineham Village Hall was attended by 50 guests, and the honeymoon spent at Wellingore, Lincs, where the bride's uncle is vicar.

## OUNDLLE SCHOOL QUATERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The foundation of Oundle, one of the great public schools of England, occurred in 1556, and May 26th was a day of great celebration when the School was graciously honoured by a visit from H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The chief event to mark the 400th anniversary of the foundation was a service in the morning in the old Parish Church of St. Peter, and this was followed later in the day by the dedication of new stained-glass windows in the chapel of Oundle School. Her Majesty attended both these events.

Ringings were organised by Mr. Paul Taylor, head of the famous Loughborough firm of bell founders, who is himself an old boy of the School. He was anxious to collect a band of old members of the School, but as far as could be ascertained there are only five who have taken up the Exercise, and only three—Paul Taylor, Douglas Birkinshaw and R. D. Wilson—were available. The local band and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild gladly made up a band of eight.

Her Majesty was due to arrive at 11.15 a.m., but a start was made at 8.30 a.m., when touches in various methods were rung until approximately 10 a.m., when the band rang an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples which came round in good order at 10.55. After a very short interval, the bells were kept going in rounds, Queen's, and firing until the arrival of Her Majesty's car at 11.15. At this juncture the most important member of the organisation was one of the boys stationed on the roof of the church to give the signal when to stop, and so well was the timing managed that the final fire occurred just as the Queen Mother alighted from her car.

The quarter peal was: Mrs. Clarke 1, D. C. Birkinshaw 2, P. L. Taylor 3, G. W. Jeffs 4, L. Witten 5, R. D. Wilson 6, E. Whitmore (cond.) 7, A. B. Clarke 8.

From the many appreciative remarks made to the writer afterwards about the ringing it was fully evident what the lay public notice about ringing is whether it is well struck or not. This particular quarter peal was quite well struck, and although those who heard it would not know whether it was Grandsire Triples or Cambridge Major, they appreciated what many described as 'the evenness' of the ringing.

D. C. B.

## SUFFOLK CHURCH BELLS FOR SALE

The Rector and Parochial Church Council of Stanton, near Bury St. Edmunds, have received the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, subject to the decision of the Chancellor of the Diocese, to sell the four bells from the disused Church of St. John the Baptist, to help pay for the rebuilding of the tower at All Saints' Church, Stanton, which fell down during a storm in 1906.

The bells to be disposed of are a 9 cwt. tenor by John Darbie, 1680, a damaged 5½ cwt. bell, a 7 cwt. bell (believed to be 14th century), and the treble, also by John Darbie, 1680, weighing 5 cwt.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A GIFT TO HIS TOWER

Dear Sir,—I was gratified and deeply moved to note that the late C. Arthur Manning, of Alcester and Market Harborough, had in his will left £200 to the Parochial Church Council of Market Harborough upon trust for the maintenance and repair of the church bells, and his bell ringing books and papers for the use of the bellringers. This is an example that might be followed with advantage by many ringers, for we know so well—to our regret—that in the past many prominent and eminent ringers have passed on, and all their records perished with them. It has so often happened that, where no son or other near relatives interested in the art have followed, these records have been destroyed and books dispersed and lost. It seems a great pity that where a ringer has gathered together either books of historic value, peal records, compositions and other odds and ends he has cherished over the years, these should simply be scrapped because there is no one interested enough to preserve them.

I have here at St. Margaret's, Leicester, some 'scrap books' that formerly belonged to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, which for years were lost or misplaced, but eventually found and handed to me by his son, Sir Percival Heywood, Bart. I also have the diaries and other papers of W. H. Fussell and some oddments that belonged to the late James Pagett, of Derby. I was able to 'rescue' two old ringing books that belonged to the old Leicester Scholars, written by John Martin, and others about 1750 onwards. These passed through many adventures, but I have had one of them restored and rebound. In themselves they may not be of great value, but as historic memoirs they are irreplaceable.

Present day ringers who have such records, either of their own personal researches or others of early date handed on to them, should make provision to see that they are not destroyed at their passing on, but leave them to their local Society or Guild or the Central Council Library or elsewhere, where they will be preserved and kept as historic memoirs.

This act of Arthur Manning affected me deeply, probably because I knew him well and had rung with him many times and taken part in several peals which he conducted. It is gratifying that his memory will thus be kept in the belfry he loved so well.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

## FROM TENOR

Dear Sir,—The information quoted in the new 'Dove' concerning the weight of the above was derived from the records of the late J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who recorded the weights and diameters of upwards of 2,000 tenors.

He clearly records 27.2.22 in this instance, but as this was an isolated case where the weight was not shown to the nearest quarter hundred-weight, and as a 55½ inch diameter bell must weigh nearer 31 cwt, I now have the uneasy feeling that what I took to be a note of the weight in cwt. qrs. lbs. may have been nothing more than the note of the date of Jim Shepherd's visit to Frome!

If my suspicion is correct, then I can only offer my apologies to Frome—any implication that their tenor has shrunk was quite unintentional, and would suggest that owners of the new 'Dove' might like to alter the weight to 31 cwt. for accuracy.

At the same time I would assure them that this was the only time I altered a weight from J. H. S.'s notes so there need be no fear of other similar mistakes arising.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

## CHICHESTER BELL TOWER IN FILMS

Dear Sir,—Correspondents who have commented on bells in recent films may be interested to know that an entertaining account of the Cathedral bell tower at Chichester, written for the annual report of the Friends of the Cathedral by the Archdeacon, concludes as follows:

'Friends who are keen film-goers will soon have two opportunities of seeing the belfry of Chichester Cathedral, if only for a few fleeting seconds. At the beginning of the year the British Lion Film Corporation descended upon us and transformed the belfry into Baynards Castle for the film 'Richard III.' More recently, the Metro Goldwyn Mayer Company arrived and disguised the belfry as Liege Cathedral for the film 'Quentin Durdward.' The cathedral funds benefited from the contributions of the two film companies. The Prebendal School benefited from the autograph of Sir Laurence Olivier.'—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.  
Clevedon, Somerset.

## THE EXTRA POSTAGE

Over 300 of our postal subscribers have paid the extra 1s. 3d. postage for their 'Ringing World' until the end of the year. Many have thoughtfully sent a little extra in case there should be a deficit, and this kindness is much appreciated. Remittances can be sent either to the Editor, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, or to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Receipts are not given.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTION

Dear Sir,—In my humble view, the Central Council candidate should be a sincere and good churchman and one who works hard to keep his church bells rung regularly for Sunday services. However, it seems that some ringers think that the average ringer is out of his depth listening to the debates at the Council's sessions.

Peals and peal ringers are a minority in the Exercise and mean very little to the outside listeners. Therefore, if the Central Council is only for the peal and method construction experts, as some would have us think, then it is a waste of money paid out annually, by the rank and file, the majority of whom are regular service ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Irlthorpe, ARTHUR BIGLEY.

## BOW BELLS & SUBSCRIBERS' PRIVILEGE

Dear Sir,—I'm sorry that my letter should have been misread by people who prefer to read in between the lines rather than along them. The question was asked for two reasons only.

(1) Because in a back number of the 'R.W.' it was stated that a member of the pre-war band at Bow removed the tenor clapper to prevent visiting ringers from ringing it.

(2) Because at our annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, a member said that it wouldn't matter how much we gave to the Bow Bells fund, we wouldn't be allowed to ring them anyway.

Incidentally, Mr. Whittaker may be interested to know that not one member of our Association objected to a grant. The only point that we had to debate was how much we could afford to give.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH G. SPAVINS.

Woburn, Beds.

P.S.—My letter was not intended to reflect on the hospitality of the London ringers.—K. G. S.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—In his letter withdrawing his 'peal' of February 4th, Mr. B. G. Warwick made certain allegations about me which, although I am reluctant to take up more of your space, cannot go unchallenged. He also failed to give the full details concerning the withdrawal of this 'peal.'

I confirm that I have not visited St. Thomas' tower recently, but not by reason of any ulterior motive as implied. I ring at the tower of the church which I have attended for the past 20 years and which, it so happens, is not the church nearest to my home. For some years now my spare time has been so fully occupied that I have not attended my own tower so frequently as I would have wished, even though I regularly attend the services. Surely my duty to my own tower comes before tower-hopping.

I did not contact the conductor re this peal as I expected he would have sufficient gumption not to publish it—it is not unheard of for rough peals to go unpublished and unrecorded. A letter to you, Mr. Editor, who had published the peal in good faith, was obviously called for. Whether the Guild's reputation was damaged by my action is a moot point. Personally, I should have thought it was enhanced by the fact that it possesses at least one member who is not prepared to condone such peals!

It is alleged that all I said in my letter was 'not quite true.' It most certainly was true. The question of this 'peal' was brought up at a committee meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild which I was requested to attend on April 30th. Six members of the band were present (whether this was to outweigh me by numbers is a matter for conjecture) and the remaining member of the 'inside' band, who was prevented from attending by his duties as a verger, sent a letter containing abusive remarks about me. At first the only admission was that the tenor did get down to 7th's place: the firing was denied. After nearly an hour's discussion it was admitted by members of the band that the tenor had got down below 5th's place. I wonder how much longer would have been required for the firing to have been admitted too! However, the members of the band withdrew for a short time and, upon their return, the conductor announced that he would withdraw the peal 'not because it was not a true peal but because of bad striking.' None of this was mentioned by B. G. W. who wastes half a page of 'The Ringing World' to withdraw the peal because of the bad name I have given the Guild, which just doesn't make sense!

I am accused of taking Mr. F. H. Dexter's name in vain. B. G. W. seems to have forgotten that it was F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part which he was supposed to be calling.

If the withdrawal of this 'peal' is such a trouble to the band I suggest that they ring it again, in the same positions, within the next six to eight weeks, and that it be umpired by an independent party, the time and date to be published in 'The Ringing World' in advance.—Yours faithfully,

F. S. CHENEY.

South Wigston, Leicester.

## AN UNWILLING DEFAULTER

Dear Sir,—In the report as to membership which I gave at the recent Council meeting, I stated that the subscription for the East Derby and Notts Association had not been paid. I am informed by the secretary of that Association that this had been sent to me shortly after Easter, but the letter had evidently gone astray.

Although my statement was technically correct, therefore, the Association was an unwilling defaulter.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary,

Central Council of Church Bellringers.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

### Annual Meeting at Kettering

Since the early days of the Change Ringing Associations in the county of Northampton, Whit Monday has been the traditional day for the annual general meeting. Its observance was continued when the Diocesan Guild was formed in 1924, and although its pattern changed this link with the past was still favoured.

Now, however, Whit Monday is not a Bank Holiday for many industries in the county, and the ties of employment again prevented quite a number from attending the last one at Kettering on May 21st. To comply with local requests the service was combined with Evensong in the Parish Church at 6.30 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. G. L. Roberts, found that time to be most convenient. For a variety of reasons the number attending was less than usual, but the service was no less appreciated, and some hearty singing, led by Mr. S. Loasby at the organ, was enjoyed.

Tea and business were arranged in the Corn Market Hall by Mr. P. Chapman, the catering being in the hands of a committee of local ladies, whose efforts were much appreciated.

The Master, Mr. B. P. Morris, presided, and with him was the Kettering Branch president, Canon G. F. Turner, and Miss J. Luck, Branch secretary. The annual report as printed was adopted, together with the statement.

The general secretary's report stated that the total membership seemed to be unaltered, gains and losses having more or less cancelled each other out. Ten non-resident life members were elected. The obituary list contained ten names and included Mr. M. Hobbs, well known for his work in connection with Doubles methods. Fifty-three peals were recorded, including one rung in December, 1954, omitted from the last report.

As a further step towards stabilising finances the Guild committee had decided not to recommend an increase in subscriptions but that a charge be made for the annual reports.

The Master's report mentioned that most of the branches were in a satisfactory condition. There were one or two branches where opportunities for advancement were not so great as others, and he appealed to members of neighbouring branches to support outings of struggling districts. An encouraging feature was the formation of the Kettering Grammar School Society of Change Ringers. The local education committee had shown some interest, inasmuch that it had approached the general secretary for information with a view to including ringing in its education syllabus. Although this might not seem practicable, it was done in good faith, and was worthy of any help and advice they could offer.

The financial statement showed a balance of £61 6s. 4d. in the general account and £556 19s. 4d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The reports and statements of accounts were adopted.

There were no nominations for a change of officers and all were re-elected, as were the four representatives to the Central Council. Four grants, each of £20, were made from the Bell Restoration Fund to local restoration work, as well as a grant of one guinea to the Bow Bells appeal.

The rehuing ring of ten at Kettering was available from mid-day and received favourable comment. Towers in the Branch were also open at various times and were much in demand.

Later in the year, at the summer festival at Oundle on September 1st, members will again have the opportunity to decide for or against changing the day of the annual meeting. No doubt the experience of May 21st will influence many in their opinion, but careful thought is of course still necessary.

## CHESTER GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, presented at its annual meeting at Crewe on May 26th, welcomes its new president, the Rt. Rev. Gerald A. Ellison, D.D., Bishop of Chester, as the first ringing president it has had in its history. The Bishop demonstrates his practical interest in ringing as he goes about the diocese, for whenever possible he goes into the tower and enjoys a touch with the local band. The report expresses the hope that ringers throughout the diocese will be determined to support him in a practical manner as he faces the great tasks which confront him in the diocese.

Reference is also made to the duty of ringers to see that the bells are rung for service and that the ringing is the best which can be produced, and comments: 'No band is so good that it cannot be better, and no band, if it is to continue, can neglect the training of new ringers.'

Last year the Guild rang 87 peals, in which 121 resident members took part together with 40 non-resident members. There were 11 first pealers and 26 conductors.

Throughout the diocese the social side of the Art is not neglected, and the report contains references to ringers' outings, social evenings, dances, etc., which maintain their popularity and serve to bring non-ringers into contact with the Exercise.

At the meeting, which adopted the report, decisions were taken to raise the subscription by sixpence with effect from January 1st, 1957, and also to double the maximum grant payable from the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund.

After some debate it was decided to hold the Annual Festival in 1957 on the second Saturday in May at Northwich, as it was felt that Trinity weekend was unsuitable on account of Trinity ordinations, particularly as it was desired that the president should be given the opportunity to be present.

It was decided that subscriptions to the Bow Restoration Appeal be sent through the Guild general secretary, and that the closing date for such subscriptions should be September 30th.

A report on the Central Council meeting at Leicester was presented by Mr. C. K. Lewis, in the unavoidable absence of the representative member, Mr. R. G. Corby.

The meeting reaffirmed its confidence in its officers by re-electing them for a further year, with very sincere appreciation of the time and trouble they expend on the Guild's affairs.

The annual meeting was preceded by tea and service in Christ Church, Crewe, at which the Rev. F. Gentry officiated and the Rev. A. Hockley, of Coppenthal, preached. He took the Trinity ordination as his starting point, and developed it to point out that whilst the priesthood had its part to play the laity, and ringers especially, had their part in the Church's tasks. He emphasised that if complaints were made of the quality of the clergy, as they often were, they should not forget that they were chosen from the laity. He asked that ringers should make a point of putting first things first in order that their fellows with whom they worked and played might be able to see a true picture of a Christian. He asked: 'Is your hobby related to the total life of the Church, and if not, why not?'  
C. K. L.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ANSTEY'S DEDICATION

On Saturday, June 9th, 1906, the old five bells of Anstey, Leics, were rededicated and three new trebles added. The first 'touch' on the bells on that historic occasion was 336 Grandsire Triples by William P. Cooper 1, Arthur R. Aldham 2, Ernest Morris 3, R. Henry Bartram 4, Josiah Morris 5, William H. Inglesant 6, Charles H. Fowler 7, William Willson (conductor) 8. Of this band only the two Morris's (father and son) remain alive.

It is not generally known that the first recorded peal yet found of Doubles in Leicestershire was rung on the old five bells here. 'The Leicester Journal' of September 27th, 1782, record: 'On Thursday last was rung at Anstey in this county upon five bells, 5,280 Grandsire bobs, in three hours and ten minutes.' It is a great pity no names of the ringers are given. They had, however, their own code of rules, and Nichols, the historian, records them as being on the wall of the belfry:—

'Whoever takes a bell in hand  
Must first these orders understand.  
Before you begin a peal to swing  
Off your hat, spurs and girdle, be sure you do fling.  
He that rings with his spurs on, his girdle or hat,  
He must pay down two pence—be sure of that.  
He that doth a bell overthrow, I say,  
Shall two pence pay the clerk, without delay.  
He that doth a bell pull back again,  
Shall surely pay down sixpence for the same.  
If you refuse the stated sum to pay,  
Presented you shall be, the next Court day.'

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the octave, a peal was arranged, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the band

met short, so a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by R. Elkington (conductor) 1, P. Kirk 2, E. Morris 3, M. Staniforth 4, A. Disney 5, G. H. Arguile 6, W. A. Lacey 7, Margaret Disney 8. Ernest Morris rang the same bell as he did at the dedication 50 years ago; Margaret Disney is the granddaughter of the tower-keeper of that time, the late Mr. Alfred Cufflin.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing the 'Ringing World':

Personal.—G. M. Brewin 3/9, C. H. Hillis 5/—, Anonymous 3/9, R. H. Stickley 2/—.

Peals.—Woodditton 2/6, Rochester 5/—, Stratton St. Margaret 4/—, Bridgend 4/—, Heene 10/—, Derby 4/—, Sheffield 2/—, North Muskham 3/—, Bolton 4/—, Gloucester 2/—, Histon 3/—.

Quarter Peals.—Radstock 3/—, Folstead 3/—, Bishop's Stortford 4/—, Ringwood 2/—, Silsoe 2/3, Dullingham 2/6, Cowley 3/—, Burnham-on-Sea 2/—, Wandsworth 2/9, Swindon 2/3, Honiton Cyst 2/—, St. Albans 6/—, Gateshead 2/6, Twincham 2/6, Burnley 2/—, Stourbridge 2/6, Ruardean 2/6, Twerton 1/6, Burnham-on-Crouch 10/—, Wendover 1/—, Alveston 3/—.

### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BISHOP

A member of the Mereworth, Kent, band since 1926, Mr. George ('Joe') Bishop died on June 3rd, aged 73. Previously he was a member of the East Peckham Band.

The following colleagues from these two towers rang 1,260 Plain Bob Minor to his memory on June 6th: L. Newman 1, G. Fry 2, L. J. Honess 3, T. Saunders 4, H. H. Ushorne (cond.) 5, J. Saunders 6.

# THE OUTING SEASON HAS ARRIVED

## CHELTENHAM AND PRESTBURY

A warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wilkinson) was accorded ringers from Cheltenham and Prestbury when they visited Bishampton Church on Whit Saturday afternoon. Other towers in the tour were Bredon, Bredon's Norton, Great Comberton, Pershore Abbey and Great Hampton. We have heard from Bishampton how much the parishioners appreciated the visit.

## ALL SAINTS', CORSTON

The ringers of All Saints', Corston, near Bath, had a very enjoyable outing into Dorset on May 12th and were accompanied by their Rector and other ringing enthusiasts.

Towers visited were Beaminstrey, Netherbury, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Bridport and East Coker.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

Thanks are due to Mr. L. R. G. Taylor for the excellent arrangements, those friends who provided the means of transport, and to incumbents and local bands who welcomed the party at each tower.

## RIPPINGALE, Lincs

A most enjoyable day's ringing was spent in Bedfordshire on May 26th by the Rippingale band accompanied by friends from Billingborough, Silk Willoughby, Market Deeping, Morton, Thurlby, Helpingsham and Peterborough.

Towers visited were the beautifully-restored church of Eaton Socon, Tempsford, Sandy, Biggleswade, Clifton, Elstow and St. Paul's, Bedford.

The outing was splendidly arranged by Mr. Bill Marsh, and ringing included Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and other methods. Thanks are due to incumbents for permission to ring and to local ringers.

## WHIT MONDAY IN HEREFORDSHIRE

The glorious highways and byways of Herefordshire were the venue of another ringing tour organised by Mr. E. T. Paul Field on Whit Monday. There was an imposing list of ten towers starting from the handy little six at Weston-under-Penyard. Then followed Ross-on-Wye (where the Hereford Guild made the visitors most welcome), Bridstow, Sellack Little Dewchurch (where the tower master and his wife kindly provided tea and cakes, King's Chapel (a difficult tenor), Upton Bishop, Aston Ingham and Blaisdon.

Thanks are due to Paul Field and to ringers and incumbents of Herefordshire for so kindly allowing the use of the bells.

## WALTON-ON-THAMES

An early start was made on Whit Monday by Walton-on-Thames ringers and friends. A beautiful drive through Buckinghamshire led to St. Laurence's, Winslow (8, 19½ cwt.), and then into Bedfordshire for the ten at Leighton Buzzard (24½ cwt.).

The afternoon's programme after lunch at Cross Keys included the beautiful church and bells at St. Mary's, Woburn, and the second ten of the day, St. Mary's, Luton.

A long drive through country lanes was the route to Enfield (8, 20 cwt.), where ringing abruptly terminated when the clapper of the tenor departed from the bell. Thanks are due to Mr. Peter Alderton for his excellent arrangements and also to incumbents and local ringers.

## ST. MARY'S, HENDON

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by St. Mary's Guild, Hendon, on May 19th, the party including six members of St. Mary's, Finchley, and other friends.

After ringing on the lovely-toned six at Kingswood various good touches were rung at Bletchingley (8). While this was in progress one member drew the attention of the Vicar of Hendon and other friends to the improvements that would be made if Hendon had another two bells.

The good tea at Godstone resulted in a late arrival at Thames Ditton. Miss Ruth Foreman was the capable Ringing Master. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and tower captains.

## HILLINGDON

The destination for this year's outing of St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers on May 26th was Kent, and the 31 members and friends had to leave early.

A good start was made on the light eight at Speldhurst. After a good lunch the band never seemed quite at home on the 30 cwt. eight at Tenterden but fared better on the lighter eights at Biddenden and Wrotham, the latter being acclaimed the 'best tower of the day' both for tone and for ease of handling. An hour's ringing was also enjoyed at Westerham.

## Seen In A Belfry

From Essex comes the following incident:—

*Bob Doubles were in progress when the fifth ringer (a lady) misses her dodge with the second (also a lady) and tries to make second's place from the ringer of the fourth.*

*The bells were righted and eventually came into rounds and 'Stand' was called. Instantly the ringer of the fourth advanced towards the ringer of the fifth, with rope end in hand, and exclaimed: 'You'd steal my work, you would.'*

*The ringer of the second then rushes across to the ringer of the fifth, and throwing her head on her shoulder sobbed out: 'It's all too bad. You made me make the dodge all on my own.'*

Altogether the day was a great success; the rain kept off, the methods rung ranged from rounds and Grandsire to Bristol and London, and striking was of a good standard, in fact many with long memories regard it as 'the best yet.'

## PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK

Two coaches were required for the Pakefield company's outing on Whit Monday. Ringing friends, the Rector, churchwardens, choir and members of the congregation finding the outing planned by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kindred most attractive.

An hour's ringing at Woodbridge was followed by tea at Sudbury, the very musical ring at Long Melford, with the unusual approach to the belfry, and finally Lavenham, with a warm welcome from the Rector and Mr. Stedman Symonds. Here a shortened Evensong was sung and the Rector gave a most interesting talk on the church and the bells. Good use was made of the bells.

Ringing during the day consisted of Bob Major, Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, with rounds and call changes for beginners. The beauty of 'Constable's county' impressed all the party.

## NORTH MUSKHAM

On Saturday, May 26th, a party of 50 ringers and friends from North Muskham and towers around travelled by bus and cars to South Lincolnshire.

Some good ringing at All Saints', Stamford, set the pace for the day. Moving eastwards into the Fen District the next tower visited was Market Deeping (6, 16 cwt.). There ringing was perhaps not quite so good owing to the fourth and fifth ropes falling very close together. At Deeping St. Nicholas (6, 6 cwt.) it was soon evident that the bells went like the proverbial 'little tops', Cambridge Minor being tapped out in fine style.

The next tower, the Mecca of all ringers, Croxland (6, 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), was reached early enough to listen to the bells being rung by a party from Northampton whilst we looked round the ruins. These fine bells, with their tremendously long draught of rope, both go and sound well and are surprisingly easy to handle.

Tea was taken at the Bell Hotel, Deeping St. James, followed by ringing on the magnificent six of St. James' Church (tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.).

The final tower was St. Andrew's, West Deeping (6, 10 cwt. 2 qr.). There we did not do justice to a fine ring of bells; perhaps we were a little tired at the end of a good day.

Methods rung included rounds for the learners, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Original, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. W. Midwinter (the organiser), incumbents and ringers who met the party.

W. L. E.

## OBITUARY

### MR. A. FRITH

Rotherham Parish Church company lost a valued member on May 13th by the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Firth in his 53rd year. He collapsed at work and on the arrival of the doctor was found to be dead. At an inquest a verdict of 'Death from natural causes' was recorded.

Mr. Firth learnt to ring at Rawmarsh Parish Church as a boy, and for some 20 years had been associated with ringing at Rotherham Parish Church. He took part in a number of peal tours and altogether rang 167 peals. His first peal was Bob Major at Rawmarsh in 1921, and his last, Grandsire Triples, at Rotherham in 1955. He was a safe and immaculate ringer and very popular amongst his ringing friends. For several years he was on the committee of the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division) and rang at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at York Minster on the day before his death.

### HIS PEALS

Minor (15): Plain Bob 2, Treble Bob 3, three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 4.

Triples (4): Grandsire 3, Stedman 1.

Major (31): Plain Bob 8 (conducted 1), Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 12, Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 2, Kent and Oxford 4.

Surprise Major (85): Four spliced 3, three spliced 1, Yorkshire 21, London 11, Bristol 10, Cambridge 5, Rutland 2, Pudsey 2, Superlative 8, also one each of Southgate, Bradford, Leeds, Conisbrough, Darlington, Tavistock, Doncaster, Guildford, Sandringham, Rochester, Belgrave, Whitminster, Hinton, Killamarsh, Ealing, Norfolk, Aldenham, New Cambridge, Ashted, Lincolnshire, Dublin, Reverse Dublin.

Caters (6): Grandsire 4, Stedman 2.

Royal (7): Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 3, Kent 1, Kent and Oxford 1.

Surprise Royal (16): Yorkshire 4, New Cambridge 1, Cambridge 7, Aldenham 1, Lindsey 1, Rochester 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Cinques (1): Grandsire 1.

Maximus (2): Little Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total: 167, conducted 1.

N. C.

## OBITUARY

### MR. F. H. DEXTER

Mr. Frederick Henry Dexter, of Leicester Cathedral Society, whose death was announced last week, was one of Leicester's most famous leaders—both as a composer and conductor and in his prime was a martinet in the belfry, yet beneath all his forceful remarks he was one of the most genial individuals one could ever wish to meet.

Woe to the man who blundered or struck his bell badly when he was ringing, the 'Sergeant-Major,' as he was affectionately called, would pounce on him with a language all his own! He was a 'character' who was forthright in speech and actions—without fear or favour for anyone—yet beloved for his generous and friendly spirit. Many are the episodes of his ringing career that could be told of his exploits both inside and outside the belfry. Not of a robust build, he could, nevertheless, turn in a heavy tenor with precision and ease, and it was there he was usually found.



His first peal was at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, Grandsire Triples, on January 19th, 1901, and his first as conductor at Lutterworth, September 19th, 1903, when he called Parker's One-Part, and followed this shortly afterwards with Holt's Original. The old St. Martin's Society (then having 10 bells) rang Grandsire and Stedman almost exclusively, but F. H. D. soon raised the standard to Surprise Royal methods, and peals followed of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Melton, Leicester, York, Goldsborough and others. Most of these and many Major peals (and, later on, Cinques and Maximus) were called by him, but although he was such a capable conductor he never aspired to that honour. More often than not he preferred to hand over to his apt pupils—the late H. J. Poole, H. Broughton, E. Morris and others, whom he taught to conduct, and not merely to call and trust to luck!

When he was practising for the record extent of Cambridge Major we rang every then known composition and F. H. D. called 7,008 but left the rest to the others, invariably ringing the tenor, which he did to the 12,896. Also to 10,400 Real Superlative and 13,440 Bob Major, which latter the writer had the pleasure of calling. He also rang the tenor at St. Margaret's to the first Maximus peal in Leicester, and many other fine performances too numerous to mention.

His great ability as a composer is well known and he turned out some very fine compositions in standard and Surprise methods. It was, however, in Stedman that he excelled, and some of his Cater compositions are of exceptional merit, right off the beaten track and very musical. He also had a habit of turning compositions inside out and upside down (often to the consternation of their composers) but always with a specific purpose. For the old M.C.A. he rang 355 peals as well as a number for other Societies, and a perusal of the reports of these Associations will show the excellence of his performances.

The funeral service at Leicester Cathedral on June 9th was conducted by the Rev. Canon Atkinson, and among those present were Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. B. G. Warwick (general hon. secretary), Mr. W. A. Lacey (hon. secretary, Leicester District), Mrs. H. J. Poole, Messrs. P. Stanforth (Cathedral), E. Morris, W. Tanser (St. Margaret's), C. Harrison, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), R. Elkington (Anstey), J. S. Carter, K. F. Roe (Wigston Magna), G. A. Newton (Earl Shilton) and others. It was, perhaps very unfortunate that the Cathedral annual outing had been fixed for this day, as this prevented many ringers attending. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his respected memory.

The deceased leaves one son, Mr. Harold Dexter, M.A., F.R.C.O., Mus.Bac., recently appointed organist of Southwark Cathedral.

E. M.

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### BIRTH

HILLIS.—On June 5th, 1956, at Willesborough Hospital, Kent, to Mary, wife of Crawford T. Hillis, a daughter (Mary Elizabeth), a sister to Anne and Jim. 8461

### SILVER WEDDING

DISNEY—CUFFLIN.—On June 20th, 1931, at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicestershire, by the Rev. R. B. Disney, M.A. (father of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. J. Stewart, B.A. (Rector), Alban to Mary Louisa. Present address: 11, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester. 8503

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The address of Mr. JAMES H. MUSSON is now No. 3, Cornish Unit, Gorse Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 8523

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GORLESTON-ON-SEA.—Will ringers who intend holidaying in the locality please note the bells will not be available until further notice because of restoration work. Other serviceable local rings include Acle, Beccles, Lowestoft, Pakefield and Winterton. 8517

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BELLRINGERS' DIARY, 1957.—The 1957 'Bellringers' Notebook and Diary' will shortly be going to press. Will Association and Guild secretaries kindly forward to me without delay details of annual meetings, dinners, etc., for free insertion into the diary portion, and at the same time please advise me of changes to the 'List of Officers' section (pp. 2 to 17).—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 8482

### MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note: Whitton Brington Turn 7, Harpole Turn 7.15, Lower Heyford 7.30, Weedon Main Road 7.40, Daventry 7.50, Charwelton 8, Byfield 8.5.—F. W. Hancock.

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### MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 8479

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Weybridge, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Oatlands Park bells after tea. 8447

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barkway cancelled. Great Wymondley instead, 5.30, June 23rd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8511

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, June 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. till 7 p.m., with a break at 5 p.m.—S. H. Symonds. 8441

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, June 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec. 8449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Other towers available: St. Giles' and Witchampton. 8473

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, Chidingly (6). Look up Cambridge Minor. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate 8476

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.15–9. All welcome.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8521

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, June 26th. Saturday, June 30th, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 8484

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Tickhill (8) June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 28th, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, near Doncaster. All welcome. 8515

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 30th, Fenstanton (5). Bells at 5.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8508

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8510

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by June 27th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenhams, Wilts. 8498

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th to R. G. Corby, 2a, Innsworth Lane, Longlevens, Gloucester. 8495

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—District meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, June 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. M. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8502

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Mid Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each), Abbey Hall, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8459

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and six-bell contest, Longwood, June 30th. For teas, please notify by June 25th A. Townsend, 7, Quarumby Road, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8412

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ringwould, June 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. per head). 8477

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting at Beddington (10), June 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington, Croydon, Surrey. 8468

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Hexham Abbey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8452

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Aldrington, near Hove, Saturday, June 30th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for tea, please, by June 27th, to Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove, 3.—Kathleen M. Yeol. 8452

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows' Church, Bispham, Blackpool, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 8522

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Sherburn, June 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Buses leave Leeds Bus Station on the hour and twenty-five past.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 8516

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ewerby (10) on June 30th. No tea provided.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 8453

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Summer outing, Saturday, June 30th, Cotswold district. Bus, collecting ringers numerous points, departing from Woodstock 1.15 p.m. Are you interested? Yes! then please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, not later than June 24th. 8469

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe, Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by

Tuesday previous, to Mr. S. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 8489

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Addington, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own teas.—L. Witten. 8497

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Estd. 1623).—The 333rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 8494

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Pewsey, June 30th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 8512

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting, June 30th, at Sawley, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. E. Simpson, 69, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 8518

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Crawley, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadow Lands, West Green, Crawley.—I. Butcher. 8499

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual festival, Sketty, Swansea, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 8406

**THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL.**—June 30th. St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham from 4 p.m. Service at Egham 4.30 p.m. Tea, Egham Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Egham, Wraysbury and Old Windsor from 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 27th, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 8444

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Town Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 8454

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Snitterfield, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 27th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 8486

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh, Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor Estate, Tiverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 8488

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Hutton, July 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Shenfield bells (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Baker, Glenfinnan, Perry Street, Billericay. 8514

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Saturday, July 7th. Claines (10) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. St. John's (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. All Saints' (10) 2 to 4.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service at All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Abbot's Kitchen, Old Palace, Deansway, at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, to Mr. J. D. Johnson, Aubyns, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 8411

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 2nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 8509

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8496

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Great Waltham, Essex, Saturday, July 7th (Baddow not available). Bus service from Chelmsford. Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. It is hoped that tea and service will be arranged—further details next week. Chelmsford Cathedral (12) available, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All are very welcome—good attendance, please. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 3rd, without fail, please!—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 8506

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., at Willow Tree, for those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark. 8490

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells: Ryde (8) 10.30 to 11, 12 to 1, 1.30 to 3.15, 6.30 to 8.30; Freshwater (6), Arreton (6) and Godshill (6) 11 to 2; Brading (8) 11.30 to 2.30. Other towers as announced at meeting. Service, All Saints', Ryde, 3.15. Tea in St. John's Ambulance Hall 4.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Bailey, Greensmead, Church Road, Godshill, I.O.W.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8512

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Diocesan Festival at Gulval, Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30, Gulval, followed by tea (1s. 6d.). Bells: Gulval (8), Madron (8), after 3.30; Paul (6) Ludgvan (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8), Lelant (6). Replies, if coming, by Monday, July 9th. Rev. H. Trehwella, Penhevela, Crantock, Newquay. 8467

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, July 14th, Shedfield. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton. 8504

## QUARTER PEALS

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On May 13th, 1,140 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Stella J. Devereux 1, Ann Culpin 2, I. H. Pett (first 'inside') 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, A. Martin (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Tombs 1, J. N. Lindon 2, Elizabeth Yeld (first in method) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. B. Cookson 5, R. Cooper 6, R. Smith (cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8. For Evensong.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On June 10th, at Christ Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Dr. G. Roworth (first of Caters) 1, R. G. Townsend 2, R. Davidge 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, Mrs. F. Wilton 5, F. Wilton 6, G. Wells (cond.) 7, R. C. Westney 8, E. Sutton 9, G. Vincent 10. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

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